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Barnes, of Georgia, Weighs 385 Pounds and Has a 6 Foot 10 Inch Waist The Comfortable Corporosity of Messrs. Reed, Rife, Cogswell, Mason and Reagan. [Copyright by American Press Association.]



MR. BARNES. Some of the brightest men in congress are fat, notwithstanding the opinion of certain slender ones that fat and intellect

may not combine Here are six examples. Sitting down there in the very first seat in the front row of the Democratic side, right before the speaker's chair, is the champion congres-sional fat man. His name is George T. Barnes and he comes from Augusta, Ga. He is nearly sixty years old, but he looks fifteen years younger. He weighs 385 fifteen years younger. He weighs 385 pounds, and yet it is not so many years ago that he scarcely tipped the beams at 130 pounds. He is 5 feet 9 inches in height and his circumference around the stomach is 6 feet 10 inches, so that he is just 13 inches bigger around than he is high. He supports this weight on remarkably small feet for so large a man, for he wears No. 7 shoes with ease and comfort. He is proud of with ease and comfort. He is proud of



MR. REED. his weight and would not lose a single pound of it for a good deal. He goes to bed at 9 o'clock every night and gets up at daybreak, winter and summer. Whe he is preparing a speech for delivery in the house-and he can make a good one, toohe drinks a mug of buttermilk on first arising in the morning and then settles down to work, having his breakfast later. He says the buttermilk clears the brain and assists the faculties. His appetite is well proportioned to his size, and he has been seen to eat for his supper two big steaks with all their accompaniments of vegetables, bread, etc. Mr. Barnes nel-dom stumps his district in the ordina-ry acceptation of the term. His meth-od of conducting his canvass is pe-culiar to himself. He goes to the various towns of his district when the county courts are in session and the country pea-ple are in attendance. Providing himself with a huge palm leaf fan he sits down in the shade of a big tree near the court house, and to the crowd of admiring rustics



MR. RIFE. which quickly gathers around him he tells stories of life in congress and in Wash-ington. As he is a good story teller and does not fail to put in a word for himself, be soon has the crowd in a good humor and ready to send him back to congress to

gather up more stories. There is a good one told on him, by the way. The other day he went with some southern friends of his up into the loft of the state, war and navy departments building, from whence a fine view of the city and river is to be had. While they were up there Barnes' friends noticed him to turn pale and look scared. Tuey asked him what the matter was, and he tremblingly pointed to a placard which read: The supporting strength of this floor is 150 lbs. per

"Great Scott!" he exclaimed; "I weigh nearly 400 pounds, and if I don't straddle out I'll go down!"

And suiting his action to the word he began to take long steps, so that his whole weight wouldn't come on any one square fact of the floor.

Everybody knows that Tom Reed is a big many as his intellectual to the local state.

big man—as big intellectually as he is bod-ily. He stands a trifle over six feet in his labby just as his name was called, and shoes, and his backbone is as straight as a string. It is no wonder that he has a good deal of weight in the affairs of the house when one thinks of the 500 and odd pounds

that he carries. He measures about 55 inches around the girth, but he is not all fat. This big man has immense muscles.

When Mr. Reed was a paymaster in the navy he only weighed about 125 pounds, but he had at that time, with his slim figure, the same big head that he has now, only his face was not so fat, and the effect, as seen in a photograph which is in the possession of one of his friends, is very pe-

Congressman John W. Rife, of Mittletown, Pa., is another big man. He weighs about \$15 pounds and a good deal of it is about his face and neck. The adipose tissue around his body is arranged very neatly, making it appear, with his head and legs cut off, very much like a round ball some five feet in circumference. It is said that he goes to one of the hotels every time he wants to take a bath, because his own tub in the house he occupies is not large enough for him.

Mr. William Cogswell represents the Salem district of Massachusetts and is a thoroughly good fellow such as the Salemites like. There are 200 pounds of him, and every pound added only seems to make him that much joilier. He is one of the dressiest men in the house, and is always neatly attired. He is a bright fellow and, although not heard frequently on the floor of congress, when he does speak always commands the attention of the members. He is a stalwart Republican, and during the last administration was often mistaken for Grover Cleveland.

"Billy" Mason, as the jovial William E. is called, is the funny man of the Illinois delegation. He is not very tall, but what



MR. COGSWELL he lacks in height he makes up in width. He weighs something over 200 pounds. He has a chubby face, little round fat legs and a chubby body, and with his mustache off would look like a big, fat, overgrown baby. He is an orator, however, of no mean order, and everybody prepares him-self for a laugh waen "Billy" gets up to

The senate has several intellectual fat men, but the biggest and fattest of them all is Mr. Reagan, of Texas. He is a regular giant. He is about 6 feet 4 inches tall, and weighs something over 330 pounds. He has a seat assigned to kim with his name elegantly engraved on a silver plate upon it, but he has an unaccountable aversion to using it, and if there is another vacant chair around (and there usually is) he is sure to prefer it. He was the secretary of the treasury of the Confederate cabinet, and was a member of the house before being elected to the senate. One very warm day a bill was under discussion in which he was much interested, but the



MR. MASON heat was so great as to induce him to go and cool off in the bathroom of the Capitol, promising himself that he would be back before a vote would be reached on the bill. So he went downstairs, and was just beginning to enjoy the manipulations of the sable attendant of the bathrooms when he heard the pages calling the members to the floor to vote. It was his bill that was being voted upon, and there he was naked and wet in the bath tub! He was a candidate for the senate, and what would his people say if he were not found voting on the passage of the bill in which they were so much interested? The situation warranted desperate measures. A moment's hesita-tion and he jumped out of the bath. Seizing a big sheet he wrapped it 'round his



MR. REAGAN. thrusting his red, wet face in the doorway he voted "aye."

