

MRS. HOLLISTER'S FOURTH VICTIM IN THE PENITENTIARY

William A. Eaton, Former Cantonian, Now Wears Convict's Stripes as Result of Forged Check.

The wife of a Toledo woman have caused three men to commit suicide and have landed the fourth victim in the penitentiary. The penitentiary man is William A. Eaton, who reached the state prison at noon on Monday in charge of Sheriff Newton. The woman in the case is Mrs. Belle Hollister, who still lives in Toledo and is an inmate of one of the houses in that city. At one time she was the wife of Dr. Hollister, who secured a divorce after having had trouble with one of the most prominent street railroad men in Toledo. The street railroad man afterwards committed suicide.

William A. Eaton, who was sent to the penitentiary for forgery, was the cause of much trouble and loss to Canton hotel men last December.

Late in that month he appeared at the McKinley hotel, registering as W. A. Groat, of Chicago. He stayed but a few days as money for his board was not forthcoming and he was asked to leave.

His next stopping place was the Yoke where he stated that he was W. A. Groat, of San Francisco. While there he succeeded in passing a forged check on M. Budwig, proprietor of the hotel, for \$15 and left without paying his hotel bill, causing a loss of

about \$30 to Budwig. He used the name of Leonard C. Conold of the Hannah block on the check. Eaton was traced to Akron by local police but from there on he covered his tracks successfully and escaped.

Eaton formerly lived in Canton, and on a trip to Toledo met Mrs. Hollister, and they concluded to join hands for life. The conclusion was reached about midnight, when a minister of the gospel was found to marry them. They stopped over night at one of the hotels, and the next morning Eaton had departed for parts unknown. He realized that he had forged a check for \$48 and that it would not be long before the officers of the law would be on his tracks. He went to Hudson, Mich., and there communicated with his wife of only a few hours. While they were talking arrangements were made to have him telegraph her a ticket, and by that time the sheriff was on, and by the use of the long-distance telephone the sheriff of Hudson was instructed to make the arrest. In less than half an hour after his conversation he was under arrest and was immediately brought to Toledo for trial.

The news of Eaton's arrival at the Ohio penitentiary, published in Tuesday's News-Democrat, created the liveliest interest among many who had known him. His relatives here refuse to discuss the case.

FIGHT FOR SOUTHERN RAILWAY.



Wall street is breathlessly watching the \$200,000,000 fight between the two railroad kings, James R. Keene and E. H. Harriman for possession of the Southern Railway company. Mr. Keene is at present under the doctor's care but he has installed a stock ticker and a telephone in his bedroom and is in constant touch with the market.

DEATH CALLS GEN. GEIGER

Orator, Wit, and the "Homeliest Man in Ohio."

(Staff Special.)
Columbus, March 25.—In the death of General Joe Geiger, which occurred in this city Monday, Ohio lost one of its most picturesque characters. He was 85 years of age and in his day was one of the most prominent men in public life in Ohio. As an orator, lecturer, lawyer, humorist, wit and statesman he was almost without a peer. Although of diminutive size, he was barely five feet tall, he was possessed of a giant intellect and was a formidable factor in his day. He was an orator of the school of General Gibson and Tom Corwin and could sway multitudes at will. He also enjoyed another distinction—he was known as the homeliest man in the state, a fact he took great pride in referring to in his speeches and lectures. He was in great demand as a public speaker, in Ohio and abroad. His speeches were gems of oratory, his diction being faultless. He was called by the sobriquet of "Snapping Turtle Joe," on account of a lecture by that name, and in truth there was much in the general's physiognomy to suggest the turtle. He excelled as a story-teller and could convulse his audiences with laughter in a twinkling. He was an ideal campaign orator. He was a member of the legislature in 1850-51 and was state librarian in the '80's. In 1877 he was given a special invitation by congress to visit Washington and deliver his lectures. He was born at Harrisburg, Pa., but most of his life was spent in Ohio.

WILL BELINQUISH WESTERN UNION

Rumored in Wall Street That George Gould Will Step Down and Out.

New York, March 24.—It is reported in Wall street that the American Telephone & Telegraph company is negotiating for the acquisition of the Western Union Telegraph company, owned by the Goulds.

