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## APPEAL

For Aid Sent Out From Alliance Wednesday Night.

WHOLE TOWN THREATENED

A Blaze in the Business Portion of the City Does Damage.

THREE BUILDINGS BURNED

And Two Others Badly Damaged—Property Loss on North Side of Main Street Reaches \$70,000—Members of Canton Fire Department Assist.

With the exception of a few sound sleepers everybody in Alliance has cold feet today. The citizens of that town were scared out of their boots last night. But there was occasion for shivering off their feet. The town had a narrow escape from having its existence materially interfered with. At about 1 o'clock Wednesday morning fire was noticed in the building occupied by W. L. Parthee & Sons, general shoe merchants who control a great portion of the boot and shoe trade of the city. An alarm soon brought such fire apparatus as Alliance possesses, and a fight to save the town began. It looked for a time as if the small force available would not be able to cope with the angry blaze, as the danger was accentuated by a prevailing high wind which blew the flames across the street. This later proved the salvation of other buildings on the same side of the street, as the flames were not permitted to do any damage on the opposite side and they spent themselves in the chilly air before getting across the open space. Still it gave the people a great scare, and as a precautionary measure assistance was asked from Canton and the response was hurried.

The fire started in the basement of the Parthee store. A cobbler occupied the basement and he had a fire there during the day. He left the place late in the afternoon and everything was all right then. It is believed that the fire caught from the stove in some manner. It made such headway that it was found impossible to save the building. The good sense of Chief August and the firemen was early manifested. Directing streams on surrounding property and leaving them in the hands of competent citizens, they set to work to rescue the people who live in the upper apartments of the buildings. There were some narrow escapes in this regard.

Mrs. Richard Teeters, her daughter Jennie and her daughter's son occupied apartments over Parthee's store. Chief August tried to make his way into the building from the front but was unable to do so. The building was two stories in front and three in the rear. The women and the little boy were soon heard at the rear of the building, calling from the third story window for help. Fortunately, ladders of sufficient length were available and the little party was rescued, nearly blinded and choking with smoke.

Fireman Green, who made excursions into the buildings to see that all the people were out, was overcome with smoke and is in a distressed condition. Officer Perry Oswald of the police force was assisting at the blaze and was caught by falling debris. He was pulled fast and could not escape. Streams of water fell on him and froze in a brief time. When the policeman was found he was nearly frozen and is incapacitated for duty.

In the meantime the blaze was making headway. The brick building occupied by the Cassidy Drug and Chemical Co. which is made up of the firm of A. S. Cassidy & Sons, had caught fire and was soon burning fiercely. In an hour it was practically in ruins, and in another hour the side walls had fallen.

Next west was the building occupied by the New York Mercantile Co. This was soon in ruins, but the firemen by heroic work succeeded in checking the flames there, though it was necessary to flood the adjoining building with water and salvage such goods as had not already been damaged by smoke. On the east side of Parthee's store is L. I. Rickard's big grocery store in a two story brick building. The building was saved,

but the stock was ruined by smoke and water. There were also losses upstairs in this building.

A member of the fire department, who was on duty at the fire Wednesday morning, that the loss on stock in their store was complete and would amount to about \$17,000. The insurance amounts to about \$11,000. Mrs. Teeters, who resided upstairs, lost her household goods to the value of \$500, partially insured. The building belonged to N. L. Wann of Deerfield, father of Mr. Jud Wann of the firm of Wann & Bow, Canton. It was valued at about \$19,000 and was partially insured.

The Cassidy Drug and Chemical Co. loss amounts to \$10,000, with insurance \$6,000. The building was the property of the Atwell heirs and was worth about \$15,000. The insurance will foot up nearly \$10,000. Dr. M. J. Lichty lived over the Cassidy store and his loss is about \$1,000, practically covered by insurance.

J. W. Ward, manager of the New York Mercantile Co., stated that the firm's loss would amount to \$7,000. The stock was owned by C. B. Rouse of New York, and the loss is fully covered by insurance. The building was owned by Mrs. M. E. Young, 304 High street, Canton. Charles Hansen lived over the store and his effects were burned. His loss is covered by insurance. The policy ran out at noon Wednesday, but was in full force and effect at the time of the fire.

