

Thursday, April 26, 1923.

MEMORIES OF P. T. BARNUM

Among the latest additions to the library of biography is a book that gives the story of P. T. Barnum, the circus man. "Barnum" is its title and M. R. Werner its author. As an instance of how a man can develop into a great entertainer of the public and still be very much of a humbug, there has probably been nothing for a long time that has been more enlightening than the life story of this famous American showman.

A New York Herald review of the book sums up Barnum's character in plain but doubtless fair terms, admitting that he was a champion faker who blatantly howled moralities. He was out for reform, but it was other people's reform that he was interested in. His work was based on the combined mottoes "There's a sucker born every minute" and "honesty is the best policy."

In reading the story of Barnum's audacious and magnificent deceptions, one does not know whether to laugh or be shocked. The deceptions themselves harmed no one, but in his astute showmanship he "harnessed his caravan to the church by the straps of his personal piety." He advertised his collection of freaks, real or faked, as "Barnum's Great Moral Show."

To give him his due, in one sense he lived up to his profession. Perhaps some of his curiosities were mostly paint and cardboard, and perhaps he was not quite the "force for great moral good" that certain gullible ministers voted him. But to his credit be it remembered that never was one of his clowns allowed a broad joke or a suggestive gesture. Barnum himself would probably have softened the word "deception" as applied to his freaks to the word "exaggeration."

His very first exhibit, the negress Joice Heth, was advertised as 161 years old. In reality she was about 80. When he found on the streets of Bridgeport the midget who afterwards became General Tom Thumb, the child, two feet, one inch in height, and weighing 15 pounds, was five years old. He was announced as "11 years old, just arrived from England," for Barnum realized early the American love for an importation. The general's first contract with Barnum was for four weeks and called for \$3 a week and board for himself and his mother. That was in 1842. Nineteen years later Barnum acquired for exhibition purposes the dwarf known as Commodore Nutt, 17 years old and 29 inches high. This time Barnum paid the boy's father \$30,000 for three years' service, in addition to all expenses of board, clothing, costumes and travel.

In the early days of Barnum's museum at Broadway and Ann street, New York, the showman's ingenuity enabled him to discover some way to deal with every unexpected situation. Holidays were great days for patronage, and on the first fourth of July of Barnum's management so many people visited the museum that the sale of tickets was stopped. This Barnum described as "exceedingly harrowing to my feelings." By 3 o'clock in the afternoon Barnum's carpenters had built a new exit at the rear of the museum, but much money had already been lost.

SULLIVAN TWP. DIVISIONS WILL HAVE REDISTRIBUTION
(Chesley Enterprise.)

On the 1922 municipal lists of Sullivan Township there are 265 names of voters in Desboro polling sub-division. In the supplementary lists for Parliamentary elections there are 126 names of widows and married women who will be on the municipal lists for 1923 in this sub-division which are being prepared by the Clerk for the printer. This makes 331 names in Desboro division or 131 over the maximum under the statutes. Sullivan Township will have at least six polling sub-divisions in 1924 and the present Council will have to make the redistribution of same.

If you wait, all things will come to you, except the reputation of being a hustler. Life is harder out in the great open spaces, no doubt, but you don't, at least, step on chewing gum. Adam had his faults, but you can say one word for him. He was an original guy.

GLENELG COUNCIL

Met April 14 as per adjournment, members all present, the Reeve in the chair; minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Communications were read from: Messrs. C. McArthur and Edgar Patterson re schools; W. Jones re road-work; Mrs. Trafford, re assessment of dog in 1921; Municipal World, account for Assessor's supplies and stationery.

Brodie—M. Black—That orders be issued on the Treasurer for payment of winter work accounts in different wards as follows: Ward 1, \$104.60; Ward 2, \$86.00; Ward 3, \$79.20; Ward 4, \$36.70.—Carried.

Aljoe—J. J. Black—That Wm. Edge be appointed sheep inspector in Ward 1 instead of John Moffat.—Car.

Aljoe—J. J. Black—That the Reeve be appointed Township Road Superintendent for 1923.—Carried.

