

PRIZE FIGHTS MUST GO OFFICE OF NEW YORK AMERICAN

Marh 31, 1916. Mr Charles W. Ellis, Editor, Journal

Lackawanna, N. Y. Dear Sir: Some time ago one man beat another to death in the prize ring in California. This shocking performance stirred the conscience of the State, aroused the citizens to their oral obligation and definitely ended prize fighting in California

Last Saturday night a gigantic prize fight was presented to the public of New York in Madison Square Garden. The sanguinary survivor of the death battle in California et another professional pugilist in a brutal and bloody encounter.

It is a falsehood to say that this encounter was early a prize exhibition. It was a prize fight. There were both the prize and the fight. Each contestant expressed publicly beforehand his determination to "knock out" the other, and each during the fight did his utmost to inflict the severest bodily injury upon the other for the delectation of an eager and excited crowd. Faces were bleeding hands were broken in this brutal struggle.

Some thousand of people of all classes witnessed this degrading and demoralizing exhibition, and among the spectators were hundreds of women.

It is sufficient menace to public morality and decency when men are allowed to attend these brutal and brutalizing performances.

The menace is aggravated and intensified when women are allowed to be demoralized by such exhibitions. I ask you as a brother editor whether you do not think that a stain has been put upon the good name of this great city and this great State, which we all love so well, by these shameful prize fights, by the governmental authorization of them and governmental participation in their infamous profits.

Politicians of this city have often complained of the dominant influence of the remainder of the State, but it seems to me that in moral matters at least this may be a beneficial situation.

If New York City cannot save itself from such debasing acts and consequences as these prize fights provide, then the State should save the city from itself and preserve its good morals and good repute of the city and of the State.

Do you not think that the press of New York City and New York State should unite in an effort to maintain the moral standards of the communities which they serve, to end this disgraceful and demoralizing prize fighting, as nearly every other State in the Union has done, to repudiate this partnership between the State and the criminal and to repeal the law which authorizes it?

If you believe there should be a united effort to these ends, I shall be very much complimented and very much encouraged in my endeavor if you will give some expression to your sentiments through the columns of my newspapers.

I shall also be under obligations if you will be so kind as to send me to my personal address any editorials or articles or articles which appear in your influential paper on this subject.

I hope that if we think alike on these matters, we may work together and accomplish this desired, and I believe much needed, reform. Very sincerely yours, Signed: Wm. R. Hearst.

COMMON COUNCIL

April 7th, 1916. Honorable Mayor and Common Council Gentlemen:

Last year Lackawanna, at the direction of its Common Council, set apart a week, known as "CLEAN UP & PAINT UP" week, the people responded vigorously to the call of arms, to combat the common enemy. THE JOURNAL has, with the assistance of the National body, at St. Louis, started a newspaper campaign, in behalf of cleaning up the city as a unit.

This paper in behalf of its Chamber of Commerce, The Lackawanna Citizens Ass'n., The Third Ward Taxpayers Ass'n., The First Ward Equal Tax Ass'n. and its citizens at large, come to you, as the city's legal representatives, to lend the power vested in you, to the passing a resolution designating the week of April 24th, as a week to be known as "CLEAN UP & PAINT UP WEEK."

We can assure you that this movement has the support of every merchant in this city and that we hold signed contracts from a number of them for one solid week of advertise-

Don't Ignore Fly Menace This Season

Many persons do not realize what a serious menace the fly is to the health of this community. It is characteristic of the average man to ignore this kind of danger until it threatens his own family. "Oh, the fly may be the means of carrying a fatal disease to some puny person," you reason, perhaps, "but there's no danger of his bringing it to me—I'm in pretty good shape. I eat three square meals a day and sleep all right."

That is a characteristic attitude of soldiers. Rather, it's used to be so. Doubtless you remember the awful toll of life taken among the soldiers encamped at Chickamauga during the Spanish-American war. If you do not you can easily look it up. Those boys in blue "died like flies." Flies caused the death of most of those stricken with typhoid and dysentery.

It came about in this way. Human excreta carries the bacteria of typhoid fever, cholera, dysentery, summer complaint, tuberculosis and intestinal diseases of other varieties. Flies feed on human excreta, as you know if you have kept your eyes open.