So was the senatorship saved for him.

SOME CURIOUS BEIZURES.

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Singular Liquors That Have Been Seized by the New York Customs Authorities. The New York custom house occasionally affords interesting glimpses into the vast foreign life of the United States. Recently while calling upon a friend, who holds a responsible position in that circumlocutory institution, he showed me samples of a large number of invoices of liquors which had recently been imported. Every one would puzzle the average man about town. One was a greenish yellow fluid called slivovitsch. It comes from Austria and the Balkan states and is made from a small wild plum which grows in that district. It is flery and to a Yankee palate very disagreeable, but is extremely popular with the Hungarians and Wal-

A suggestion of the Holy Land was given by samples of honey wine, passover honey wine and Jerusalem plum brandy. The first and second were sweet and odorous, but a trifle insipid. In composition they are like the metheglin and honey mead used in England during the Middle Ages. The brandy was raw and almost vitriolic The three stimulants are consumed by the Slovaks and Polaks from Russia and the Greeks and Syrians from Asia Minor.

Specimens of pulque and ir scal showed that Mexico has some ir agence upon its sister republic. The former is a beer made from eactus, and tastes somewhat like that gaseous German horror weiss bier. It is far stronger, however, and is said to produce the most intense drunkenness known to erring man. The mescal is the distillate of pulque, and can be described only by the word atrocious.

The Scandinavians show their love of the fatherland by unceasing importations of Christiania beer, Swedish punch and korn brandtvin. The beer is light, pleasant and wholesome; the punch is aromatic, savory, but so sweet as to be insipid; the korn brandtvin is not corn brandy, as the name literally translated would imply, but a whisky made from rye, oats and barley. It is rich in fusel oil and consequently head-

From Russia every now and then comes vodka or wodky, an impure, reeking, strong alcohol; from Central America some delicious cordials made out of pineapple, guava and banana; from China not less than fifty stimulants, running from tea wine, rosebud wine and almond beer to heavy millet whisky and rice brandy: from Turkey some liquid for making sherbet, and from Brazil lavangina, or orange peel gin. Over 5,000 different kinds of stimulants are known and recorded in the custom house, of which 2,800 were unknown to Americans fifteen years ago.

The Case of Dr. Burtsell.

The Rev. Dr. Richard Lalor Burtsell, who has been disciplined by the highest authorities of the Roman Catholic church, was born in New York, April 14, 1840. His early education was received in the parochial schools of St. Peter's parish and the College of St.

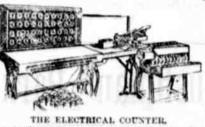
Francis Xavier. He studied theology in Montreal and completed his ecclesiastical education at the College of the Propaganda in Rome in 1857, where he took the degree of doctor of theology in 1862. He was

ordained priest in the same year by Mgr. Clementi, archbishop of Damascus. He also obtained an audience and a special blessing from the holy father the same year before his return to the United States. In November, 1862, he was appointed assistant pastor at St. Ann's church and continued to perform the duties of that office until

he was chosen by the archbishop to found the parish of the Epiphany. Some time ago Dr. Burtsell was made defender of the marriage tie, being the first American incumbent of the office. He was an earnest friend of Dr. Mc-Glynn in his trouble with the church brought about by his devotion to the Henry George land tax theory and the Anti-Poverty club. It is for this that Dr. Burtsell is now disciplined. Archbishop Corrigan issued the orders recently confirmed some

An Electrical Census.

Fifty years ago ten months were allowed for the completion of the United States census. Notwithstanding the fact that since then the population of the country has almost tripled the present census will be completed in much less time. This is due partly to the better organization of the vast army of enumerators of course, but a large saving of time will be accomplished, after the returns are all in, in the compilation. It would not be far out of the way



to call the census of 1890 an electrical census, for electricity is doing a large part of the work on it. Lightning has been harnessed to the figures, and they will be hustled into columns and added up with surprising liveliness.

This is accomplished by means of an electrical counting machine. The operator sits at the machine and plays upon it as if it were a piano, each key pressed punching a hole in a card divided into small squares, each of which has a peculiar significance, as age, sex, color, married or single, etc. These cards are afterward passed under a press containing a pin for every square in the card for tabalation. These pius are so arranged that as the card passes under them the pins corresponding to the holes punched in it push through them, completing electrical circuits which register the results on dials, the data which the hofes represent.

It is said that a skillful operator on one of these machines can compile the statistics obtained from 40,000 people in a single day, and that the entire force at work is grind-ing out the census at the rate of 2,500,000 names a day.

How the Diggers Subsist. The Digger Indians wear all sorts of cast off clothes obtained from the whites as gifts or from the sale of berries which they gather in the mountains. The women wash for the settlers and often learn to be fair servants, and once in a while a "buck' will cut wood or do some other work for the white people, and there are a few who work at the lighter labors about the mines

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