

LIFE STORY OF MRS. CHADWICK

As Told By Her Sister, Mrs. Alice York.

WAS MADAME DEVERE.

According to Mrs. Alice York of San Francisco, Who Is a Sister of Mrs. Chadwick, That Woman Has Had a Most Amazing Career.

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—Mrs. Alice M. York, who lives at 1030 Geary street, is a sister of Mrs. Chadwick. She declares that Mrs. Chadwick is the "Madame Devere" who served a term in the Ohio penitentiary for forgery. She adds that Mrs. Chadwick in former years was known under many aliases and at one time, while unmarried, was tried on a charge of forgery and acquitted.

Mrs. York is a widow with two daughters and has been living in this city for the past eighteen months. She came here from Cleveland, Ohio, which for many years was her home. She frankly admits her relationship to Mrs. Chadwick. She, however, denies that Mrs. Chadwick is in possession of any hypnotic powers, but avers that at times she has seemed to be in a trance and at such times was deaf to every one.

"Dr. Chadwick is rich, very rich," said Mrs. York, "and I think my sister will be able to get out of this trouble. She is a smart woman and must have known what she was doing."

Mrs. York said that during the time that Mrs. Chadwick, then known as Mme. Devere, was serving her term in the penitentiary she had charge of her only child, and that after her sister's release she gave the boy back to her.

"There were eight children in our family," Mrs. York said, "and our early home was near London, Canada. My maiden name was Alice M. Bigley and my father was Daniel Bigley, my mother's name being Mary, Mrs. Chadwick's maiden name was Elizabeth, and she was born in London, Canada. She is now about 42 years old. There were six girls and two boys in our family, and all are living."

"From London, while I was still a girl, my father moved to Eastwood, Ontario, and then to Woodstock. I was married to S. M. York, who was in the machinery business in Cleveland, and went there to live.

"Yes, it is true that my sister Elizabeth, while still unmarried, was arrested and tried in Woodstock on a charge of forgery. She was acquitted on the ground that she was insane."

"About 1882 she came to live with me at my home in Cleveland. About that time I was compelled to leave the city to go to Woodstock for my health. I left my sister Elizabeth in charge of the house and in my absence she mortgaged all the furniture, giving her name as Alice M. Beside. I came back and learned of her doings but did nothing in the way of prosecuting her. She went to live in several rooming houses, and even there borrowed money by mortgaging furniture that did not belong to her."

"From one house to another she went and repeated the operation, using different names. I paid many of her debts and so-called matters for her. At that time I began to think that she was unbalanced."

"Elizabeth was married in my home to Dr. W. S. Springsteen in 1882. She lived with him only a short time and then they quarreled and separated. A divorce was finally granted and my sister returned to Woodstock to live on the farm with my mother. Then she took the freak of writing letters to friends to say that Elizabeth Springsteen was dead. Many people believed she was dead."

"About three years later she came from Woodstock to live in Cleveland. She lived under the name of Mrs. Scott, as she did not wish to be known as the former wife of Springsteen. Springsteen's full name was Wallace Scott Springsteen, and she sometimes called herself Mrs. Wallace and sometimes Mrs. Scott."

"It was in Toledo, where she was known as 'Alice Devere,' that she got into the trouble that landed her in prison. She was arrested and charged with obtaining a large amount of money by forgery. A man named Joseph Lamb, an express agent, was arrested with her. He was acquitted, but she was sentenced to a term of nine years in the penitentiary in Ohio. They said that she had a hypnotic influence over Lamb, but that was untrue."

"Before my sister was sentenced she had married, C. L. Hoover, who I believe was a newspaper man. That was about 1886. There was one child, a boy, and when my sister was sent to prison I had charge of the boy part of the time and part of the time he stayed with my mother at Woodstock."

"We heard frequently from my sister while she was in prison. She was released in 1893, being paroled by William McKinley. She then lived with me for a time in Cleveland with her boy. She travelled some as a saleslady for a millinery house. She was then known as Mrs. Hoover."

"In 1897 she met Dr. L. E. Chadwick and was married to him in Windsor, Ont. He was very wealthy and had a daughter about the same age as her son. They came to Cleveland and lived in a magnificent house on Euclid avenue. She had everything she wanted, went about in an automobile, and dressed in the finest of raiment. She lived happily with Dr. Chadwick and travelled about with him a good deal."

"She is certainly a strange woman. I often asked her why she did such senseless things and she would answer that she could not account for her actions. She knew that the things she did would be found out, yet she did not hesitate in repeating the actions that would cause trouble to her. This in my mind was proof that she was mentally strange. At times I have seen her sit for hours as if in a trance. She seemed bewil-

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dered and her eyes had a vacant stare. At such times she would not reply when questioned. She would have melancholy spells and nothing would arouse her.

"My sister is erratic in dressing. She likes flashy colors and wears clothes that in my eyes are ridiculous. I do not believe she had hypnotic powers or ever exerted such influence over anyone. She was and is yet a good-looking woman and made friends wherever she went. Despite her strange actions, Mrs. Chadwick has many good qualities that endeared her to every one. She was generous and was never happy unless she was helping others. I have known her to take newboys from the street and clothe them."

