

Nine Tons at Fat Men's Club Banquet in Boston

BOSTON.—Seventeen thousand two hundred and fifty pounds of fat men sat down at the banquet of the United States Fat Men's club, at the Ritz hotel, on a night not long ago. An estimate has not yet been made of the weight of food consumed, or of the bulk of the men, but it is believed that the banquet was a success. The members of the club are all over the world, and the banquet is a great event for them.

For the first time there has been a New England Fat Men's club, noted throughout the world as the largest membership organization in the history of fat men's clubs, and that the members of the club are all over the world, and the banquet is a great event for them.

"Did you ever see a fat man who was in a great deal of trouble," he summed up, while he forgot himself long enough to try to cross his legs. "You rarely, almost never see one in court, unless he goes to watch a thin man get tried; he usually has enough money to keep soul and body together—which is some sort of a certain circumstance—and he generally has a happy family at his side."

"Are fat men happy?" was another question. "I don't know," he said, "but I don't think while his face is at rest, did you? That's the sign of happiness; watch it for yourself!"

Young Fly Killers in St. Louis Were Too Busy

ST. LOUIS.—Buying flies at ten cents the hundred early in the year is attended with great danger of financial disaster, as several women, members of the Consumers' league, discovered the other day. The days' returns were more than \$600, but the women found that the flies were not as good as they had been. The flies were not as good as they had been, and the women found that the flies were not as good as they had been.

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Chicago Boys Discover Easy Clean-Up Week Monday

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He Wanted to Send His Fat Boy by Parcel Post

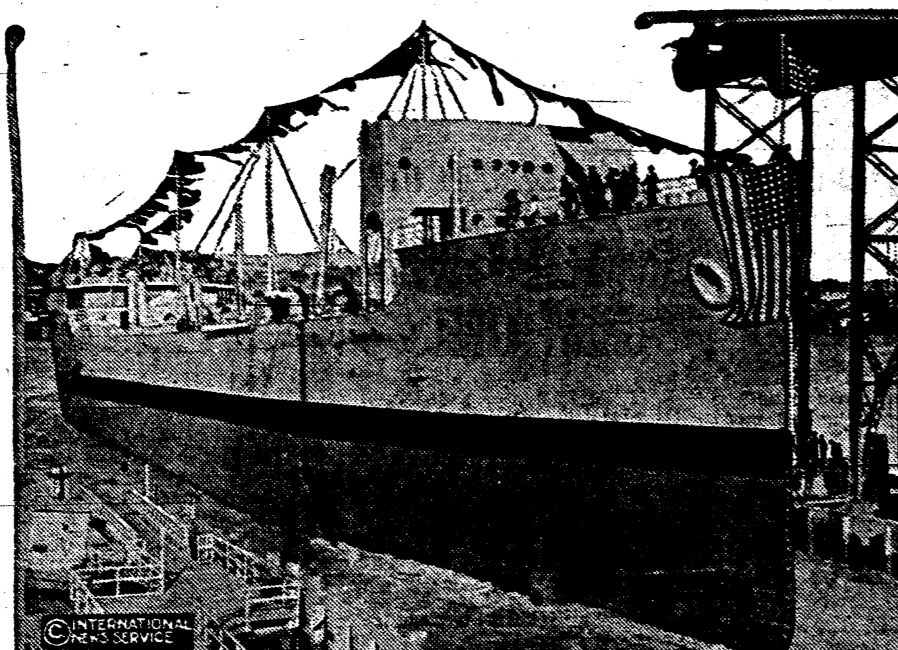
KANSAS CITY.—How much stamps does it take to send this luscious boy by parcel post? A negro inquired at the stamp window the other day. The clerk looked puzzled at a fat negro boy beside the man.

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RECENT ADDITION TO THE AMERICAN NAVY



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WOMEN WORK OUT THE WAR PROBLEM

"Mobilize the Kitchen," Slogan of Crown Princess, Is Now Their Watchword.