Aljoe—J. J. Black—That Ward appropriation for 1923 be \$500.00 for each ward and that the day's pay be \$4.00 for man and team, and \$2.00 for man.—Carried.

Aljoe—M. Black—That the Clerk be and is hereby requested to prepare a By-law defining the boundaries of the several school sections and have the same prepared for next meeting of Council.—Carried.

Aljoe—J. J. Black—That accounts of Dominion Express Company for 60 cents, express on Assessor's supplies, be paid.—Carried.

Aljoe—J. J. Black—That following accounts for printing and supplies be paid: C. Ramage & Son, \$83.30; Municipal World, Assessor's supplies and stationery and office supplies, \$41.40.—Carried.

Brodie—M. Black—That Messrs. R. T. Edwards and H. Beaton be paid \$1.50 each for half day at Council meeting, and that H. H. McDonald be paid \$1.50 for trip to Durham.—Car.

M. Black—Aljoe—That Ernie Mc-

THE HOUR OF FATE

(Victor Murdock, in Association Men.)

What is the hour of fate in a young man's life? I should say 7 p. m. That hour is the springboard from which most men leap to success or fall to failure.

I am also convinced that 7 p. m. is the fork in the roads, one of which leads to character and the other to the lack of it.

There are twenty-three other hours in the day but there is no hour so potent as this 7 p. m.

Why? This is the answer: A man's waking hours are divided between industry and leisure. To a majority of mankind seven in the evening marks the end of work and the beginning of leisure. It is the hour when a man makes a choice of the kind of leisure he is to have. If he turns to the leisure that means improvement to his mind, his body, his soul, he wins. If he turns to the pleasure-feeding frivolities, he loses.

It is a cold-bloded proposition, but it is true. Genius is 99 per cent. hard work and the best of leisure is a shift from one kind of work to another kind of work. Ninety-nine out of every hundred men who win in this world use the time when they are not at work in activities which look like work to the loafer.

Crae be paid \$5.00 on account for right of way through Lot 16, Con. 5, for 1923.—Carried.

Brodie—M. Black—That Mr. Cunningham Moore, assessor for 1923, be paid \$20.00 on salary.—Carried.

M. Black—Brodie—That A. B. Currey be paid \$1.00 for securing affidavits for Treasurer.—Carried.

M. Black—Brodie—That the Clerk be paid \$75.00 on salary.—Carried.

M. Black—Aljoe—That Lawrence McKeown be paid \$12.50 for road to Glen station.—Carried.

M. Black—Brodie—That the Clerk

be instructed to write the C.P.R. requesting that they move the Glen station East to Sideroad 30, as the Council refuses to pay for present road any longer.—Carried.

Council adjourned to May 12 at 10 a.m. —H. H. McDonald, Clerk.

PRECAUTIONS

(Louisville Courier-Journal.) Screen your open-grate fires in winter, swat the flies in summer, stop, look and listen at grade crossings, don't start the kitchen range fire with the kerosene can, keep your nose out of other folks' business and maybe you will live to be run over by a drunken joyrider.

Love is the quality that persuades a girl to quit a good job waiting on customers and take a life job waiting on one man.

True philosophy is the quality that makes a stout woman reach for another piece of cake.

The honeymoon is over when he begins to remember that he has a number of delightful men friends.

Ah, well, the modern girl may know less about making bread, but she knows more about making dough.

The fault of science is that it pays too much attention to our origination and not enough to our destination.

A garage is a place where the car is kept until the children get home from school for the summer.

The reason landlords are richer than renters is because they pay for a house one time and then quit.

"Say, doctor," said the brawny scrub woman, "yer gettin' a perty good thing out o' tendin' that rich Smith boy, ain't yer?"

"Well," said the doctor, secretly amused, "I get a pretty good fee, yes. Why?"

"Well, doc., I 'opes yer won't forget that my Willie threw the brick that 'it 'im."

