FULTON COUNTY NEWS. MEETING A BIG LINER RAILROAD SPOTTERS.

PERILS OF GYMNASTS NOT EASY TO BOARD AN INCOMING

THE RISKS THEY RUN WHILE GOING THROUGH THEIR ACTS.

A Fall Even Into the Net Which Is Spread Beneath Them Is Liable in Result In Sectous Injury - Nerve and Confidence Necessary.

It doubtless appears to the onlooker at the circus that the midair gymnasts -"aerialists" in the vocabulary of the arena-are quite safe from injury so long as they have the broad, soft net spread beneath them. They may swing from bar to bar, as high as the roof of the tout will permit, or toss a child from hand to hand through long, perilous distances, and all the while the blase spectator observes with the mere suggestion of a thrill, assuming in his inexperience that there is no real danger in what is called with greater truth than color "this marvelous feat of daring. As a matter of fact, however, the aerialists are in imminent danger of broken necks through every work- In the event of a promiscuous granting ing moment of their "turn," which becomes evident indeed when it is said that the nerve strain cannot possibly be borne through two sensons without a long period of rest between for what may be called nerve recuperation.

A famous gymnast who is the head of a family of performers said that the midnir gymnast branch of circus work, which appears so easy and safe of accomplishment, was so full of danger as to be fought shy of by faint hearted people, who preferred "ground work" and smaller salaries to its risk. Safety lies wholly in self possession, attention and nice, practiced calculation of distances through which to leap or turn or throw. There are four in this family, and the safety of each depends, not only upon the individual, but upon the nerve and skill of the others. When the family is in action, it becomes at once a machine, and each member moves and turns and even smilles with mechanical accuracy. If one part should fail, the whole would for the moment be in danger of destruction.

"Now," said the gymnast, "we are merely human. We can't all be perfect and received the package. It contained in action all the time, so from time to time the machine goes to pieces, but we are so well schooled that we soon put it together again. When there happens to be a fail-as there does frequently-three hearts pretty nearly stop beating upon our bars until the fourth of the family rises from the net. It wouldn't be possible to continue our act if every one of us didn't know how to fall. That's the secret of it, and the danger lies in the loss of nerve when, the fall takes place. Men in our branch seldom break legs. They break their necks or backs and quit the business once and for all. You've seen a fall. no doubt. Well, did you notice how the boy doubled his legs up and got his face as close to his breast as he could? If he failed to do that, he would never survive the fall. He'd break his leg or his back sure. It's a terrible time for me as the head of the 'family' every time there's a fall."

The gymunst has a high fall to dread. The acrobat, on the other hand, has to guard against a fall through but two or three feet.

"There's as much danger in our work as in any circus," said a certain star one of the best acrobats in the business and a good and trustworthy man out of it. "In the tumbling particularly s man is liable to break his back any minute or dislocate his ankle in landing badly. My 'family' (of six, two of whom are boys) is so well trained that it works perfectly. So just now I have an easy mind. Last season, though, 1 VESSEL IN NEW YORK BAY.

Uncle Sam Grants Few Requests For Passes on the Revenue Cutters Which Go Out to Meet the Steamships From European Ports. When it is generally understood, as it.

generally is not, that fully 300 persons make application daily in season for passes to board incoming ocean steamers from revenue cutters and that not more than 2 per cent of the requests are granted, it may be understood how valuable the treasury department considers these privileges. The occurrence is rare, but is nevertheless legal for the master of the ship for which a pass calls to refuse to permit the holder to board his ship. All revenue cutter passes are issued by the collector of the port and must be countersigned by the surveyor. The revenue of every country on dutiable personal effects depends for its volume on the ability of the customs authorities to have them duly listed and taxed on arrival. of cutter passes it would be possible for a certain dishonest element that is to be found under every sun to meet incoming friends down the bay and surreptitiously bring ashore at the pler valuables purchased abroad.

