

NAUTICAL SCHOOL NOW A VITAL NEED

Maritime and Mercantile Men Demand Revival of Institution

CALL ON LEGISLATURE

Memories of Saratoga and Adams an Inspiration to \$150,000 State Appropriation

Insistent Call Heard for Nautical School

PLANS are under way for a revival of the activities of the Pennsylvania Nautical School Association, for which an appropriation of \$150,000 is wanted from the State. When the money becomes available the United States Government will be asked to assign one of the old sailing ships of the navy for use as a schoolship.

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famous Black Ball Line, 2515 tons register, built in 1854, made the run from Boston to Liverpool in twelve days six hours. She made the run from Liverpool to Melbourne in sixty-three days, her best day's run having been 420 statute miles, a marvelous performance.

"On a later voyage this ship made twenty-one knots, the highest rate of speed ever achieved by a sailing vessel. She was burned in Liverpool and her famous hull now forms the foundation for the landing stage there, upon which passengers step from the liners. These ships and these men made the name of America famous to the world over. American ships and American men, with the proper opportunity, can do it again, and should be allowed to do so."

NEW FIGHT UNDER WAY FOR GOOD GOVERNMENT

Powell Evans and Ernest T. Trigg to Expose Abuses at Friday's Mass-Meeting

While disappointed at the defeat in the Legislature of a bill to prohibit political activity among policemen, Powell Evans, vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and leader in the movement for revision of the city charter, said that it did one service in showing the people what they are up against in arranging for new legislation.

Mr. Evans is chairman of the committee which has charge of the "Good Government" mass-meeting at Horticultural Hall next Friday night.

"We are going to have the proper kind of a good government in Philadelphia," continued Mr. Evans, "if any fraction of a political party sees fit to try and defeat our effort, some of us will turn and give our support to the other party."

"The purpose of our meeting Friday night," said Mr. Evans, "is not to advance any political propaganda, however. It is purely civic. There are many of our reforms which are needed in the city government to bring it up to date, and they would be delighted to bring about these reforms, but they don't know just what is needed. This meeting is to place the present abuses before the people and we hope to have a large attendance. We will not indulge in oratorical pyrotechnics, but will be very concerned in stating present conditions and their remedies."

NOVICE IN CONVENT DIES FROM ESCAPING GAS

Supposed to Have Accidentally Turned on Current When Veil Caught in Fixture

Sister Mary Reich, nineteen years old, a novice in the Convent of Divine Love, Twenty-second and Green streets, was accidentally asphyxiated by gas fumes today in her room, and died several hours later at St. Joseph's Hospital, where she was taken.

In company with the Mother Superior, Sister Mary had arisen at 5 o'clock and made the rounds of the building to see that all was well. She retired to her room and it is supposed that when she lay down to rest her veil caught on the key of a little stove and turned the gas on.

The Mother Superior was passing Sister Mary's room about an hour later when she smelled gas. She burst open the door and dragged the form of the novice into the hall. Then she summoned Dr. Thomas Fleming, 2225 Green street, who had Sister Mary removed to St. Joseph's Hospital. Her death occurred at 9 o'clock.

JOHN S. PETTIT ENGAGED

Mother of Fiancee, Miss Marian V. R. Kennedy, of New York, Makes Announcement

NEW YORK, March 22.—Mrs. H. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, of Three Oaks, Hempstead, L. I., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Marian V. R. Kennedy, to John Stewart Pettit, of Philadelphia.

Miss Kennedy was introduced to society three seasons ago. She is fond of outdoor life and has been identified with sporting events of the Meadow Brook colony. She has exhibited champion Pomeranian and Irish terriers from her kennels at Hempstead at the various dog shows and won many blue ribbons.

Mr. Pettit is a member of the Calumet and Riding Clubs. No date has been set for the wedding.

A SUBURBAN GARDEN READY TO BEAR



This flourishing truck patch takes up a comparatively small area in a modest suburban place. Corn, tomatoes, lima beans, etc., are growing.