The building at the corner was also owned by Mrs. Young, and was occupied by Hunter & McDonald, shoe merchants. Their loss is about \$2,000 and the stock was insured. On the second floor Miss Fannie Fuhr and Mrs. McDonald conducted a bazaar. They lost heavily and have no insurance.

Dr. P. W. Welker resides over Rickard's grocery store and loses considerable by smoke and water, but he carries insurance.

One of the worst losses was suffered by Attorney John W. Craine. His office was almost entirely burned out and his library and other effects ruined. It is believed that he will be able to save some of his library, but the books will all have to be rebound and many of them are destroyed entirely. He said his loss would be \$1,500 and that he carried no insurance, this being the only property he possessed that was not insured.

The blaze was out by 5 o'clock but broke out again at about 7 o'clock, occasioning another scare and the further report in Canton that the town was doomed.

Considering the inflammable character of the buildings surrounding those that were burned, the firemen did valiant service. The department at Alliance consists of a combination hose cart and patrol wagon, carrying about 850 feet of hose. There are three paid men besides the chief, a force scarcely adequate to cope with a blaze of the proportions gained by this one.

Citizens rendered great assistance. J. Murray Webb, the well known confectioner, worked so hard to save his neighbors' properties that he is in a state of collapse, and suffering with nervous prostration that threatens to be serious in its results.

SENT FOR AID.

When the fire was seen to be getting away from the Alliance department for the time being, and the whole block of buildings seemed doomed, a message was sent to Canton for aid. Fire Chief Leininger at once decided to send an engine and a hose cart. He personally conducted the arrangements for the trip, but there was difficulty experienced in getting a car set around to the proper place. Then there was another delay, as it was not desired to send the train ahead of the limited, which was due but somewhat behind time. Word was received at 1:10, but it was 2:30 before the start was made for Alliance, although the response from the engine house was prompt. When the department from Canton got there the fire was under control and the apparatus was not used. The engine was not taken along, as it was found impracticable to reach it. The men turned in and helped their Alliance brethren to get the fire out. Those who made the trip were Fire Chief Leininger, Firemen Noaker, Baxter, Weber, Goldsmith, Pushong, Betz They returned at 7:35 this morning.

TYPHOID CAUSES DEATH.

Henry L. Schlarin, aged 25 years, died Monday night after an illness of five weeks duration. Typhoid fever was the

cause of death. Deceased was a well known resident of the city, having been born and raised here. He was for years a popular employe of the Canton Bridge Company and scores of friends will mourn his untimely end. A wife and two children survive. Funeral services Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Interment in St. Peter's cemetery.

## GEN. MANDERSON

Mentioned for the Ambassadorship to Russia But Is Mum When Questioned About It.

It seems likely that the President will award another Canton man for faithful services. A special from Washington says:

It is understood here that Gen. Mander son, of Nebraska, counsel for the C. B. & Q. R. R., has been offered the ambassadorship to Russia, which will be vacated by Ambassador Hitchcock's entrance into the cabinet. Mr. Mander son refused to affirm or deny the report last night.

## JOINED HER HUSBAND

Just in Time to Hear the Announcement That He Had Died Suddenly, a Short Time Before.

Charles Hemming, of Columbus, died suddenly at the home of his parents in Carrollton Sunday night. He was well known in this city. Mrs. Hemming arrived in Canton last evening on her way to join her husband who was in perfect health when he preceded her to Carrollton. The sad news was broken to her upon her arrival here, and the shock almost prostrated her. She recovered sufficiently to proceed to Carrollton where instead of a happy meeting with her husband and relatives she was forced to don widow's weeds. The scene at the C. C. & S. station when the news of her husband's death was told her was heart-rending and moved the spectators to tears.

## LIFE WELL SPENT.

William Reifsnyder Dies at His Home After a Residence in Canton of Sixty Years.

