A herd of elephants flies past you at sixty miles per hour, followed by a streak of tigers, pride of lions, and a bunch of clowns and Barnum Bailey Circus still rely on the circus train to transport their astounding show, but use two. These performances much more profitable and the profits went toward creating even bigger and better Multiple rings were added and the show went on. Today, Ringling Bros. He partnered with P.T. Banum in 1871 to expand the reach of their newly combined shows using locomotives. Performing many of these small towns was not very profitable.