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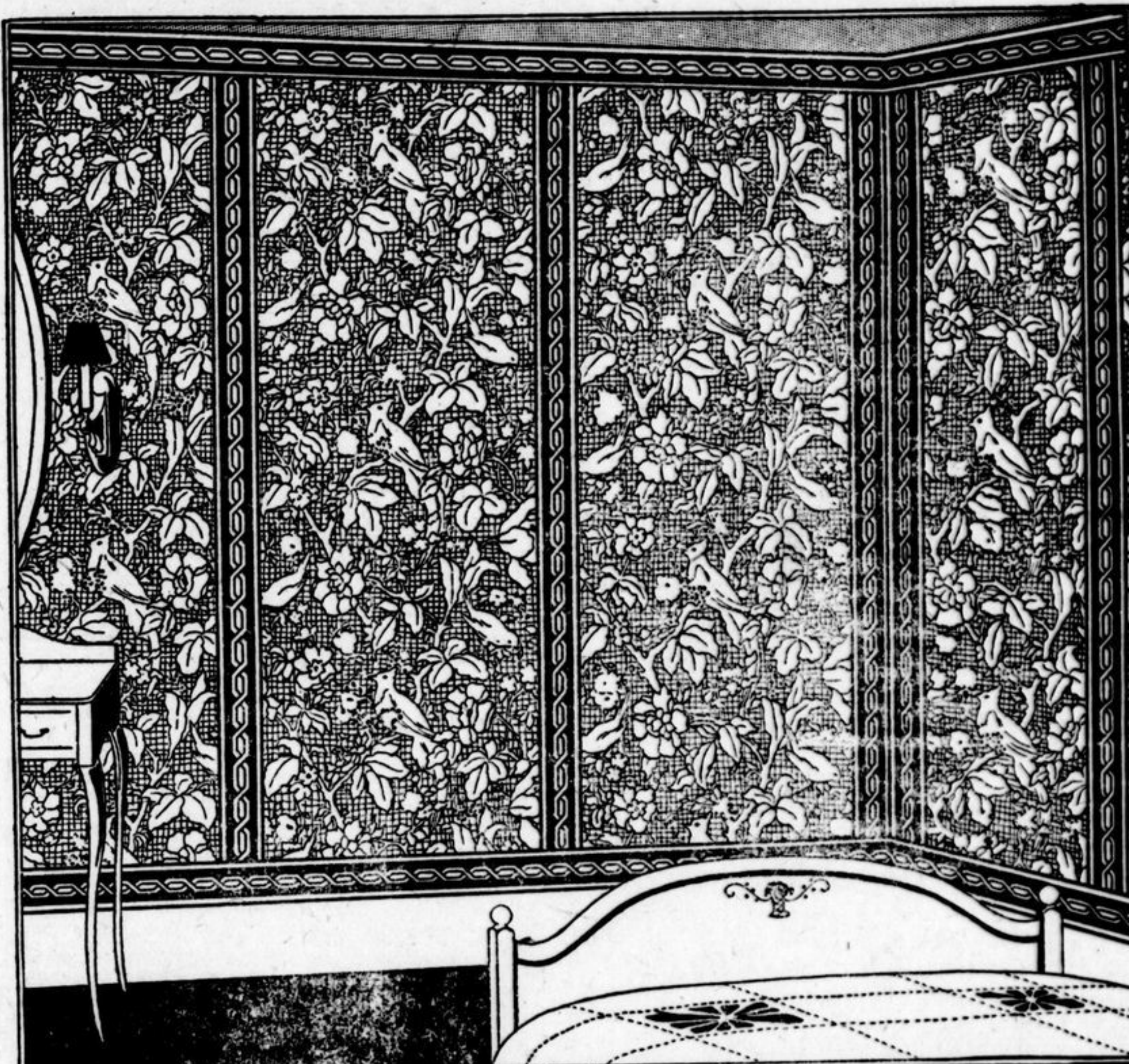
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JERRY ON THE JOB

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MUCH OBLIGED, MR. WITZELME. BEING IN MR. GUNNEN'S NEW SECRETARY, I HAD TO ASK ABOUT MY DUTIES.

WHAT THE DEUCE IS ALL THIS ??

GOOD MORNING, SECRETARY - ANN MAIL ??

YESSIR - ONE LETTER.

BUT I COULDN'T MAKE IT OUT - SO I TORE IT UP TO SAVE YOU THE TROUBLE.