William Reifsnyder, aged 60 years, died at his home, 1314 East Fourth street Monday evening after an extended illness. Mr. Reifsnyder was an old resident of Canton, having spent all his life in this city. He was well known, having for years had charge of the city's gas street lights before the introduction of electric lights. A widow and six children survive. The children are William, Harry, Frank, Charles and Lorenzo Reifsnyder and Mrs. Preston Hanna. Funeral at the 11th residence Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. P. Harper officiating. Interment in Rowland cemetery.

## PERMITS TO MARRY.

Robert McDonald and Mary A. Sturgeon, North Industry.

William Lutz and Della Hensel, Navarre.

John Huber and Gusta E. Domo, Massillon.

Henry Summers and Gertrude M. Hunter, Middlebranch.

Erwin M. Heckenmuth and Sarah A. Packer, Canton.

Philip King and Josephine King, Canton.

Kenneth Foris and Ella Foley, Massillon.

Clarence W. Dreyer and Florence M. Juillard, Louisville.

Herman Hug and Ida Evert, Massillon.

Alvin Ercement and Anna Girt, Navarre.

Ross Harsch and Edna Unkefer, Micanoy.

George W. Welch and Almeda M. Bixler, Navarre.

George Fenton and Magie Messer, Osnaburg.

Fred Dupper and Cora Zeiger, Canton.

## GOOD FEED.

Inmates of Stark county institutions were made to feel that the Christmas time had come. Superintendent Pontius had an extra spread for the workhouse inmates, Sheriff Zaiser saw that jail prisoners had plenty to eat in the way of delicacies, and the county infirmary inmates were fed something substantial and palatable by Superintendent Gervis.

## ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR.

A well known Stark county man has been fortunate in the west. Word comes from Deostur county, Indiana, that Ed. B. Bach, whose departure from this county was mentioned in the papers in various ways, has been appointed assistant prosecutor of the county mentioned.

## JOHN KARRER ASSIGNS.

John Karrer, the saloon keeper, filed a deed of assignment in probate court at 7:40 Tuesday morning. Peter J. Collins is assignee. The assets are given at \$1,500 and liabilities not estimated.

## WILL FILED.

The will of the late Rebecca A. Marshall of Alliance has been filed in probate court. Her household goods, chattels and real estate are bequeathed equally among her four daughters.

## BANQUET

To be Tendered Judge W. R. Day Monday Night.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED.

They Are Already at Work to Make It a Grand Affair

WORTHY OF THE GUEST.

The Committee Wait on the Distinguished Cantonian, Who Arrived Sunday, and He Decides Upon the Date That Would Be the Most Convenient.

Members of the Stark county bar held a meeting in the court house Saturday evening to arrange for a reception to Judge Day, who has returned from his duties, as president of the peace commissioners, at Paris. The subject was generally discussed and the plan to give a banquet in honor of this distinguished member of the bar met with ready approval. An executive committee was appointed, composed of Col. J. J. Clark, Judge George E. Baldwin, Hon. John C. Welby, Prosecuting Attorney Pomereoy and Probate Judge Henry A. Wise. This committee was authorized to appoint sub-committees and was instructed to meet Judge Day upon his return home and ascertain what night would be acceptable to him for the banquet. The Judge arrived in Canton Sunday morning and was later seen by the committee. He was favorable to next Monday evening, January 3, when the banquet will be held.

A meeting of the executive committee was held in the probate office last evening and the following sub-committees were appointed:

Place of Holding Banquet—Col. J. J. Clark, A. M. McCarty and T. F. Turner.

Program—Judge H. A. Wise, Henry W. Harter, Judge A. A. Thayer, Frank L. Baldwin, David Fording.

Entertainment and Reception—John C. Welby, Atlee Pomereoy, C. O. Bow, Ralph Ambler, John W. Craine and E. G. Willison.

These committees are already at work and an affair long to be remembered is promised.

RESUMING LAW PRACTICE.

Judge Day was seen in his office Tuesday morning by a News-Democrat man. The judge was busy the entire forenoon dictating to his stenographer replies to a big pile of letters awaiting his attention, and incidentally receiving friends who called to greet him for the first time since his return. The judge looks natural and his health is first class.

"My trip has been a most enjoyable one. We had a pleasant voyage going and the same returning, with the exception of one day."