"She tried to live down her past. When she came out of the penitentiary she would never say anything about her prison life nor of the time that she was known as Lydia Devere."

"I have had only two letters from my sister since I have been in this city. It has been more than twelve months since I heard from her."

Mrs. York bears a striking resemblance to photographs of Mrs. Chadwick. The husband of Mrs. York died in 1898, leaving an estate in Cleveland. Both Mrs. York and her eldest daughter have been forced to work for their living since coming to this city.

St. Albans Girl Honored.

Wellesley, Mass., Dec. 8.—At a mass meeting of the Wellesley College sophomores today Miss Vera Loomis of St. Albans, Vt., was elected recording secretary for the college year. Miss Loomis is one of the most popular members of her class and is prominent in several of the leading student organizations at Wellesley.

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HAVE BE-COME LAWS

Bills Passed by Legislature in Last 48 Hours

AND SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Closing Hours of the Session Resulted in a Large Grist of Them — What They Are.

Montpelier, Dec. 10.—The bills passed by the legislature and approved by Governor Bell in the past 48 hours are as follows:

Bills signed by the Governor, December 9, 1904.

Relating to the employment of child labor.

To legalize the grand list of the town of Brighton for the years named therein.

In amendment to Sec. 3071 of the Vermont statutes, relating to abatement of taxes.

In amendment of 243 of the acts of 1891, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Hartford Street Railway company," amended by act No. 173 of the acts of 1898.

For the assessment of a tax upon the grand list of the town of Andover for the year 1902 and upon the grand list of said town of Andover for the year 1903.

To legalize the quadrennial appraisal for the years 1896, and the grand lists for the years 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901 and 1902 of the town of Danville, and all taxes heretofore assessed, or that may hereafter be assessed on said grand lists.

To legalize the quadrennial appraisal of the town of Danville for the year of 1902, and the grand lists for the years 1903 and 1904.

To legalize the taxes voted and assessed by fire district No. 1, in Danville, for the years of 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, and 1904.

To provide for certain repairs and alterations to the jail building in Addison county.

To enlarge the village burial ground in the town of Waitfield.

Providing for the care, maintenance, and repair of the Bennington Battle Monument.

To incorporate the Northern Mutual Fire Insurance company.

Relating to the distribution of state reports, laws, etc., for educational purposes.

To legalize the quadrennial appraisal of the town of Pantou for the year 1902.

Regulating the purchase of supplies at the state institutions and laboratory of hygiene.

In amendment of Section 6 of No. 123 of the acts of 1896, entitled "An act fixing the compensation to be paid the various commissioners and members of boards acting under the authority of the state, and making the same uniform."

Empowering the town of Brighton to purchase and construct a water system and issue bonds.

Relating to the holding of the annual school meeting of a town school district in a town where there is an incorporated school district.

To pay the claims approved and allowed by the court of claims.

To legalize the grand list of the town of Braintree for the years named therein.

In addition to No. 254 of the acts of 1872, entitled, "An act to incorporate the village of Brattleboro," and all acts in addition thereto.

In amendment of and in addition to No. 149 of the acts of 1892, and No. 155 of the acts of 1900, incorporating the St. Albans Street Railway company.

To amend No. 287 of the acts of 1902, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Equinox company."

Joint resolution relating to Edward Day Collins.

In amendment of No. 106 of the acts of 1896, entitled "An act prohibiting the killing of deer, moose, and caribou, and repealing No. 94 of the acts of 1890 relating to deer, moose and caribou."

Relating to the preservation of forests.

To incorporate the Deerfield River Power company.

Relating to taxation of collateral inheritance and taxable transfers.

Empowering fire district No. 1 of the town of Brighton in the County of Essex, to purchase and construct a water system and to issue bonds.

To empower fire district No. 1 in Brandon to bring water into said district and to issue bonds for that purpose.

To amend an act concerning Springfield village, approved December 11, 1902, and all acts of which that act is amendatory.

Relating to the removal of packing from journal boxes.

To incorporate the village of Concord.

To incorporate the village of Jack-sonville.

For the protection of horses.

To incorporate the village of North Bennington.

Granting certain powers to fire district No. 1 in the town of Danville.

To incorporate the Lucy Ruggles Teacher's Home.

Granting certain powers to the Brattleboro Street Railroad company.

To provide for an index for marriages, births, and deaths.

To amend chapter 234 of the Vermont statutes relating to public printing and documents.

To incorporate the First Baptist church in Bennington, Vt.

Regulating the time for commencement of an action on accident insurance policies.

To enable the town of Jamaica to refund its indebtedness.

To amend the charter of the Vermont Historical society.

To increase the efficiency of the engineer department of Norwich Univer-

sity, the State Military College of Vermont.

To create a permanent school fund.

To incorporate the Maple Grove Cemetery Association.

Joint resolution providing for payment of mileage and debentures to the widow of A. W. Huribut.

In amendment of Sec. 2 of No. 58 of the acts of 1900.

Making the auditor of accounts a certifying officer and requiring him to furnish certified copies.