The treasury department trusts few, a fact that has increased Uncle Sam's revenue a great deal, as the majority of the boarding officers know. Recently the holder of a pass boarded a White Star Hner and was approached by a passenger to whom he was a perfect stranger. The latter said: understand you are connected

with so and so. I have a small packare here that I would like to take ashore. There is nothing duttable in it. but you understand how the government plles it on. I will meet you at the head of the gangway when I get my luggage released, and I will take the package from you." Not only did this pass holder not take

the package, but the first thing he dld upon landing was to point out the passenger to a member of the surveyor's staff, who very promptly demanded jewelry of all descriptions. That an unauthorized person may not get on board an incoming craft in advance of the customs officials the following is attached to every pass that is issued for the revenue cutter:

"This permission is understood to be subject to the assent of the master of the steamship and of the health officer as guardian of the public health, and boarding is strictly forbidden until after the customs officers are in charge, according to the following extract from the passenger act, 1882;

'Section 9. That It shall not be lawful for the master of any (such) steamship or other vessel not in distress after the arrival of the vessel within any collection district of the United States to allow any person or persons except a pilot, officer of the customs or health officer, agents of the vessel and consuls to come on board of the vessel or to leave the vessel until the vessel has been taken in charge by an officer of the customs nor after charge so taken without leave of such officer until all the passengers, with their baggage, have been duly landed from the vessel.""

When the revenue cutter pass system the head of this system declare that in two minutes' reference to his collected was originally introduced, nobody in funds of information he can unroll the the government employ seems to know. family history of the woman who In the old days it was the custom to washes the windows of car No. 41144X meet relatives and friends back from and tell whether, in her estimation, he an ocean trip on the pler heads. The himself is an oppressor of the downrevenue cutter pass is a simple piece of trodden or a perfect gentleman. paper in itself, but is the study of "Where so many invisible lines radimany years and countless number of from the sam us it in in practical officials. The manner in which that some of them should cross. Curiit is obtained, the demands made upon ous complications result from contact its holder, the restrictions as to its use between spotters as unknown to each and its composition in every way are other as they are to those whom they the result of innumerable revisions of watch. passes that have preceded it during the "Several years ago at a time of genlast 20 years, and it now omits nothing eral labor troubles a certain railroad that will protect Uncle Sam, as it really got no less than five reports from its should do. confidential men informing them that A few years ago it was possible for an employee who was several degrees all sorts of idlers to gain admission to higher in the secret service of the road a pier while the passengers of a ship than any of them, had they but known from foreign parts were landing. This it, had been making incendiary speechhad been the practice for some years, and the steamship gateman had the "This was true. Matters had so sole and exclusive right of deciding shaped themselves that the man acwho should enter. It was supposed cused had to appear as a radical in orand frequently discovered in individual cases that dutiable goods were secretly der to gain admittance to inner counwhere the important questions clls passed to these friends who came down would be finally decided. To the chato welcome the homecomer. grin of the authorities they were oblig-As a consequence the inability to get ed to transfer him. Had they not done a revenue cutter pass did not make so the suspicions of the men who make much material difference, the dock afthe reports would have been aroused. ons?' I said. fording full scope for any desired work That spotters should know each other in a dishonest way. To protect the as such is held to be highly undesirapurposes of the cutter passes and to ble. There is always the chance that place a further barrier around illegal they might work in conjunction instead practices the treasury department reof acting as checks on each other." cently made a new rule that admission to a pier during the docking of an incoming steamer could be obtained by The Flight of Time. card only. This admission ticket, like A masked man confronted me with a the revenue cutter passes, is not transpistol in a lonely spot on the dark read. "Cough up your chronometer." he deferable and must bear the name of the holder, the signature of the steamship manded gruffly. I fumbled for my 18 carat timepiece, company and the indorsement of the thinking that my last hour was at hand. When I dared to look up, he collector of the port. The perfection of the cutter pass system as to transfer had vanished with his plunder. may be appreciated when it is stated that the beneficiary of the pass must Even then, such is the incongruity of the human mind, though rejoiced that affix his name to the pass on receiving my time had not yet come. I regretted It at the custom bouse and again when my heart that it had gone .- New he boards the cutter at the Battery. York Sun. This eliminates all chance of the pass being transforred. Transfers have Profits of Ignorance. been illegally made, but the holder, be-"Why don't you bookstore | clerks ing unable to furnish the same shrin more about books?" ture as that supplied at the custom "Madam, we don't dare be intellechouse, was compelled to leave the cuttual, for customers would ask us ter, and the pass was taken up .- New many questions that we couldn't make York Mall and Express.

THE SECRET SERVICE THAT ONE BIG SYSTEM MAINTAINS.

