Philadelphia Man in Business 35 Years Declares Wits Alone Counted in Old Days

Jokes Now Carried on Signs. Over Heads of Children, He Asserts

"And, last of all, the clown, making mirth for all the town. "With his mouth turned ever upward. and his exebrows ever down

This is the way James Whitcomb Riley put it in the poem about the eleeus parade, but judging from the perennial popularity of the buffoun one might safely say, "and best of all the clown.

George Hartzell, a Philadelphian, and a member of that glorious coterie for thirty-five of the forty-three years he has been in the circus business, sat on a trunk in the wardrobe soom that runs between the two big dressing rooms on the show grounds at Nineteenth street and Hunting Park avenue and told a little of the changes he has witnessed in that length of time.

25 Years With Ringlings

For twenty five years he and Mrs. wits alone for the plaudits of the audi-Hartzell, who is wardrobe mistress, ence. Today he has trick automobiles have been connected with the Ringling and dummy figures to help him get a Brothers show. Their home is at 1843 laugh, and the strenuous days of tumbling and leaping are no more.

November to March when the show is "The clown of twenty years ago was in winter quarters at Bridgeport. Conna a pantomimist whose antics brought in the show is "Props" more than anything else laughs, but now he carries signs that



GEORGE HARTZELL

have lowered the standard of clown tailent in the last twenty years, said Mr. Hartzell. "By that I mean the clown and we should think of them in particular of the old days was dependent on his lar. Of course a few jokes on prohi-



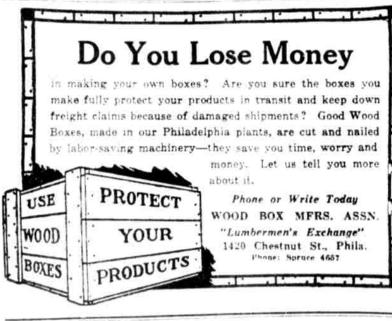
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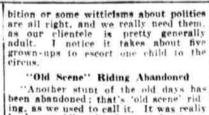
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"Funny how the circus gets in you blood, and though we often break away from it we usually come back.

"Clowning isn't as strenuous used to be, but I'll wager all the old ones in the game could do the tumbles on the neck the same as in the old days. but I doubt if we could stand it

K. of C. Honor Evers Tonight The first of a series of events to cer brate the twentieth anniversary of the founding of de la Salle Council, Knights founding of de la Salle Council, Knights of Columbus, will be held tonight in the council clubhouse, 14 East Baltimere avenue. Lansdowne. An entertainment, a smoker and an address by John E. Evers, manager of the Chicago National League Baseball Club, will be among the features. An orchestra organized among the members will make its first appearance. Officers and members of the order in this city will take part in the event in honor of Mr. Evers, who is a prominent member of the K. of C. John B. Geraghty, deputy knight of the council, is arranging the event. council, is arranging the event

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candidate for the presidency, the center of attack.

Mr. Cooke, who was Director of Public Works under Mayor Blankenburg, was placed in nomination by the club Nomination Committee whose choice usually is accepted as tantamount to election. When Mr. Cooke was named, however, sentiment against him began to appear and crystallized when 100 who was uninitized and unscratched.

Morris L. Cooke Opposed as New President of Engineers' Body One of the bitterest internecine battles seen in Philadelphia clubdom in recent years is raging in the Engineers' Club with Morris L. Cooke, "regular" candidate for the presidency, the center of attack.

Opposition ticket. The member selected to oppose Mr. Cooke is W. F. James, of the Westinghouse Electric Co. The filing of nomination papers for Mr. James was the signal for the receipt by members of a series of letters, attacking Mr. Cooke violently.

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