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ing.

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BILL ROOM COSSIP.

Nippy Notes About the Bill Room and Those Connected With It.

The next Annual Convention of the Bill Posters' Association, of Illinois, will be held at Peoria, April 2nd, 1914. A. C. Campbell, President of the American Advertising and Bill Posting Company, of Chicago, and also President of the Associated Bill Posters' Association, is Treasurer of the Illinois Association.

Henry Sloops, of Chatterbox, is the latest recruit for a big city office. He is said to have his eyes fastened longingly on the Chicago board. Chatterbox has evidently concluded to keep out of the Green City.

The American Advertising and Bill Posting Company, of Chicago, have broken the record in the matter of odd and seasonal contracts. They recently posted twenty four decorated signs and two hundred standard advertising signs, for the Salvation Army, which was followed by one thousand eight-hundred stands, two by first for the W. M. C. A. Truly an innovator in advertising, but there is no reason why they should not lead the boards as promptly effective as their artificial competitors, the show-men.

Chas. Mueller put in the tag end of the close season on the Wilcox Co. No. 9.

It is said that E. M. Deuts, the well-known general contracting agent with the Ringling Show, would like to buy the boards in some big town. Goodly had just been laid right as he would say it as at least for the winter.

That Bill posting was in St. Louis is likely to be deplored in Detroit very shortly.

Odd as it may seem, a careful census of the field shows a larger percentage of women regularly engaged in bill posting, coming their own boards and manufacturing their own business, than almost any other business usually deemed a strictly masculine vocation.

F. B. Kirk, of Galesburg, Illinois, is President of the Illinois State Bill Posters' Association.

J. T. O'Malley, Treasurer of the Associated Bill Posters' Association, was among the first subscribers entered upon the subscription list.

A. G. Ringling, (Gus) who manages the big act No. 1 with the Warfield Grandstand, was unable to finish the season as a result of illness. He was replaced by Ralph Peckham, who put in the greater part of the season with Success B. Satisfy.

Dan F. Elms, of Peoria, Ill., is a member of the Protective League of American Showmen, and Secretary of the Illinois State Association.

The Lido-Tux, or hand-painted stand meant it is holding its own, especially in the smaller towns. Great frequency by the production of caricatures merit of its most commendable degree of excellence.

The Little Show First Co., entered an hundred copies of the first issue for distribution. Bill Posters who are contemplating a lack of commercial patronage, might ponder over this line with profit. A copy of *Business Advertising* in the hands of your local advertiser will accomplish more good than you could be had from a week's soliciting Try it.

Useless paper is now all posted on the string line—their is the upper sheet overlapping the under sheet and shedding much rain after the manner of a shag-bark elm.

John, Illinois is well looked after by S. V. DeLong, who, in addition to finishing a Showman's business is also Vice President of the Bill Posters' Association of Illinois.

Have a year head palmer? Do the merchants of your town resent the boards?

No!

Then, why not?

Four leading questions, bold and extremely pertinent. We will take it for granted that you have convinced the town through that, you have argued with them, reasoned with them, all to no purpose. You have exhausted every resource. How can it be? Put out the eye of the leading man to experiment on. Only a few. Send us their names and addresses, with ten cents or stamps for each name, and we will send them *Business Advertising* for three months. They will read it, and mark you, they will heed it. We will make converts of them. We will make these points of yours. Its worth trying.

THE PROTECTIVE LEAGUE.

The Protective League of American Showmen will hold its Second Annual Convention at Clarkston, O., January 28th next. The Queens City will be full of the boys for a few days. Many city bill posters are members of this order and will be in hand for the festivities.

Absolute Certainty Possible.

While it is unquestionably true that there are many advertisers who do not succeed, it should be remembered, also, that nearly every person who has succeeded in an advertising campaign, following up the idea in a stubborn way, we are led to believe that for the most part all thousand advertisements are those who began in a small and cautious manner, carefully choosing their way and establishing themselves from day to day, the results of previous effort. Advertising conducted upon these lines is as certain in the matter of results as the fact that the day will follow the night.

Among the Deeds.

What the Boys Are Doing, and Where They Are Located.