DOWN THE MOUNTAIN

ROLLING JUST FOR FUN.

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the track of the monster.

Members of It In Every Department From Yardmen Up-Curlous Complications When Spotters Unknown to One Another Cross Lines.

"Probably the most perfect spotter system achieved by any private corporation," says S. H. Adams in Ainslee's, "is that of one of the big eastern railroads, which is to some extent modeled on the secret service system of some of the eastern governments, though by no means so complex.

"So farreaching and so direct, however, are its lines of communication that the president of the organization is himself kept constantly informed of the trend of affairs and the changes of sentiment among the employees of every division and subdivision of the whole railway system, and that without the knowledge of any other persons but his own special corps of clerks and secretaries.

"Nobody but himself knows the entire personnel of the wonderful service that he has perfected. His agents are drawn from every branch of the road's operating staff. They are engineers, freight brakemen, passenger trainmen, conductors, signalmen, yardmen, station agents, track walkers and even division officials. Should that road have a strike-and strikes are far less likely to occur than they were before the present system was put into operation-the president will have detailed warnings of it from all the storm centers long before the first mutterings find cautious utterance in the wspapers.

"While it also acts as a defense against thefts by employees, this system is intended primarily to prepare, so to speak, a diary of the disposition, character, working efficiency and sentiments toward the road of the men who constitute the vast human machinery of the corporation. The feeling which culminates in a general strike is not the result of one act alone, but a slow growth made up of many grievances, real or fancied.

"To keep track of the shifting mental attitude of his employees is the aim of this railroad president. If a certain division superintendent has made himself unpopular with his subordinates. information to that effect comes 'by underground wire' to the central office, and the matter is taken under advisement. If the newest fireman on the road attempts to stir up discontent by inflammatory talk, his views soon reach the official ear. Every leading spirit in the employees' organization is known to the president, who also knows whether, in case of trouble, the man is to be reckoned upon as a con-

servative or a radient. "Sometimes this works out the man's career in a manner quite incomprehensible to him. For instance, Night Watchman Brown is shifted without cause that he can fathom from one division to another. How should he know that rumors of trouble in that division have reached the presidential car and that he himself, being down in the president's little book as a speaker of weight and a counselor of conservative methods, has been shifted over to act as unconscious agent in checking a dangerous tendency?

"Some of the admiring coworkers of

Their Wooden Wedding.

It was after the evening rush BOWLDER THAT WAS STARTED hour in one of the many but respectable unpretentious restau-The Senator's Story of a Thoughtless rants of Herald Square, says the Act That Barely Esemped Resulting New York Herald, when an old In a Tragedy-A Lucky Bound Into man, gray, wrinkled and bearded who was finishing his meal, found

"More than 20 years ago," said the senator in reminiscent mood, "I was himself, facing a young man and doing clerical stunts at Hamilton, Nev., woman, who took seats on the and having about as enjoyable an ex-Istence as I have ever known, before opposite side of the table from or since. The blue skies, the big moun- him. tains, the invigorating nir, the whole-

Their conversation, in quiet low some food and the interesting people tones interested him, and he all around me made my life about as good as life ought to be this side of lingered as he sipped the dregs of the pearly portals. My work was not his coffee cup.

to confining that I could not get away "Now, Tom," said the young on mountain walks pretty frequently, and one day I started out with my woman, "we must not spend much dog for a turn up Mount Tom, just he for we have but little, and no tell. yond the town. The main highway ing where more is to come from leading into the town from the west passed along the side of this mountain until you find work again. Of and on over a gap into the valley becourse, you must have coffee, because you enjoy it so much." "I had a particular object in view, and with my dog I wandered along up "And you must have chocolate," the mountain, which was without vege-

he answered. tation except a furzy thicket in places, and the surface was covered with rocks of various sizes from a footbath We really cannot afford it, Tour! "But we will afford it. Don't stones down the mountain side, and it you know that we have been marrapidly developed into a most exciting sport, for the mountain was steep and ried five years to night, and I the rocks went down with a whoop propose that my little bride shall and a hurrah that stirred the blood have an extra treat to celebrate to watch them as they bounded along. I never thought of the road passing the event." along about 1,000 feet down the hill,

"But the money, Tom?"