"Do you expect to go to Washington again soon?" was asked.

"No; we are entirely through with our duties with reference to the treaty and there is no reason why I should be called there in that connection," replied the judge.

"What are your plans for the future?"

"I am home for the rest of my natural life, I hope, and I intend to look after my law business."

TALK OF JUDGESHIP.

Judge Day has so successfully filled every trust imposed on him by the President and by the people of the United States generally, that all are interested in his future. Speculation as to what the future has in store for him is rife wherever his friends meet, and that is about everywhere. A special from Washington says:

"William R. Day, president of the peace commission, is slated by President McKinley for the first vacancy on the bench of the United States supreme court that may occur during this administration. In the meantime it is the President's intention to make him a circuit judge. There is a bill pending in congress creating a new judicial circuit in Ohio. Mr. Day's friends in congress, at the solicitation of the President, will try to have this bill passed immediately as a special compliment to Mr. Day for his good work in the peace negotiations. If the bill is passed Mr. Day will be at once appointed to the judgeship created. No vacancy on the supreme court bench is at present expected, but Justice Gray is

eligible for retirement on account of age, and it is thought possible he may desire to give up active services before the end of the present administration, and in this event Mr. Day will doubtless be promoted from the circuit to the supreme court."

The committee having in charge the banquet to be given by the Stark county bar in honor of Judge William R. Day are busily engaged in arranging for what promises to be the most elaborate affair of the kind ever given in Canton. The committee on place of holding the banquet last night selected the Barnett house. Elaborate preparations are to be made, and Proprietor John A. Simonds will undoubtedly outdo all previous efforts in the way of menu and service. This is made possible by reason of a larger appropriation in this direction by the committee than is usual in Canton. It will be a stag affair. Mr. Simonds furnishes the music and has selected the best available, choosing the musicians of the Grand Army orchestra under direction of Mr. Emil Reinkeindorf.

The committee on invitations met at Mr. John C. Welby's law office last evening. It was decided that the guests should include besides the members of the Stark county bar, the ex-judges of common pleas, the judges of the circuit court of this district, together with Hon. J. Twigg Brooks, a former member of the bar, and Judge Ambler of Salem. The invitations sent out today read as follows:

The bar of Stark county cordially request your presence at the reception and banquet to be given at the Barnett house, Canton, on January 3, at 7 p. m., to welcome Hon. William R. Day."

The committee on program met at the probate office and was closeted in the private room of Chairman Wise a greater part of the forenoon. At noon the program was not ready for announcement. It was stated that an outline had been prepared but that it must be referred to the executive committee for approval before the speakers and their topics would be definitely decided upon.

## ROBERT A. MILLER

Files a Deed in Bankruptcy Before Going to Porto Rico, to Work for U. S. Mail.

Scripts-McBee League Special.

Cleveland, Dec. 28.—Robert A. Miller, who has gone to Porto Rico as postmaster at Porto, under appointment of the President, became a bankrupt voluntarily before he left for the new country. There was entered a petition in bankruptcy in the United States district court here today in his behalf. He says he held 168,000 shares in Aultman & Co. and \$87,300 worth of stock in the Sun Vaper Light Co. Both firms failed. He says he also endorsed paper for the Aultman company upon which it raised money to continue business. He says he holds a two-fold liability to creditors, and further liability perhaps to constitute his proportionate share to other stockholders who may have paid out more than their just shares of the company's indebtedness. A long list of creditors is given, including many large amounts in five figures. Those under accommodation paper are given in detail, as well as personal obligations.

## HOLIDAY MEETING.

Sociosis Enjoys an Afternoon With the World's Best Writers.