"Mike" Thomas Cook has deserted Boston and is now with the Grand Opera House, Pittsburgh. "Tommy" is not a great big star, but his work is distinguished in quality. It is his first season in the Equity City, but he has made a name in that "big" for himself already. He has a lovely family and is justly proud of his little folk. He put in the winter with the Wild West at Ambrose Park, Williams.

James DeLore has been transferred by Mason, DeWitt & Knapp from "The Showmen" Company in "Down to Three." We all know that "Jim" runs his money at all times and while he may not be a diplomat, still he is held to the back bone, and his show is well represented at all times.

Charlie Boynton, one of the older bill-posters in the country is at the head of that department for the Equity Theatre, Brooklyn. He may be a little bit the senior of some of the boys, but his work is that of a two-year-old, and while the opposition may get a little worn, Charlie looks up as strong as ever and his show is one to be proud of in the park.

Ben Collins, whose stay in Pittsburgh has been quite a lengthy one, gives the bit in one of the "first line" boys and Manager McClellough, of the Guyanese Theatre was lucky to engage him. Ben cleared for money a summer and believes in putting out paper at all times.

"Al" Rosenow is at the Schiller, Chicago, and as Al has been handling paper in Chicago for the past thirteen years, it goes without saying that he knows the value of good paper as well as any man in the show-business. It was not an accident when Manager Pryor made when he appointed him chief of the advertising department.

Frank Haight, advertising agent at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, comes of an old school of circus people being a nephew of Andrew Edgier, and believes in special boards, and the number of years he has held his present position is a guarantee of his excellent work. He has a host of friends in the city by the lake, and McVicker's is one of the best advertised houses in America.

"Gus" Miller is one of the "steady boys" who know a good thing when he sees it, and it consequently the Pink Avenue Theatre is one of the best bill-posting houses in New York. Since J. Charles Deane is at the helm, Gus will get a chance to let all the good people know about the magnificence of the situations playing that beautiful variety resort. Mr. Harry Simon secured Gus' services when he engaged the best men some years ago.

James Warden, is one of the youngsters in the business, but the Archway of Show, in Pittsburgh, is so well liked that it shows business by that "Tommy" is not lagging to the front. He is a self made man, and deserves lots of credit for his progress.

"Ed" Green, who used to bill the Windsor in Chicago no more, is now in evidence at the "Tawards" and is billing that company as if it were a dream. The excellent business done "notion" as to the excellent quality of his work.

"Red" Clark has returned to his former job, the Beauty. "Red" has made a great record at the Progress for Manager Meyer, and as Bill is back among the boys, it goes without saying that he will get a great showing of all companies playing the Progress.

ONE Wilson, who has been the advertising agent for the Alton Theatre, Pittsburgh for the past few years, has a host of friends in the Equity City, and his show is certainly well billed. Cliff's specialty is "horrifics," and as he has never known to make a promise and break it, his stands will be in evidence among the best of the business people. He is quite a perfection over in his park.

Chas. White, who is at the head of all the advertising done for Thea's attention in New York, with headquarters at Jay's Theatre, formerly the Madison Square Theatre is one of the best known people in New York City. Charlie has a large organization among the city officials, and is a gentleman at all times, with and whose hand is ever in his pocket to assist friends. He is supposed to be the highest salaried man in his business in America. He is in high favor with Manager Frank McKee, and as his work stands out as well his berth as a bill poster, the "showmen" say: "We'll have lots of outside work and is decidedly successful."

Berry Lish, who was chief of the advertising staff summer for Buffalo Bill, is now managing the American Bill Posting Company, in Brooklyn. Berry has a host of friends who are as good as his name. Berry has decided the number of boards, it had not two, and they are full all the time, as the Five Yankens believe in Billings Brooklyn. Success to Berry Lish.

John Bailey is personally looking after the advertising of the Avenue Theatre, Louisville, and as Jack is one of the "get a move boys" his home is one of a good thing. By the way, Jack, I know you are it to them this season. Good luck to you.

CORRESPOND WITH US.

Items of interest are always acceptable by the editor of BILLBOARD ADVERTISING. Address all communications to Mr. W. B. Kirk Street, Chatterbox, O.



MAKY FINANCIAL LOSSES.