WAR BRINGS ITS SACRIFICES. Women, Guided by an Efficient Government, Are Doing Men's Work and Doing It Most Satisfactorily—Trade Unions Have No Quarrel.

Berlin.—"Mobilize the kitchen," the slogan of the Crown Princess, Cecilie of Germany, has become the watchword of the women of the fatherland, laying upon patriots the duty of assisting in the war effort.

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PROPERLY BUILT POULTRY HOUSE

Structure That Makes for Comfort of Fowls and Profit for the Keeper.

HENS WILL LAY IN WINTER

Division of Building Into Two Compartments Has a Definite Value—Poultry Does Better When Kept in Relatively Small Places.

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Sometimes the straw is supported by stretching wire fencing at the proper height. If the straw is laid in a layer of straw, air finds its way slowly through the filling of straw, without causing a draft.

Poultry houses built on this plan in the more northern sections of the country, where a great deal of snow is expected in the winter, are called overhead at a height not exceeding six feet from the floor. The ceiling may be level in the front part of the house until where it joins the rafters. The ceiling boards are then nailed to the rafters.

A ceiling usually is made by tacking the rafters with the lower edges of the ceiling joists. This paper is then covered with narrow matched boards, or a greater number of small boards, as is desirable, because it furnishes a harbor for small vermin. For the same reason the joists are covered with the same material. It is impossible to keep a poultry house clean if the vermin is not kept out.

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WESTERN CANADA SEEDING FINISHED

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AFRICAN NEWS BRIEFS

The rural route out of Albion, Bat Creek and Marshall postoffices has been ordered abandoned June 1. In each instance the services of the old carrier under civil service will be dispensed with.

The plant of the Luther Milling Co. was completely destroyed by fire early Saturday morning, and as the plant furnished light for the village, kerosene lamps will furnish the only illumination for homes, stores and streets until it can be rebuilt. The loss is about \$15,000, covered by insurance.

Though defeated at the recent election, the "drys" of Alger county are keeping up their fight. They are endeavoring to prevent the issuance of saloon licenses in townships containing less than 500 population or which there are five in the county, asserting that the Warner-Cramton law so provides.

Herman Freeman, a farmer near Richmond, strangled his wife and 8-year-old stepdaughter to death with his own hands Sunday, and then, when he feared capture, cut his wrists and throat so that he died early Monday morning in a Port Huron hospital. He had been married but six months.

The safe in the Michigan Central depot at Lewiston was blown open by burglars and completely wrecked. No money was secured, an express package valued at \$5 being all that was taken. George F. Sack's blacksmith shop was broken open and drills and other tools taken with which to force entrance to the depot.

Governor Ferris Wednesday issued his Memorial day proclamation, urging the observance of Sunday, May 30, as Memorial day and suggesting that as a part of the public exercises bells be tolled for five minutes at noon, that flags be placed at half-mast, and that comrades stand with uncovered heads during this period.

Rev. James Schmaus, 76, pastor of the German Evangelical church at Richmond, died suddenly Monday night of asthma and heart disease. Rev. Mr. Schmaus came from the Cass City and Carleton pastorate and had occupied pulpits in the state for more than 40 years. He recently was returned to Richmond for a second term.

Fire at Sheridan, which broke out about midnight, Friday, destroyed the Dolan hotel and livery barn nearby. In the barn were 14 horses, which also were burned. Mystery surrounds the fire in the fact that all the hose belonging to the fire department had been cut. Sheriff Rasmaussen is investigating. The loss is estimated at \$8,000, with little insurance.

The state tax this year will be the largest in the history of the state, \$9,598,568.10, or an increase over last year of \$3,469,339.99, or 56 per cent. According to Auditor-General Fuller the 1915 state tax will be higher by \$1,009,000 than ever before in the history of the state until this year. 1913 marked the high record, the state tax for that year being \$8,589,520.72.