The regular meeting of Sociosis was held on Tuesday afternoon in the Elks parlors, as music was one of the features of the Christmas entertainment. The program was unusually pleasing and children's authors were discussed. The verse from Longfellow's "The Children's Hour":

"I hear in the chamber above me  
The patter of little feet,  
The sound of a door that is opened,  
And voices soft and sweet,"

Was a very appropriate introduction. The first number rendered by Mrs. Esford was a sketch of Kate Douglas Wiggin, a woman whose life was devoted to others, trying to elevate them to a higher, nobler plane, and who has done such grand work in the kindergarten. Then to the delight of all, from Miss Wiggins' "The Bird's Christmas Carol," the chapter "Some other birds are taught to fly" was read. Mrs. Ruggles' mother wit, wisdom and excellent management, the lesson in manners, and poor Sarah Maud's tearful wail, after the mother had reminded her of everything she deemed necessary, well, seems as if this whole dinner party set right square on top of me! Maybe I could manage my own manners, but for change in my manners is worse in staying to home," caused much merriment. A pathetically sweet description of one day in the charity

kindergarten was read by Mrs. Esford also.

Miss Eva Lehman rendered a beautiful solo, "The Star of Bethlehem," to the enjoyment of the club.

Mrs. Rice in her fascinating way then gave a sketch of Eugene Field which was entertainment, a treat which the absent members will regret having missed. "I am not fond of biographies." Some may be interested to know that Eugene Field was born in St. Louis, was studious, wealthy, traveler of some note, a lecturer, married and had five children, his artistic eye, his fondness for pets, his supreme devotion to children, his collections in which he took such boyish pleasure, souvenir, toys and trinkets of children, gave him inspiration for much that was effective in childhood verse and each little toy dog, each little tin soldier played its part in the poems he sent out into the world. His poem "Long, Long Ago," addressed to his small son seated upon his knee, telling what he did and how much he knew when he was a boy, was read and one to his wife expressing love in the sweetest rhyme imaginable. "Marthy's Yonker," brought tears to all eyes and one could see those rough burly miners in their love for pure, innocent babyhood. Mr. Stedman, one of his most intimate friends, says of him: "He was a child of nature and would have been in any time or country just as he was. Fortune had given him that unforgettable face, clear-cut, mobile. No one else had so deep, so rich a voice for the reading of a poet's lines, and no actor ever managed both face and voice better than he did in reading his own verses, merry or sad." He did love children and some of his best verses were written on themes that interest childhood, and his numerous lullabies have been set to music by American composers. "The Ride to Bumpville" was rendered in a most amusing way and none were sorry that Mrs. Rice repeated it for the benefit of several children who came later.

Miss May Fife sang in her pleasing style "Love's Sorrow," accompanied by Miss Moore.

A touching story by Mrs. Alice Daner Jones was read by Mrs. Sherrick. It told in a pathetically beautiful manner of a little fatherless and motherless child and a teacher's compassion and love, founded up in an incident which actually occurred.

The program was concluded by two solos by Miss Lehman, "If I But Knew" and "Sleep Little Boy of Mine," and one by Miss Fife, "Calm as the Night," all of which were thoroughly enjoyed.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Vincent in West Tusarawa street, Wednesday, January 3, and will be a New Year tea.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of Herbert Free, Paris township; private sale of personal property confirmed and final account filed.

Estate of Andrew Lothamer, Plain township; petition to probate alleged spurious will to be filed, hearing continued to January 3.

Estate of Rebecca A. Marshall, Lexington township; will admitted to probate.

Estate of Elizabeth H. Franke, Sandy township; Wesley Huffman appointed administrator.

Estate of David E. Miller, Canton; fifth account of trustee filed.

Estate of Bessie Kitzmiller, Canton; fifth account of trustee filed.

Guardianship of Mary Bowers, Canton; petition for appointment of guardian filed.

Guardianship of Bessie and James R. McAllister, Canton; additional bond filed and approved.

Estate of John Roll, Sr., Canton; sale of land confirmed.

COURT NEWS.

Charles Early has sued William H. Miller, J. M. Schuckers and E. J. Sprankle, executors of the will of James McConnell, deceased, to recover \$266.77 with interest alleged due from deceased on a judgment secured in 1881 from a Perry township justice of the peace. R. W. McCaughey represents plaintiff.

The Home Savings and Loan Co. has sued John Duffy to recover \$1,308.48 alleged due. A mortgage foreclosure is asked. J. Whiting represents plaintiff.

Attorneys are requested to file their notices for trial with the city clerk this week.

