

TESTATOR DREADED LAWYERS.

GEORGE W. EGGLESTON'S WILL IS IN UNUSUAL TERMS.

Lived in England, but His Estate Must Not Go There—Precepts for His Sons and They Are Free to Live in America—Advised Not to Go Into Business.

George Washington Eggleston, a brother of William C. and David S. Eggleston of this city and of the late Prof. Thomas Eggleston of the Columbia School of Mines, was warned by his doctors last January that he might die suddenly of heart disease, and on Jan. 14 he made his will. He died on Jan. 24. He and his family were living at Kinnersley Castle in Herefordshire, England. The will was filed here yesterday.

The testator directs that his body be cremated and the ashes sent to Greenwood Cemetery.

The Central Trust Company is made sole executor and trustee, and the testator commits the family interests to "their kind care and supervision," without any limit as to the duration of the trust. No part of the estate is ever to be taken to England, and it is to be held in trust for the testator's three sons, Thomas Buchanan MacLean Eggleston, Harold Paterson MacLean Eggleston and Vivian Hector MacLean Eggleston. The will says:

My most earnest desire is to perpetuate the name, which, it is trusted, may be for a good name, in all generations. I enjoy the Central Trust Company to keep the estate from legal interference, it being the experience of the writer that an estate is often considered a legitimate prey for those who practice law without a conscience. This estate represents saving, not speculation.

The Central Trust Company are precluded from recognition of any funds raised from money lenders. Temptations are strong in England to raise funds different from my native land.

In several instances the property has been left out of the line. No doubt, had my brother known it, even had he been here, he would have been only for life and no portion given to them.

May a good Providence care for us and preserve an inheritance so wisely laid up for us by our parents.

The will leaves \$4,000 a year for life to the widow, Amy Veranda Eggleston, and \$3,000 a year to each of the three sons until the youngest, Vivian, is 25 years old. Then the sons are to have among them 75 per cent. of all the residue, the percentage to be increased to 98 per cent. when Vivian reaches 30. The remaining 2 per cent. is to be used in "keeping the estate in heart and to be invested." The sons are enjoined to be kind to their mother and to aid in maintaining the home until they are called upon to leave it. Each son must contribute \$1,000 a year for this purpose to the mother if called for. The testator says that he puts his estate in trust for his sons because his brother had signified his intention of benefiting the sons in his will. He goes on:

At the death of my wife if she is still my widow, I direct my sons to draw by her for the future. They may sell to each other, or exchange, but I desire them to keep their property in the family. Having given to charity on certain principles during my life, I desire them to do good while living rather than at death. I commend my sons to choose professions and to avoid men of dissolute habits, having no cause for them to risk a reasonable competence for the uncertainties of business.

I implore my sons to lead a life of godly, honest and sober usefulness, and even if they live in England, to recall that it is most for their name—moral and historical usefulness, cause themselves to be faithful to their ancestors, who came to America in 1630, as gentlemen from England. Live to do good, my sons, not for pleasure, and may God give you the good name of our best and much more.

My family are free to live in America, and may God grant that as Americans they may do honorable and noble deeds, my own absence from home being more from "circumstances" than from choice, and if my life is spared I may return.

In the petition for probate made by E. Francis Hyde, the vice-president of the Central Trust Company, it is stated that the amount of the real estate is unknown, while the personalty is valued at \$100,000. There are no other heirs named than the widow and sons. In a note to the petition Mr. Hyde says that owing to the uncertainty and invalidity of many of the clauses in the will, he is unable to state definitely what each legatee will inherit.

RESENTED ATTACK ON TRUSTS.

Methodist Preachers Didn't Care Much for a Pastor's Special Grievances.

Methodist preachers at their meeting yesterday talked about "trusts." The octopus throttling contest was held behind closed doors, and the non-elect, who are reporters, were carefully excluded.

It was learned afterwards that the Rev. W. H. Morgan, a former iron worker, now pastor of a Methodist church in Newark, was roundly censured by some of his brother clergymen for expressing views concerning corporations which, it was the general spirit of the meeting, were not true. The Rev. Mr. Morgan took an extremely radical view of corporate interests and their function in the community, and particularly attacked the United States Steel Corporation, declaring it worthy of a place in a category of thieves. Certain parts of his address looked as though they might excite his audience.

In one reference he cited an instance of the absorption by the Steel Corporation of a subsidiary company in which a brother of his held some stock certificates. The brother was obliged to turn into the corporation the stock he held, so the speaker said, and reported in the United States Steel Corporation which he disposed of later at an amount less than that the original stock in the absorbed company would at one time have brought in the market. This action, the Newark pastor said, was forced on his brother and the other stockholders without any regard for their interests and rights.