TESTS FOR DETERMINING WHEN SOIL IS READY FOR "WORKING"

A Bit Early Yet Despite Astronomical Arrival of Spring. How to Remedy Sour Ground—Something About Fertilizers—Garden Queries Answered

By JOHN BARTRAM

With the lateness of winter, which has kept the ground cold and the recent wet weather, it is too early to work the ground yet, but the time is near, now that spring has arrived at least astronomically. One of the simple and standard tests to determine when the garden soil is ready for plowing or working is to take a handful of earth from the surface and close the fingers tightly on it. If the earth is dry enough for cultivation it will compact in a lump, which will fall apart gradually when the hand is opened.

This test is applicable only to comparatively heavy soils, but it is these which receive the most injury if they are worked when wet. On such soils overzealous gardeners not only waste their time, but frequently do actual damage by attempting to "work" too early.

After plowing or working with a spade, it is usually desirable to apply some form of fertilizer. Barnyard or stable manure, which furnishes both plant food and humus, is the best all-round one. Applications of from twenty to thirty tons to the acre are satisfactory. An ordinary cartload at 15.50 is enough for area of 1000 to 1500 square feet.

The manure should be distributed evenly over the surface and later worked in with a hoe and rake.

Frequently it is advisable also to apply commercial fertilizer, especially phosphate. An application of 300 to 600 pounds of acid phosphate or some well-mixed fertilizer to the acre is usually sufficient; smaller areas in proportion. In order to supply potash, if this is needed, unbleached wood ashes may be distributed over the garden at the rate of 1000 pounds to the acre. Wet or bleached ashes, have less fertilizer value. Two thousand pounds of these should be used.

In order to start the plants early in the spring applications of 100 pounds to the acre of nitrate of soda are sometimes used. It is important, however, to remember that no form of commercial fertilizer will yield good results unless the soil is well supplied with humus. This frequently may be furnished in the form of sod or other vegetation which has overgrown a garden spot and may be turned under with a plow or spade.

In certain localities it is also advisable to test the soil for acidity. Naturally moist soils are likely to be sour and in such a condition are not likely to produce the most satisfactory crops.

The test for acidity or sourness is a very simple one. A handful of the soil slightly moistened and a piece of blue litmus paper, which can be obtained from any drug store, are all that is necessary. When placed on a sour soil the paper will turn red. To correct such a condition lime should be used. The ground should be covered with a thin coat of air-slacked lime and the latter worked in well. Lime is not a plant food, but it will correct the acidity and will improve the physical condition of the soil.

The home gardener should find useful Farmers' Bulletin 255, Home Vegetable

is nearly as good and easily handled. The price is about twenty-five cents for five pounds. This is enough for 200 square feet.

Hot-Beds and Cold Frames

Friend John Bartram: What is the difference (and respective advantages) between a hot bed and cold frame? The hot bed is essentially a layer of garden soil placed directly on a bed of fresh manure, which develops great heat that speeds germination and forces growth of such tender plants as eggplants, peppers, tomatoes and many kinds of flowers. The cold frame is much the same in structure, being glazed on top and built either with brick, wood or concrete; but it is filled only with well-fertilized garden soil. It is used to grow early specimens of hardier plants, such

as cabbage, lettuce, beets, etc., and many hardy annual flowers.

Beets and Onions

Friend John Bartram: Kindly give names and prices of some reliable beets and onions.

Beets: Detroit, Eclipse, Crosby's Egyptian. Prices from twenty to twenty-five cents per ounce or ten cents a packet. Onions: Alma, Craig, Priestlake, Danvers; ounce, forty to fifty cents; packet, ten cents.

May "Unmark" Neutral Ships

CHRISTIANIA, March 22.—It is probable that the neutrality markings on Norwegian

ships will be removed in being demobilized. Owners and seamen's organizations pointed out, these markings which had been painted on the sides of the ships during the war not only do not any longer protect neutral ships, but make them easy prey for submarines, which lack neutral vessels, but are more likely to keep at a safe distance from unmarked ships for fear of these being mistaken for armed merchantmen.