The Home Laundry

is located in the east part of the village where we have plenty of room, clean quarters and soft water.

But work can be left at

Mahrle's Barber Shop

at any time and work will be returned there Thursdays and Saturdays. We solicit your patronage.

Family Washings a Specialty

Phone for instructions, etc.

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Large Assortment

Latest Styles

LOWEST PRICES at the

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Colored Blotters

3x5 inches, thick and good

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and book cover and school

bag, etc.

ENTERPRISE OFFICE

SCHOOL

The first year's German class is reading "Das Edle Blut" and find it interesting.

The school will take part in the decoration exercises and see which room will be the best in attendance.

The juniors entertain the seniors and high school teachers at the home of Miss Margaret Mahrie, Friday evening, May 25.

Hobart-Blaisdell president of the eighth grade class has left the hotel and taken up his abode with Supt. & Mrs. Smith.

Representatives from Adrian college visited the high school Monday afternoon. They sang several selections and spoke of the advantages of attending a smaller college.

Rev. Wulfman gave a splendid talk to the high school pupils Monday morning on the subject "Opportunities" and based his remarks on the three biblical characters, Saul, Felix and Paul.

Eighth grade exercises will be held at Manchester high school, Wednesday, June 2, 2:30 p. m., for graduates attending the following schools: all districts of Bridgewater township; all districts of Manchester township; districts 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, Freedom township; districts 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 tr., 8, 9, Sharon township. Address by Prof. H. C. Lott.

School closed in the Spaford district Tuesday afternoon with a short program appropriate for the day and season. The school is small in number and size of pupils and the fact that they were able to present such a varied and interesting program reflects credit upon both pupils and teachers. The songs of spring and vacation time were especially adapted to their sweet childish voices, and the dialogues and recitation were amusing and given with spirit and expression. After the promotion cards had been distributed, Elmore Hasley, on behalf of the school, presented the teacher with a beautiful silver spoon. Refreshments were then served and a pleasant social hour enjoyed. Thus happily closed the year's work and the work of Miss May Cash who has so successfully and efficiently conducted the school for the past six years. Her many friends, although regretting her departure, wish her success and good fortune in her new field of labor, in the McMahon district.

RURAL SCHOOL TERM SHOULD BE EXTENDED

By P. P. Claxton,
U. S. Commissioner of Education.

In most States school days for country children are fewer than for city children. The average length of school term in cities of the United States is one hundred and eighty-five days; in rural communities one hundred and thirty-eight days, a difference of forty-seven days. In some States the difference is much greater than this average. In many counties the average length of the rural school term is less than one hundred days, and in some districts it is less. On the other hand, in the States of California, New York and Connecticut, the country schools are in session one hundred and eighty days in a year, and in several other States almost as long. The country schools of Rhode Island are in session one hundred and ninety days in a year.

If all children are to have an equal opportunity for education we must even up the school terms of the country and give to all country children at least as many days as are now given to city children. One hundred and eighty-five days of schooling a year for all children will not be too much. There are countries in which the schools, both for city and country, are in session from two hundred and twenty to two hundred and fifty days or more in the year. American children need as much education as those of any other country, and this applies to the rural as well as the urban districts.

Real Estate Transfers

William J. Mark by sheriff to Enos Austin, part of W3 SW1 section 36 Bridgewater township. Consideration \$1050.00.

George M. Sutton and wife to Albert A. Lowery, lot on NE1 NW1 section 11 Manchester township. Consideration \$1.00.

Elma Lynch to Frances Staib part of lot 11 block 30 Manchester village. Consideration \$1.00.