and, as nobody happened to be going "I have a dollar, and half, of it by, my attention was not called to it shall be spent on this meal, and "Naturally enough, my success with we will forget our troubles for a the smaller stones made me ambitious, few minutes at least. I hope for and 1 essayed something larger. It was a daudy, too, a great big, round work to morrow,"

bowlder that would have weighed a "Tom, you are very kind, but I ton if it weighed a pound. It was a fear only more disappointment g job to get it started, but by pulling the rocks from under it on the lower to-morrow."

side and loosening it up all around I "Let us not think of it now. got it going at last and stood hack to You shall have the chocolate, and enjoy its progress down the mountain It went slowly at first, as if in doubt pie, too.'

but it struck a steep place about 50 feei The old man had heard every down the hill, and it leaped out like a word as he leaned forward over restive horse from the post, and away it went, bounding a dozen feet into the his empty coffee cup and appear air and jumping over gullies and rocks ed to be almost choking while as if it were rubber. About 600 feet down, when it was going at tremenpretending to drink from it. He dous speed, it leaped 50 feet into the put down the cup, began feeling air, and I was just going to let off a Ir, and I was just going to let off a whoop when I saw a 12 mule team in he narrow road below and directly in he track of the monster. "The team was drawing two wagons, s was the custom with the monntain whoop when I saw a 12 mule team in the narrow road below and directly in as was the custom with the mountain

with his elbows on the table. freighters, and it was driven by old "Excuse me," he said, "but I Jerry Simpson, one of the best known ten" sters in the mountains. It simply could not help hearing that this is paralyzed me, for I didn't see anything but destruction for everything in the the fifth anniversary of your wedway. There was no turning back or ding. I reached the fifth anniwhipping up to get out of the way, for versary of my wedding, but it the load was heavy and the road was rough and narrow. I stood speechless, was the last, for the cruel sea scared white, but the driver had seen took my wife and left me a poor the rock coming, and, dropping off the saddle mule, he broke back up the read as hard as he could run. I would little wooden match box that I got

great rock go tumbling down toward carved. Please accept it as an its victims. I hadn't long to wait, of anniversary present." course, and just as I gasped at the last As he arose he laid the box on bound of the bowlder it struck an ob-

the table in front of them, and bestruction of some kind and jumped clean over the team and the road and fore either could speak he was went crashing on its way down into gone.

The commencement of the Mer-

exercises will begin on Saturday,

June 1, and continue untill June

6, the commencement exercises

proper being held in the morning

will also be three portraits unveil-

ed during the week, all of them

being painted by artists of nation-

al reputation. The unveiling of

the portrait of ex-President Bu-

chanan will be a matter of nation-

Cure, it would be used in nearly

every household, as there are few

ach or waterbrash, caused by in-

digestion or dyspepsia. A prep-

al interest.

the ravine below. "Then I recovered my wits, and, knowing that what I had been doing as he took the box in his hand was entirely inexcusable, I skinned off and opened it. "See," he exup the mountain behind the rocks and claimed. "Here is a twenty doldisappeared, trusting to Providence lar bill in it." that the old Jerry hadn't identified me I slipped around another way to town Shudders At His Past. and got in all right without having any questions asked where I had been, and "I recall now with horror," that evening I went over to the postoffice, which was a general loafing says Mail Carrier Burnett Mann place, and there found Jerry telling of of Levanna, O., "my three years his wonderful escape. of suffering from Kidney trouble. "'Derned of I didn't think it wuz a I was hardly ever free from dull haystack comin down the hill,' he said, 'with somethin alive in it.' aches or acute pains in my back. 'Have you any idea who rolled it To stoop or lift mail sacks made down?' I asked innocently, "'In course I hain't. Ef I hadn't me groan. I felt tired, worn out, been in sich a hurry and left my Winabout ready to give up, when I chester in the wagon, I'd 'a' found out began to use Electric Bitters, but mighty quick, for I seen him run, and he had a dog with him." six bottles completely cured me "I was a little nervous, but I kept on and made me feellike a new man." asking questions.