Details are lacking, but on good authority it is said that negotiations are on the basis of a guarantee resembling the terms on which Manhattan "L" was acquired by the inter-urban company. It is said that a meeting will be held this week at which details will be taken up.

It is reported that George Gould has determined to relinquish his holdings in telegraph, traction and like enterprises in order to devote his entire time to the development of his great railroad interests.

The acquisition of the Western Union by the American company would cause complications in the fight between the Goulds and the Pennsylvania railroad, which is now trying to oust the Western Union from its system.

IN REGARD TO DREAMS.

Something About Them Which are Unaccountable.

There were a bevy of women talking about dreams.

Some mocked at the idea that dreams are anything more than the vagaries of the imagination when it is no longer controlled by the will; others realized there might be things in this world which even they did not understand fully; and so the subject would not be lightly dismissed.

"It has been conclusively proven by experiments," said the Psychic Student, "that there is nothing to differentiate natural sleep from hypnotic sleep. The subjective mind, or soul of man, is controlled by the power of suggestion during both; and telepathic messages may be conveyed to persons during normal, just as readily as dreamy hypnotic sleep. Profound sleep, whether hypnotic or normal, is dreamless so far as your recollection informs you. If your sleep be light, you will remember these messages.

"You can readily see, in the light of my statements, that your dreams may have a deep meaning." "That sounds interesting," declared the Quiet Woman, "and explains my recent experience. For the last month a certain individual has been walking through my dreams with surprising regularity.

"Yes, of course, the creature was a man. One woman would never take the trouble to haunt another in her dreams. But to continue, "I was not thinking of him and had every reason to believe he had entirely forgotten me. Still there was a vividness about these visions that made me wonder whether they were entirely due to my own imagination. To my surprise, this man materialized in the flesh recently, surprising me even more than he had by presenting himself in my dreams.

"You have explained the mystery concerning my nightly visions. He was thinking of making that call, and I received the information telepathically in sleep."

"I have had many curious dreams, one in particular that I would like to account for," said the Hostess, with deep eyes that looked far from the present.

"One morning, in the last light sleep just before rising, I saw a friend in great trouble. He was far from his own home and near me on a business trip. I could see him clearly, and although he knew I was near, he did not speak to me but made a hurried call and left, his face worn with care. I was impressed with the fact that something had happened and wrote to know what was wrong and where he had been.

"Disaster had fallen the night of my dream. He, himself, was not aware of the fact, however, till 36 hours after the dream. On learning the facts he made a trip to a place not far from where I was. It was really that trip which was foretold to me or rather reproduced so vividly that I saw it in all its minutia.

"I would like you to account for that dream by suggestion or telepathy," she added. "But no one tried.

OBJECTS TO ITS BEING FLATTENED.

A scientist says that "if the earth was flattened the sea would be two mile deep all over the world." And an Oklahoma editor gives out the following: "If any man is caught flattening out the earth shoot him on the spot, and don't be too particular what spot. There are a whole lot of us in Oklahoma that can't swim."

QUEER REQUEST MADE BY GOVERNOR.

Gov. Aycock, of North Carolina, has asked Gov. Terrell, of Georgia, to issue a pardon to Fred Chestnut, a North Carolinian in the penitentiary for robbing an express car, promising to reciprocate by issuing a pardon to any Georgian who may be "doing time" in the prison of the tar heel state. Gov. Terrell says he isn't in that sort of business.

The enterprising reporter in the rowboat called out the man on the roof of the one-story building afloat in mid stream.

"You people who live on the bottom lauds along here," he said, "know that this river overflows its banks every spring. Why don't you move?" "Ain't I movin', you durn fool?" said the man on the roof.—Chicago Tribune.

11 LEVIES ON BEQUESTS

Recipients of Legacies Under Aultman Will, Must Pay Inheritance Tax.

JUDGE THAYER PREPARES LIST.

A certificate filed with the probate court fixing the amount upon which collateral inheritance tax is to be paid in the Aultman estate, shows that only the individuals who were in no way related to Mrs. Aultman will be compelled to pay the 5 per cent. tax fixed by the state law.