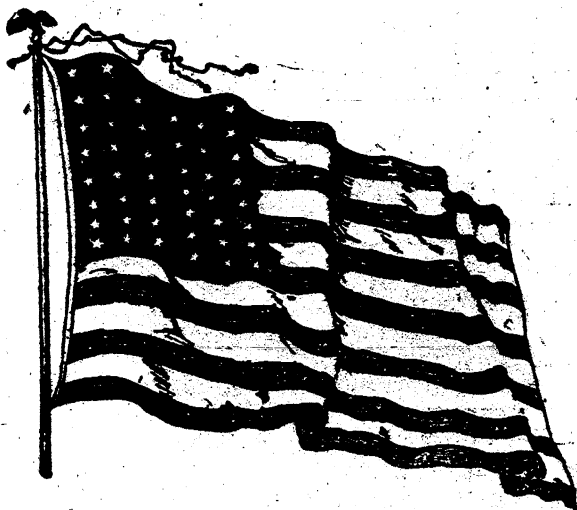
The G. A. R. and W. R. C. will attend the memorial services at the Methodist church, Sunday morning. The pastor, Rev. S. Schofield will preach the sermon.

Corn planting has been delayed on account of the cool, wet weather. Some farmers have planted and in some fields the corn is up.

Some women are so busy housecleaning that they can't stop for anything except it be to take an auto ride.

A good deal of work is being done to get cemetery lots in shape for Decoration day.

Auto drivers say that the country roads in this vicinity are in good condition.



America

My country 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing:

Land where my fathers died! Land of the Pilgrims' pride!

From ev'ry mountain side Let freedom ring!

My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;

I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills:

My heart with rapture thrills Like that above.

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees, Sweet freedom's song:

Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;

Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.

Our fathers' God! to Thee, Author of liberty, To Thee we sing:

Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light!

Protect us by Thy might, Great God our King.

KNOW THY COUNTRY

II—Railroads

In discussing the commercial achievements of this great age, we shall approach the subject as the historian chronicling events. This series will endeavor to record in writing the supremacy of American men and industries in the world's affairs and perpetuate an appreciation of our marvelous industrial achievements by presenting simple facts, figures and comparisons that are overpowering in their convictions.

America holds her proud place among the nations of the earth today on account of her supremacy in transportation facilities. The mighty minds of the age are engaged in the problems of transportation, and the greatest men in the history of the world's commerce are at the head of the transportation systems of the United States.

In the discussion of transportation, let us consider separately our Railways, Telegraph and Telephone, Express, Public Highways, Steamships, Street Railways, Interurban and other forms of transportation, and this article will deal with railways.

The United States has the largest mileage, the best service, the cheapest rates, pays labor the highest wages, and we have the most efficient management of the railways of the world. They stand as a monument to the native genius of our marvelous builders, and most of the railroads in foreign countries have been built under American orders.

The railroads represent a larger investment of capital than any other branch of human activity. The mileage in the United States exceeds

the accepted distance from the earth to the moon. We had in 1911, the last year in which figures for all countries are available, on the earth's surface, 639,981 miles of railway divided as follows: United States 241,199, Europe 207,432 and other countries 191,350. The United States has 28 per cent of the world's mileage; seven per cent of the estimated population and about five per cent of the area. The total capital invested in the railways of the world is \$50,000,000,000, divided as follows: United States \$13,000,000,000, Europe \$25,550,000,000 and other countries \$11,350,000,000. Reduced to a mileage basis the capitalization is as follows: The world \$75,000, United States \$54,000, Europe \$124,000, and other countries \$59,000. A comparison of rates is equally as interesting and the United States takes the lead in economy and service. The average rate per ton per hundred mile haul is as follows: United States 76c, Great Britain 42.53c, France 14.4c, Germany 14.4c, Russia 92c, Austria-Hungary 11.30c, Italy 2.30c and Switzerland 2.32c.

The average yearly pay of all railroad employees in the principal countries is as follows: United States \$757, Germany \$332, Italy \$345, Austria \$332, Great Britain \$279, France \$260 and Russia \$204.

About 50 per cent, or 188,000 miles of the railways of the world are government owned. About half the railway mileage of Europe is government owned.

A comparison of the economy, in time and money and the convenience in travel, will be made in a later article.

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