The Lesson of 1898. Not a great deal about the value of camp sanitation was known in 1898. The American army medical corps was not organized as it is now. The mobilization place at Chickamauga was not clean. Garbage and sewage were not destroyed as they are now. In that large body of men it was inevitable that some should be disease carriers. The waste matter which they threw off acted as an incubator for the bacteria which it carried. Flies and other insects, but especially flies, swarmed around the filth sinks and fed. They were a frightful annoyance at meal time, and they were the army's most deadly enemy for they distributed dangerous germs among all the men. As a result fever and bowel diseases became almost an epidemic. As a nation we were taught a solemn lesson about the menace of insects. Our army medical men learned more in the Philippines, in Cuba, in Porto Rico and in the Canal Zone about the relation of flies, mosquitoes and lice to the spread of disease than had previously been learned in two or three thousand years.

Cleaner Than Homes. Visit any of our army encampments today. They are kept cleaner than the average housekeeper keeps her premises. Special attention is given to the sanitary disposal of garbage, of sewage and of other waste matter coming from the camp hospital. Elaborate means of protection against flies, mosquitoes, lice and bedbugs are taken—but flies are considered the most filthy and dangerous from the medical point of view.

It is safe to say that if this community should co-operate and act at once so as to clean up the town thoroughly, with special attention given to the breeding places of flies, the average of serious illness here would be reduced 50 per cent for the months of June, July, August and September.

Such a clean-up campaign is not impossible. It means the spraying of manure piles with a simple kerosene solution every day or so, frequent removal of manure piles, screened toilets, covered garbage cans and the use of fly swatters and fly paper by everyone.

Most Imports Free. Seventy-one and seven tenths per cent of our imports for December, 1915, came in duty free to compete with American products. No revenue was paid to the United States Treasury, and there was no decrease in the cost of living.—Monmouth (Ill.) Daily Atlas.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY WANTED—Place to board by lady. Must be within 10 minutes walk from Journal office. References exchanged. Address Miss K.—Journal Office.

WANTED—CONTRACTS TO DIG Cellars and sewers can furnish plenty of men to do quick job. 597 Ingham avenue. d-8—p P. MONAGO

For Rent—One modern well furnished sleeping room. One square from car line. Apply 439 Colton Ave. Lackawanna.

ing to begin Monday April 17th, making special prices on cleaning utensils for this special occasion

May we have your "official support." Yours for a cleaner city, THE Journal, CHAS. W. ELLIS, Editor.

WITH OUR TAXPAYERS HAVING TO PAY THE \$11,000.00 JUDGMENT STARING THEM IN THE FACE THE SCHOOL WANTS TO APPROPRIATE \$130,000 MORE

IF THE "PLANT" SHOULD SHUT DOWN IN ONE YEAR FROM NOW, ONE HALF OF THE HOUSES WOULD BE EMPTY IN THE OLD VILLAGE

THEN LIKE IN 1912, THE YEAR THE SCHOOLS TOOK TO BASE THEIR LOW NUMBER OF PUPILS IN, ONE HALF OF THE SEATS WE NOW HAVE WOULD BE EMPTY

In order to show how fast this city has grown, the Superintendent of Education took the figures of 1912, when one half of the houses in both villages were empty, and then he gave us the figures for 1916, when the plant is running full, owing to war orders, to show us how fast our city was growing.

But we were here first, we have been hanging around here since 1900 and we have a little idea of our own, about how fast this city grows, when the "plant" is shut down.

We do not think that any "old timer" will deny that when a period of depression strikes us, but what the Lackawanna boys are the first one to get what the chicken gets, and the 6 cent car keeps right on running.

We like enterprise, in fact its our middle name, but we do not think that the Superintendent of our school, since his sojourn among us, since last August, to be exact, is quite as familiar with the itinerant population of Lackawanna as some of us, who have to stay here and foot the bills, while our (property) unattached brothers hie themselves to other climes, when a shut down comes at the plant, the main source of employment here.

The salary of the Superintendent of Education goes on and on irrespective of whether you and I work or not, so he should worry about the little matter of \$130,000.00.

You've got to pay the bill Bo, and its you that will say on the 21st whether the "BUILDERS TRUST" will get your surplus earnings for the next 15 years or not.

You MUST vote on the 21st, if you are against this deal, by voting NO, it will take two yeses to offset your vote and if you are against the hold up and you do not vote it only takes one passenger on the steam roller to count two.