The Aultman hospital, the public library, the W. C. T. U., the churches Mt. Union college and other purely charitable institutions will not pay the tax.

The law provides that all sums received by persons not related in excess of \$200 shall pay the tax. The list of the beneficiaries under the deed of trust and will of Mrs. Aultman who will have to pay up, according to the list furnished by Judge Thayer, with the amount upon which the 5 per cent. must be paid, is as follows:

Levi L. Miller and Marcia, \$10,000 each; Mrs. John H. Smith, \$3,000; John H. Smith, \$3,000; Levi L. Dillman, \$2,500; Mrs. Hattie Wheeler, \$2,500; Mrs. Ira A. Miller, \$2,500; Mrs. Mary Davis, \$2,500; Susan W. Diehl, \$3,000; Bertha Boren, \$1,000; Emma Fry, \$1,000.

A similar certificate has been filed in the estate of Ada Metz, showing that the collateral tax must be paid on \$2,599.

NBW OIL FIELD NEAR TIFFIN.

Tiffin, O., March 24.—A well believed to be good for at least seventy-five barrels of oil a day was drilled by John Knox Monday on the Borof farm, six miles north of Tiffin. This is new territory and already many lessees are in the field.

CANTON GETS LODGE'S STATE ASSEMBLY

The state assembly of the Daughters of Rebekah will be held in this city April 7, 8, and 9. Elita lodge, No. 9 of Canton, will be host at one of the largest Ohio state meetings of the order ever held and elaborate preparations are on among the members of the ladies' order to make the affair a complete success.

All the notables of the order in Ohio will be present. It is expected that at least 500 members of the order from the different cities of the state will come to the meeting, of which number about 70 will be delegates.

Tuesday afternoon a meeting of the grand lodge will be held in the local lodge rooms of Elita lodge and in the evening a reception to visiting members will be given in the McKinley hotel. This is expected to be a most elaborate affair and much preparation

WEAKNESS ALONE

"If Marion Frase dies, it will be from weakness, not from blood-poisoning," said Dr. W. H. Becher, of North Industry, Wednesday afternoon.

Frase, who was shot at his home in Howenstine, has not improved since Saturday. He is very weak, being able to take but little nourishment on account of bullet wounds in his tongue and throat.

There are no indications of blood poisoning and the wounds are healing rapidly.

WALKED TO HIS DEATH

Wheeling, W. Va., March 24.—Charles Arnett, son of Col. Arnett, who is generally known throughout the state as a lawyer, walked into the river today and refusing aid from scores of people who lined the banks was drowned. He was temporarily deranged.

PROBATE COURT.

In the estate of John J. Stover, of Canton, the widow elects to take under the will.

In the estate of Jacob Howenstine, of Pike township, final account has been filed.

In the estate of Kate B. Aultman, of Canton, order and certificate issued fixing amount of estate subject to collateral inheritance tax.

In the guardianship of the St. Clair heirs, of Canton, sale confirmed and deed ordered.

In the guardianship of Schultz heirs, of Perry township, petition to sell real estate filed. Notice ordered.

In the guardianship of Donald Sharer et al., of Washington township, the second partial account has been filed.

In the guardianship of Irma St. Clair et al., of Canton, appraisal of ward's real estate and bond for sale approved. Order to inspect issued.

In the estate of Herbert F. Mellon of Massillon, final and distributive account has been filed. Distribution ordered.

In the estate of Elisan A. Rupert, of Alliance, final account has been filed.

FAULK-AKINS.

Miss Dora Faulk and Leo Akins were married by Rev. O. W. Holmes at the First M. E. parsonage Tuesday evening. Miss Faulk was formerly a local operator of the Stark telephone company. The bridegroom is the son of Philip Akins of West Third street and very well known here. They will reside for the present, at the McKinley hotel.

PENNSY ABSORBS GREAT SYSTEMS

New York Central and Lake Shore Join Forces With the Great Pennsylvania Lines.

Scrpps-McRae Telegram.

New York, March 25.—This morning's Tribune publishes the statement that according to information received from trustworthy sources the control of the New York Central and the Lake Shore has, with the full consent of William K. Vanderbilt, been invested in Pennsylvania railroad interests.