Burton M. Vaughn has sued M. K. and W. P. Vaughn to recover \$100 alleged due on a note. A mortgage for closure is prayed for. J. P. Fawcett represents plaintiff.

Clark & Ambler, trustees, have sued Ames Fete et al. to recover \$101.30 alleged due and secured by mortgage.

DEATH FROM DIPHTHERIA.

Maggie Fern Loutzenheiser, the bright ten years old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Loutzenheiser, 714 North Young street, died this morning after a three day illness from diphtheria. Interment in Rowland cemetery Thursday morning at 8:30.

THE SHORB ESTATE.

John C. Mong has been appointed administrator de bonis non with the will annexed of the estate of Elias Shorb, deceased. This appointment is made to fill the vacancy caused by the removal by probate court of Harriet Shorb.

## AGGIE

Has His Flag Floating Over One of the Largest Towns

IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

Americans May Have to Dislodge His People by Force.

MOST "HUMAN" SPECTACLE

Likely to be Presented as a Result of the Late "War For Humanity"—A Naval Vessel and Part of an Army on the Way to the Place.

Scripts-McBee League Special.

Washington, Dec. 28.—The state department has an official cablegram from Consul General Pratt at Singapore, announcing that Hullofil December 26 and the Spaniards fled to Burneo. This confirms the belief that the insurgents took the city before the Americans arrived. The resulting situation is grave, as the United States will probably have to fight the Philippines. A dispatch is expected momentarily from Dekey announcing the arrival of the Baltimore at Hullo.

INSURGENT FLAG FLYING.

Washington, Dec. 28.—General Otis, commanding at Manila, sent a cablegram to the war department today saying he had sent Colonel Putter on a fast vessel to Hullo December 24 to communicate with the Spanish General Rios. The latter evacuated the evening of the 24th and Putter was 39 hours late. He is supposed to have taken possession of the 26th. War Putter arrived he found Ag. Rios's flag flying. Otis says he cannot now report the probable result. It will take four days to hear from Putter. There is no cable communication. The Spanish forces have evacuated all stations in the southern island save Zamboanga and Mindoro, by orders, they say, from Madrid. The war department officials profess not to be alarmed at the situation. They say General Miller, who is on his way with the Baltimore, will attend to the insurgents.

## TOWN TOPICS.

The Canton Cadets will banquet Saturday at the Hurford house.

Edna, Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Rice, 705 Liberty street, a daughter.

Miss Minnie Fournight of Circleville is visiting Miss Tom R. Calk of Summit street.

Mr. and Mrs. Atlee Pomereoy will spend this week with relatives in Holmes county.

Mr. O. F. Kaufman returned to Cleveland after spending Christmas at his home in this city.

Mrs. William Reid and son Henry of East Tusarawa street are spending a few days with relatives in Wilmot.

Mr. Ben Lloyde, who has been visiting his mother in Canton over Christmas, has returned to his work at Mionopolis.

John E. Craig, who has been employed at Sherrodsville for some time, spent Christmas with his parents at 623 Cent street.

The Canton Elks will visit the Akron Elks yesterday evening Friday night. Arrangements are being made for a special train.

The Germania Turnverein will celebrate its anniversary January 10. The Turners of Akron and Cleveland have been invited.

David Ewd gets, aged 64 years, died at the infirmary this morning after a long illness from Bright's disease. The remains will be sent to Massillon for interment.

A grand military ball is being arranged for Martins hall for next Monday night. The young commissioned officers of the Eighth Ohio are the instigators and it is expected it will be a swell affair.

Abraham Schissler, aged 68 years, died at the infirmary yesterday afternoon from asthma. Deceased was an old soldier and the remains will be interred under the auspices of the G. A. R. in Westlawn.

Ernest F. Henninger, the four year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Henninger, 1105 Liberty street, died Tuesday evening after a three days illness from membranous croup. Interment in Westlawn this afternoon.

Miss Bridget McGilvray of Marion street entertained a few of her friends in honor of her brother-in-law, who is visiting from Dublin, Ireland. The evening was enjoyably spent in games and music. Supper was served at a late hour.