

## BARNUM'S HIPPODROME.

### Wedding in "High Life" To-Day.

The Hippodrome will enter on the second week this afternoon, after having impressed the people of Cincinnati, during the time it has already been here, with the lavish display to be seen at the grounds near Lincoln Park, and the importance of taking the only opportunity that may present itself of witnessing the thousand and one attractions which Mr. Barnum's money and enterprise have brought together.

When any thing like a circus, however remote the similarity may be, comes to a city of the first class, spreads its great tent, pastes its show-bills, and circulates its hand-bills, there always will be a certain class of the community who take that occasion to gratify their narrow prejudices by talking about the mean associations of the clownish show, with its thin saw-dust wit, and repulsive brass ornaments. Somehow or other, the traveling troupes of circus riders and acrobats who have catered to the public for the last quarter of a century have never been able to overcome the prejudices of a large number of people, and so long as they stick to the style of their old performances it is more than likely they never will. Until Barnum came on this present visit, determined to present the public at the West with an exhibition that would change the old established notions about clowns, animals and acrobats, no one has enjoyed the triumph of making a reform.

The attendance at the great show on Saturday was made up, to a large extent, of people who went there under prejudice, and who came away under prejudice, too, but it was in favor of the Hippodrome. They saw that Mr. Barnum, in this last effort, had just ruled out the shallow nonsense of all that is generally implied in the word "circus," and had substituted real solid and brilliant attractions. He had, in fact, discarded the foolish part of the ring business, and, after keeping the good features, improved and added to them immensely. People who want races and pageants and tight-ropes can have them in lavish profusion, and all who are afraid of clowns may put their fears and prejudices at rest.

As announced last Saturday, the balloon wedding that was arranged to come off that day between Miss Walsh and Mr. Colton was postponed to Monday, because the wedding car broke down--the balloon collapsed. It was a great disappointment to the management, more troublesome and perplexing, because disappointments are something Barnum doesn't know much about, but the whole matter has been nicely arranged now, so that the marriage will certainly take place this afternoon at the close of the performance. If as many spectators are on hand to-day as were gathered to see the wedding that didn't come off, they can give the balloon a fine send off with cheers.