The season just ended has proved with a few exceptions to widely distant and isolated locations, the most disastrous that Fairs and Races have experienced in a decade. Last year, it is true, those few brave souls who ventured to back the World's Fair, especially those in territory immediately adjacent to Chicago, experienced a cold and chilling frost of most pronounced severity and depressing effect, but a great many fairs in the extreme East, South and West did well. This year, however, bad business was general. Even our divisions come reports of very light attendance, deficits and great financial loss. Truly this is a very anomalous world. "What's the matter with the world—in the Democrats?" Well, maybe so, maybe not.

'A PERTINENT OBSERVATION.

There is nothing that will contribute in a greater degree towards the success of next year's fair than an early start. Next Year's day next ought to be the effort directed and the organization perfected of every fair that is to be held during the season of this. A thousand and one advantages accrue to the sections who adopt this course, and the loss of which is that it leads to an early decision in the matter of the fair date, and leads greatly toward avoiding the entire uncertainty and worries which usually attend the settlement of this important question. Decide upon your date early and let the legions wait.

Clyde T. Fox is the Secretary of the Berks County Fair, resident at Reading, Pa.

F. P. Kipner, the efficient and leading Secretary of the Fair at Jefferson, Wis. which is held under the auspices of the Jefferson County and Rock River Valley Agricultural Society, reports very good business, considering the season. There is some talk of making the track at this point a full mile.

Gen. M. Robinson heartily acknowledges absolute defeat. He made a splendid effort to place the Illinois Interstate Fair on a paying basis and displayed marked ability in the methods he employed. Plans and the general program also seemed to reach for him, horses, and the Illinois Fair, as a consequence, at least as far as M. Robinson's connection with it is concerned is a thing of the past.

AN OPPORTUNITY—WILL YOU GRAB IT?

We intend to make BILLBOARD ADVERTISING especially valuable to Secretaries of Fairs, and all who are interested in Fairs and Races. To accomplish this we desire to have the cooperation of every Fair Secretary in the country; we want you to subscribe and advertise, when possible, and correspond with us, giving us such information as you may have, writing us by the mails so which you wish to be highlighted. In return for your subscription, we intend, so far as it is in our power to do so, to make our paper of such value to you that you would not be without it for two-thirds the amount of the January time. We will, from time to time, reproduce illustrations and articles on the "Best way to advertise a fair." "What are the best attractions for fairs, and where to obtain the same." "New Displays," etc.

Directors have heretofore experienced great delay and such a nuisance in obtaining the program "Special Attractions" for their Fairs, sometimes not accepting them until the last week and giving them time to advertise their own program, and even their special attractions are not intelligibly advertised they lose business. We will

The Hamilton County Fair, which was held at Columbus, Ohio, was the most successful ever held in the history of the Society. Thirty thousand people were in attendance on



There has been a marked improvement in the last few years in the quality of the fair grounds. Some of the designs issued last year were real works of art. This year will see many more of a high order.

The Danville (Va.) Fair, in addition to the general depression which affected all fairs, had the additional drawback of a very wet week. The weather was stormy with, and the result is that the showings made, though hot poor, was not worse than it really turned out. The Danville Fair and Trotting Association, under whose auspices the Fair is held, is, we believe, since this. They have one of the best mile tracks in Northern Illinois, and no doubt will experience next year, a- to employ expensive tilting.



The Salzburg Photo-Engraving Co., are giving some wonderful results in the way of half tones and line cuts. Their latest production in color plates are truly marvellous.

The Yachest Combination of Horses and Riders gave their exhibitions at a great number of Fairs this season. They were successful great receipts wherever they appeared.

Send the "Special Notice."

The Stockton (Calif.) Fair is one of the few that come through with a balance on the right side of the ledger.

Arthur M. Pitts of San Francisco, the leading Secretary of the Pacific Coast Bill Posters' Association, is in New York closing contracts to cover the entire Pacific coast.

W. E. Russell, of Honey Grove, Tex., is one of the live bill posters of Texas who takes great interest in his calling.

SPECIAL OFFER

Every one sending us a year's subscription by December 1st, will receive free, a

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SPECIAL NOTICE To every person subscribing for BILLBOARD ADVERTISING, before December 1st, 1922, we will send, prepaid, a Handsome Calendar for 1923.

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 FOR
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SAMUEL BOOTH.

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By THE DONALDSON LITHO. CO.



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