DON'T FORGET THE DATE OF THE SCHOOL MEETING, APRIL 21st, AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.

You can't just wish they wouldn't pass that hold up, you MUST VOTE N-O, NO.

THEY ARE FIGHTING HARD. What are you doing to offset it?

You wife can vote, don't forget that. Read the "notice" on page five of Yesterday's JOURNAL.

\$130,000.00 is a bunch of money, are you going to spend it now?

THE JOURNAL HAS GONE TO QUITE AN EXPENSE TO OBTAIN THE SERVICES OF THOSE WHO ARE EXPERTS AT THE "CLEAN UP AND PAINT UP BUSINESS"

We Have Contracted With the American Press Association to Furnish us With The Highest Class Copy Obtainable on the Subject.

We Will Ask the Common Council to Designate the Week of April 24th as "Clean Up and Paint Up Week"

THE JOURNAL has written the common council asking that body to co-operate with it, in a campaign to make a city wide "Clean up & Paint Up Week," of course this does not stop you from getting busy now.

THE JOURNAL will run a special page of "ads" telling you of the merchants who are prepared to furnish you with, PAINTS, HOES, RAKES, MOPS, SOAP, etc., at prices that will get the business.

We have, besides the American Press Association, enlisted the services of "The National Clean Up and

Paint Up Campaign Bureau" whose headquarters are St. Louis, Mo.

Don't forget that "Cleanliness is next to Godliness" so for God's sake get busy and be clean.

Let us for a week, beginning April 24th, beat our hammers into cleaning implements, give the "Gold Dust twins" a job, call in the "Old Dutch Cleanser" a job and like the "Birth of a Nation" let us conceive a new city.

Winter has removed her mantle, and she has revealed a sight that in some places, a decent parent mosquito would refuse to rear its young.

So let us join hands, circle around the dirt and chase it out of town.

"The future of this country's trade and industry depends largely upon the questions of when and how peace will return to the world," says Bradstreet's annual report on American business, and the prospects of American markets overstocked with cheap foreign made goods are by no means alluring.

Make War on Flies: Ward Off Disease

In order to make this community a better place to live in, we must declare war on the house fly at once. If we do not slip up on him and strike the first hard smashing blow, he is going to come at us in overwhelming numbers.

How may we successfully meet the fly? By destroying or removing his breeding place, the manure pile, removing all garbage and making the privy vault fly-proof, and by keeping our yards and alleys clean. We must screen our houses and use the swatter and sticky fly paper without let-up.

Where is the fly born? In filth, generally in horse manure and outhouses, sometimes in the flesh of dead and rotting animals—never in any clean, wholesome place. The life cycle of the fly's birth runs about ten days from the time the egg is laid until the mature insect is born. A maggot is hatched from the egg. The maggot becomes a pupa (a state corresponding to the tadpole state in frog life), and the pupa becomes the mature fly that helps to make life miserable for us in warm weather.

Flies Live in Filth.

Where does the fly live? Where there is filth and there is nothing too filthy for the fly to eat. He eats clean food also, but his special delight seems to be wallowing in filth, then buzzing into the house and wiping his feet and wings on substances you are about to eat. Watch him and see for yourself.

Think of the most sickening, disgusting places where you have seen flies. Think of them until your palate is light and the pit of your stomach ticklish. For if you think hard enough about this dangerous, nasty insect pest you will help fight his whole tribe with all your might.

The fly's favorite place of residence is in the manure pile, the privy-vault, the garbage can and the spittoon. But he is a restless insect and unless he can wander more or less freely he is unhappy. So when the fly tires of the manure pile, the privy-vault, the garbage can and the spittoon he makes an excursion into the kitchen, dining room and bedrooms of the nearest residence.

He Breeds Disease.

What does he do in these places of exploration? He wipes his feet on the food, bathes in the milk, or drowns in it, and annoys the sleepers. If there is a sick person around, a consumptive or instance, he alights on the patient's lips or invades his sputum cup and takes on a load of deadly germs. This he distributes on the food, on the baby's lips or on your own if you are not very careful to snoo him away.

A busy death's head is the house fly. He killed more American soldiers in the Spanish-American war than the bullets of the Spaniards, and was the direct cause of much of the typhoid fever in the United States last year. He cannot be ignored safely.

The only way this town can effectually exterminate flies is to make an organized effort. Our municipal authorities and health officers should map out a campaign immediately and enlist the active aid of everybody in the community.