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had two bad accidents and had to dis-charge a man. He didn't catch my apprentice one time, with the result that the poor boy dislocated his shoulder. The fellow looked at the audience for an instant, and then the trouble came, so I lost confidence in him and let him go. In our business, you know. every one has to have confidence in every one else-perfect confidence. you can't get that condition, you can't work, that's all. You can't keep your nerve. Our accidents are nasty ones too. It muy be a fall of three feet and a broken back come from it. You can't tell when accidents are going to happen either. They come so unexpectedly that they knock you out. The head of the 'family' has to bear the worry though. He's responsible for his apprentices, and the 13 I've taught have brought me gray hairs pretty early in life."

This man is thoroughly conscientious in the training of his boys morally as well as in their work. He regards his care of them as a high duty, and he watches them in the circus ring as carefully as a mother might. Hence they are saved from many an accident. He always breathes easier, too, when the day's work is over. Watch as carefully as one may, he said, the business is such that accidents are bound to happen.

"How can you accept an apprentice with an easy conscience, then?" he was nskod.

"Well," he replied, "there's danger wherever you go. No matter what your business may be, if you are careless the chances are that you will get hurt. I train my boys and men in attention and accuracy. That's the best unfeguard they can have. It's like this: If a man throws a baseball at my head, It will strike and hurt me if I don't stop it. I've got to take care, and it's the same in every walk of Hfe. It is very dangerous work, the acrobat's. but then"- The accobat shrugged his shoulders to complete the sentence.

Thought of Him.

Papa-Are you sure that you and mamma thought of me while you were 8 Way?

Grace-Yes. We heard a man kicking up a great row about his breakfast at the hotel, and mamma said, "That's just like papa."

arday Evening Post.

Heretofore the tin used in mannfacture of salmon cans has been brought in sailing vassels from England around Cape Horn, but ously used in place of barley. some of the proprietors of canneries are now using the Ameri- In Georgia it is estimated that ens, in Greece is only 80,000. can product, and next year it is 30,000 negroes have been graduexpected that many of the British ated, at a cost of \$100,000,000, but it is supposed at one time to Columbia canneries will purchase which colleges are supported by have contained 500,000 inhabtheir tin in the United States. Northern money.

any sales."-Chicago Record. Failure to the man who learns means To a youth of 20 middle age is from experience, and experience is conto-40 to 45. To a young man of 40 midment, and equipment is wealth .-- Satdle age is from 55 to 60 .- Somerville

Journal. Banana flour has lately begun Rice, raw eggs, and boiled vento be used in making cakes, bread ison require only one hour to diand biscuits. It is also used as a gest. At the other end are pork, Teller was born in Allegany counchildren's food and for dyspep- roast beef, cabbage and hard ty, N. Y. The chief town in that tics. In the making of beer it is eggs, which require four to five county is Cubs, but from time imclaimed that it can be advantagi- hours.

> The present population of Ath-There is no accurate census of

itants.

They're unrivaled to regulate "What did you have in your wag Stomach, Liver, Kidneys and "'Dynamite. Four tons uv it.' Bowels. Perfect satisfaction "'Good Lord!' I exclaimed. "There guaranteed by W. S. Dickson. wouldn't have been much left of that team, would there? Only 50 cents.

"'Nor me, neither,' 1 reckon,' he said, shaking his head.

""What did you think of as you were cersburg academy this year running up the road? promises to be the biggest Mer-"'Not much uv anything, I guess,

but mostly of they wuz goin to be able cersburg has ever known. The to git enough uv Jerry Simpson ment present graduating class is the out of that mule meat to have a funer largest in the history of the inul vrith." "I don't know where Jerry is now, stitution. The commencement

concluded the senator; "dead, I sup pose, but I never told him who rolled that rock down the hill, nor did I even tell anybody in that town who did it. because it came altogether too near be ing a tragedy for it over to be considered a Joke."-New York Sun.

Papered With Bonds.

Wall paper having an apparent value of \$400,000, but in reality worth nothing, decorates the study of a New York business man. It is composed of thousands of 6 per cent bonds, engraved and printed at a cost of \$2.500 for company which, failing to attract vestors, died before it could be firm

THE PRONUNCIATION OF CURA. N. Y.

Senator Teller always pronounces. "Cuha" as if it were written "Cuby," and thereby hangs a tale. Mr. memorial its people have called it "Cuby." Mr. Toller grew up with these people, and Cuba has always been "Cuby" to kim.-Washington Post.

stomach, will digest your food, The one-legged man can never certainly can't help but do you hope to get there with both feet. good. Trout's drug store.