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<p>Reason 4</p>  <p>\$22.50</p> <p>Handsome suede velour sport suit with pleated back, deep revers fastening at short waist line. A wide tucked belt also accents the Empire effect. Matching vertical line pockets on coat and skirt. Comes in apple green, Killarney rose and gold.</p>	<p>Reason 5</p>  <p>\$25.00</p> <p>Unique and individual dressy suit of French serge, in the slender long line style now so much effected. Silk soutache braid and smoked pearl buttons charmingly disposed on sleeves and coat bottom. Navy, beige, platinum, grey and tan.</p>	<p>Reason 6</p>  <p>\$29.50</p> <p>Navy or black gabardine tailleur with the newly developed dip front. Silk braid binding and a white broadcloth golet (vestee) and deep pointed collar add a smart feminine touch to this severely cut model.</p>
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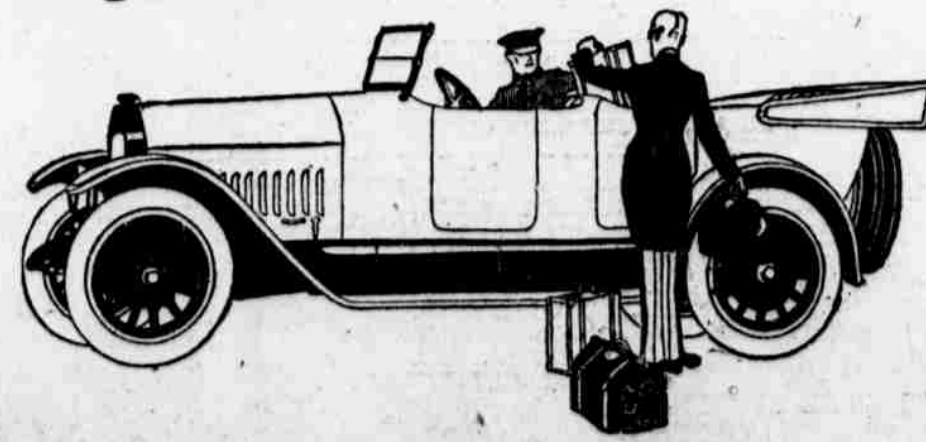
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WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY NOW

George F. Sproule, secretary of the Commissioners of Navigation, emphasized the gravity of the situation today. "When the Legislature of 1913 discarded the schoolship bill," he said, "it put the Adams out of commission. At that time no one realized what momentous happenings would occur the world over in a few months."

"Our flag had about vanished from the sea, our merchant marine had dwindled and the situation was discouraging. All this has now changed. The war has turned things topsy-turvy, and today there exists a wonderful opportunity for American boys who want to follow the sea. The merchant marine cannot obtain enough trained men."

"England is developing her merchant marine and all the first-class English lines have a certain number of apprentices on each ship. These boys learn navigation, the stowage of cargo, and become efficient, practical officers by the time they graduate, and they are assured of positions. Thus England always has enough trained officers to draw upon. The White Star Line and other big companies do it. The Hamburg-American Line, the North German Lloyd, and other German companies do the same thing."

"In fact, these big lines run sailing ships for the express purpose of training their own officers and crews in sailing before they place them on the steamships. Men trained on sailing ships are recognized to be the best seamen."

NOTABLE FEATS OF THE PAST

"Wonderful records made by American ships and American captains in the old days are indicative of the low ebb to which the American merchant marine has fallen today. Take the old clipper ship Lightning, built by Donald McKay in 1854 at East Boston for James Baines & Co. This vessel, of 2084 tons register, on her first voyage under Captain Forbes, formerly of the famous ship Marco Polo, left Boston February 18, and made the run to Eagle Island, on the North of Ireland, in ten days. From February 28 to March 1 she ran 420 miles in twenty-four hours, the greatest verified run ever made under canvas. That shows what American men and ships could do."

"The clipper ship James Baines, of the