COMMITTEE TO REPORT

The committee consisting of John Mulroy, chairman and P. J. Leahy, and William Burrell who were to confer with the school board and Commissioner Head in regard to opening the South Park High school gymnasium evenings between the hours of 7 to 10, for the public, will undoubtedly have a report next meeting night of the Waterfront Southside Citizens association, Friday evening April 14th.

SOUTH BUFFALO CLUB TO DANCE

The South Buffalo Social and Athletic club is now contemplating to give the South Buffalo folks one of the best times they have ever had. They are going to hold a novelty social at McDougough's hall, corner South Park avenue and Choate avenue, some night the first week in May.

It is rumored that the committee in charge have many surprises awaiting for the members and their friends on this night. These surprises will not be divulged until the evening of the big time. Tickets will be on sale by all members or at the hall.

SUGGESTS CHANGES IN CHANNEL LINES

Captain Norton Has New Plan For Development of the Upper Part of Buffalo River.

CO-OPERATION IS NEEDED

Affected Property-owners Will be Asked to Join With City In Making Improvement.

Kreinbieder Thinks It Good

Public Hearing Arranged for April 14th When Details of New Scheme Will be Unfolded

A co-operative plan for the development of the Buffalo river from the upper Lackawanna railroad bridge, to which point the work has already been carried, to Seneca street, was laid before the council yesterday afternoon by Arthur W. Kreinbieder, superintendent of public works, in a report by Captain Norton, engineering commissioner. It provides for a change in the proposed channel lines, a pooling of the interests of the city and the property owners affected by the improvement, the selection of a trust company to receive the property and transfer title and three disinterested real-estate men to appraise the land needed for the new channel.

At the request of Mr. Kreinbieder, the matter was set down for a public hearing on April 14th. In the meantime, a copy of the plan will be sent to all of the interested landowners. There are about fifteen of these owners and in general, it is said, they are in sympathy with the proposition.

It is pointed out in the report of Captain Norton that a change in the channel lines below the upper Lackawanna railroad bridge has necessitated a modification of the plan for the river development up to Seneca street.

"The plan for improvement of the river above this bridge," says Captain Norton, "must be modified to meet the portion constructed below the bridge. The most desirable line for this channel would be as direct as possible from this railroad bridge to the Seneca street bridge. This line would conform in but small part to the present channel and would leave the land as now subdivided in most inconvenient sizes for the commercial use of the channel. With this straightened channel there would be but small parcels of land exclusive of that owned by the city above the Bailey avenue bridge and such would not warrant the extra cost of the construction and maintenance of a bascule bridge on Bailey avenue above the cost of a fixed bridge.

This channel can be modified within this territory so as to provide considerable valuable water frontage on this new channel, but such could be accomplished only by the co-operation of the interested owners. The improvement of the channel has progressed practically to this point and if it is to be continued this season the channel lines should be determined as soon as possible.

There was a meeting of interested property-owners on March 23d, he states, and as a result of the meeting he thought it advisable to recommend to the council some general plan of action which could be considered. He recommends that the channel be extended easterly of the Lackawanna railroad bridge at approximately right angles with Bailey avenue and thence in a direct line to the Seneca street bridge over the river. He recommends also that plan be submitted to the property owners and that an answer be received from them within 30 days.

It is advised in the report that the council nominate three reputable trust companies, only one of which is to be selected, the owners selecting it by ballot. This company would receive title to the property and make transfer of property according to trust deed conditions. Three appraisers are to be selected under the plan by the property owners from six to be nominated by the council.

When the appraisal is completed the owners shall divide the land and frontage values into parcels for each of the co-operating owners and of such value as will be proportional to the whole value of the included improved lands as each such holding was proportioned to the whole in included lands before improvement.

"When the appraisal is completed the city will pay to the trustee the value of the lands within the lines of the proposed channel at the rates fixed by the appraisers."

It is proposed that in case any owner of property affected does not join in the trust that the trustee with the written consent of the three trustees may buy such property from any balance of funds paid by the city of improving the channel.

Under the proposed plan the river would be improved to a point about 500 feet from Seneca street, a bascule bridge would be built at Bailey avenue and this thoroughfare would be relocated between Elk street and Abbott road.

Captain Norton advises against establishing a turning basin at the junction of Buffalo river and Cazenovia.