In amendment of Sec. 99 of the Vermont statutes relating to the form of ballots.

To promote the horticultural interests of Vermont.

In addition to No. 235 of the acts of 1894, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Hardwick and Woodbury Railroad Company."

For the protection of horse breeders.

In relation to the issue of mileage books by railroad corporations.

Fixing the salary of the prison physician at Windsor.

To prohibit the distribution of advertising matter or the soliciting of subscriptions in or about the state house.

In amendment of No. 82 of the acts of 1898 and No. 81 of the acts of 1902, relating to creameries and the management of the same.

Supplemental to No. 170 of Vermont statutes, entitled "Street Railroads."

In amendment of and in addition to No. 20 of the acts of 1902 relating to the taxation of corporations.

Joint resolution providing for payment of the joint special commission on state institutions.

To amend the charter of Goddard seminary.

Making Sunday a close season and in amendment of Sec. 5142 of the Vermont statutes.

To prevent cruelty to live stock.

To incorporate the village of Cambridge.

Making provision for the support of the government.

Providing for the revision of the Vermont statutes.

In amendment of Section 3883 Vermont Statutes relating to railroad bridges.

In amendment of Section 3884 of the Vermont Statutes relating to tell-tale warnings at railroad bridges.

In amendment of and in addition to Section 23 of the Vermont Statutes relating to duties of the sergeant-at-arms.

To incorporate the Lyndon and Island Pond Electric Railway company.

In amendment of No. 113 of the acts of 1902, entitled, "An act for the preservation of the public health."

Relating to the open season for hunting deer.

Relating to the payment of appropriations for and purchase of supplies by state institutions.

In amendment of No. 216 of the acts of 1896, entitled, "An act to incorporate the Danby Savings Bank and Trust company," as amended by No. 204 of the Acts of 1900 and No. 263 of the Acts of 1902, extending the charter of the Danby Savings Bank and Trust company.

To regulate the traffic in intoxicating liquor.

Relating to the attorney general and the duties of that officer.

Imposing certain duties upon the board of directors of the State Prison and House of Correction.

In amendment of Section 328 and 329 of the Vermont Statutes and No. 11 of the Acts of 1900 relating to settlement with certain officers.

Relating to causes in chancery cases.

Relating to the election of road commissioner and in amendment of No. 63 of the acts of 1902.

Providing for an investigation of certain state institutions.

In amendment of an act passed by the General Assembly of 1904, entitled, "An act to promote good morals in the management of schools," and known as House bill No. 419.

Providing for certain repairs at the State Prison.

In relation to fishing in the Dattenkill River and its tributaries in the county of Bennington.

To appropriate four thousand dollars for repairing and painting at the Vermont Industrial school.

To create additional polling places in certain towns.

Limiting municipal indebtedness.

To establish the boundary line between the State of Vermont and the State of New York from the northwest corner of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to Pottsville River.

Joint resolution relating to purchase of silver service for battleship Vermont.

Joint resolution relating to payment of expenses of certain committees.

To afford relief to the town of Jamaica.

In amendment of and in addition to Section 1312, Vermont Statutes, relating to exemptions from trustee process.

To grant relief to the town of Highgate.

To amend Section 116 of the Vermont Statutes, relating to the opening of ballot boxes.

To grant permission to the city of Montpelier to erect a monument to the memory of soldiers and sailors of Vermont.

To pay A. F. Schwenk the sum herein named.

To incorporate the Newbury Lighting District, and repeal No. 184, Acts of 1896.

To create a bridge commission.

Providing for a uniform allowance for officers of the First Regiment, Vermont National Guard.

Relating to corporations and charters thereof.

To amend Section 3522 of the Vermont Statutes relating to the salary of the commissioner of state taxes.

Joint resolution relating to the coat of arms over the desk of the speaker in the House of Representatives.

Joint resolution to pay the Opinion Publishing company for printing the report of the Soldiers' Home.

Joint resolution providing for revision of rules.

Amending Section 98 of the Vermont Statutes relating to official ballot.

Creating a board of medical registration.

Amending Section 4197 of the Vermont Statutes, relating to license to brokers to procure fire insurance in authorized companies.

To amend number 37 of the acts of 1874 entitled, "An act to incorporate and establish Norwich University."

To pay the Ann Story Chapter, D. A. R., the sum therein named.

Relating to the suspension of fines in certain cases.

To assist the town of Sandgate in maintaining its highways.

To incorporate the Black River Elec-

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Washington, Dec. 9.—President Roosevelt is pursuing much the same policy in regard to a measure giving power to the Interstate Commerce Commission to revise freight rates as he is on tariff revision. He is talking it over with many members of Congress, and making it plain that he thinks it one of the most important subjects before the country and that action ought to be had this winter.

Senator Cullom gave out an interview today in which he said he did not believe a freight-control measure could be passed now, but thought one might go through next winter. When he was chairman of the interstate commerce committee of the Senate, he said, he presented a bill giving the commission power such as the Cooper-Quarles bill proposes, but it met such opposition in committee it was dropped. The committee held that it gave powers too great to be intrusted to any commission.

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