It is said that Mr. Vanderbilt for some time has found the management of the Central's properties irksome and confining. He has been a hearty worker in the combine by which the Central and the Pennsylvania roads have virtually partitioned the eastern trunk line territory between themselves and extended the interests of joint ownership in some of the connecting roads in the south. The Tribune says the interests of the Vanderbilts in the company is not diminished but that the responsibility for the management will be shifted to the Pennsylvania's hands.

JEWELER WAS EASILY TRICKED

Bold Thief Dressed as a Flunky Made Away With \$100,000 Worth of Jewels.

St. Petersburg, March 24.—A bold theft of jewels was committed here today and the thieves got away with gems valued at \$100,000. An imperial coach driven by a flunky in court livery, drove to the leading jeweler of the city and asked for a collection of jewels for selection by the Grand Duchess of Xenia. The jeweler, suspecting nothing, handed the flunky his most valuable jewels and later he found that the whole affair was a fraud. Thieves have disappeared.

August H. Schroeder, 54 years old died of hemorrhage of the stomach Tuesday morning at 5 o'clock at his residence, 2434 Allen street. He was born in Saxony in 1848 and came to this country when 16 years of age. He had made Canton his home for the last 17 years and had a wide circle of friends in this city. He was last employed at the Canton Surgical Chair works.

A wife, four sons and five daughters survive his death. Deceased was a member of the South Market street Reformed church and of Buckeye lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Funeral from the residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, in charge of the Knights of Pythias. Rev. Strasser officiates. Interment in West lawn.

TO HEAD FRENCH ACADEMY.



M. Waldick Rousseau is the man of the hour in France. In legislative circles his chances of being the next premier of France are considered the first order. He is now the most prominent candidate for a chair in the French academy the successor to the late Gaston Paris.

MARRIAGE PERMITS.

Leonard McPherson, 24, and Ethel Carey, 19, Massillon.

Lucius J. Beaudroit, 46, and Kerlesia Bender, 50, Louisville.

Leo A. Akins, 21, and Dora Faulk, 22, Canton.

Frank O. Betz, 29, and Mary Weaver, 29, Canton.

Charles E. Heiser, 26, and Mina Fry, 22, Cairo.

Whitman Summers, 26, and Emma G. Johnson, 22, Alliance.

SEEKING TO PLEASE.

Pleasing others may, or may not, be an unworthy aim. He who seeks to please everybody as a matter of policy is not less selfish than he who decides that it is unmanly to seek to please anybody. But he who seeks to please others without a thought of himself may safely please as many as he can reach without turning aside from the path of duty. It is unworthy of a Christian to seek to please another from a selfish motive, but one who is seeking to please God will find a worthy way to please some of God's children.

SHATTUC'S BRILLIANT IDEA.

Representative Shattuc of Ohio sat in his committee-room busily stamping his name at the bottom of a large number of letters with a rubber stamp cut in facsimile. "What do you use a stamp for, Shattuc?" asked Representative Beldler. "Well," said Shattuc, "if the letters are all right it makes no difference, and if the letters are not all right I can say my secretary wrote them and used the stamp."

GERMAN DENTISTRY EXPOSED.

The American authorities recently refused to allow a German emigrant to land because he was "too ugly." They maintained that with such features he would never find work in the United States. Kormoud, the man in question, says a Munich paper, has just returned to Munich. His features were distorted twenty years ago by a clumsy dentist, who was pulling one of his teeth.—The Scotsman.

UNCLE BILL'S GRIP.

Those editors who continue to worry because the Hon. William Eaton Chandler is holding both state and federal offices evidently overlook the fact that the gentleman has had a long and successful experience in the office-holding line and knows exactly how to hang on when the government is rounding the sharp curves.—Washington Post.

JUST LEARNING THEIR BUSINESS.

The naval academy authorities decide that the episode in which Midshipman Pearson, a New Hampshire boy, sustained a broken jaw, was not "hazing" at all, but a fight between Pearson and an upper classman whom he was told he "must meet." Just compulsory arbitration, that's all.