"Trusts are not so bad," the Rev. Dr. John D. Foster of West Stamford, Conn., declared to his fellow preachers, "and I can think of many ways in which they have distinctly helped people. For instance, I can remember as a student that I had to pay 45 cents a gallon for kerosene."

I am not afraid of the outcome of this whole matter. Some of the things that have been cited have been appalling, but I fail to see that a remedy would be found in any such system of paternalism as the speaker seems to favor.

The Rev. Dr. George Adams, pastor of the Williams Avenue Church, Brooklyn, did not hesitate to speak out his views concerning Pastor Morgan's address. He said:

It is with great feelings of humiliation, and I cannot see how it would be otherwise, that I regret that such a wholesale attack has been made upon trust officials before this body has been made up. Some of the purest, noblest men I know are associated with the great corporations. I do not think any such wholesale denunciation as we have listened to is justified."

BISHOP TIERNEY'S GIFT.

Presents \$15,000 His Priests Raised for Him to Two Institutions.

STAMFORD, Conn., Feb. 29.—Bishop Tierney of the Catholic diocese of Hartford has divided a gift of \$15,000, received from the priests of the diocese on the occasion of his decennial celebration, between St. Thomas's Seminary and St. Francis's Hospital. The Bishop received the gift on Washington's Birthday, which was the tenth anniversary of his consecration as a Bishop.

The fund was raised through the efforts of the diocesan board of consultants and the permanent pastors. It had been hoped to raise \$20,000, but the fund came out \$5,000 short. St. Thomas's Seminary is for the education of young men for the priesthood. It was founded by Bishop Tierney.

MURDERER'S LOCKED-UP WEALTH.

Litigation Over Stephen's Strong Box While He Serves Life Sentence.

Supreme Court Justice Bischoff refused yesterday to make a summary order directing the State Safe Deposit Company to deliver to the Trust Company of America the contents of a safe deposit box in which is some \$30,000, belonging to Alphonse J. Stephani, an insane convict now in Danmore Hospital.

The trust company is acting as the committee of Stephani's property, and served a demand for the contents of the box upon the deposit company. The demand was refused, on the ground that there was no legal proof that the contents of the box belonged to Stephani. The power of the courts to make a summary order of this nature also was questioned, and Justice Bischoff supports that view, and says that until satisfactory proof is given that the securities belong to Stephani no such order will be made.

Stephani shot and killed Clinton G. Reynolds and was convicted and sentenced to life imprisonment on April 10, 1891. Reynolds was a lawyer who had charge of the estate of Stephani's father, which descended to the son on his mother's death. Mrs. Stephani's executors claim a lien on her son's estate for money lent to Stephani by his mother. Stephani used to dabble in stocks and he rented the safe deposit box where his securities are lying. Mrs. Stephani paid the rent of the box up to the time of her death. The box has not been opened since 1894, when a court order was procured, and \$2,600 worth of overdue coupons were cut off and sold and the cash deposited back with the securities.

Stephani's uncle, Charles J. Stephani, of Frankfurt, Germany, had the trust company appointed committee of the convict's property.

NEW BRONX RAILROAD BID READY.

There's \$13,000,000 Behind the Westchester Plan, R. E. Robinson Says.

The New York, Westchester and Boston Railway Company will send to the Aldermen to-day its new application for permission to cross the streets of The Bronx. Robert E. Robinson of the banking firm of Dick & Robinson, which has agreed to provide the capital necessary to build and equip the new road, said:

We have carefully considered the objections to our plan made by Mayor McClellan, and we have submitted to the city the new proposition we submit. Provision will be made for the compensation of the city at a rate which will probably have to be fixed by the Board of Estimate. Grade crossings, situation of stations and other matters which were raised by the Aldermen, for our company is prepared to go ahead with this construction at once, and we believe we can make a plain to any one sincerely desirous of finding out the truth. The firm of Dick & Robinson pledges for \$13,000,000 from strong financial interests to advance that sum immediately for the construction of the road. The plan of the most modern type, running to White Plains on the one hand and to Port Chester on the other. The fact that our charter allows us, without reference to the Railroad Commission, to run to White Plains, in addition to Port Chester, is a most important feature of the plan, of which some have lost sight.

Mr. Robinson made public the full text of the opinion reached by William B. Hornblower, John C. Johnson, George S. Graham and Charles E. Hughes, in which it was held that the company held a perfectly valid charter. The gist of it is that the company's rights and franchises had never been disposed of and that the enabling act of 1893 restored to the company full authority to construct its road.

TWO DIE IN MIDNIGHT QUARREL.

Motorman Finds Their Bodies on the Road in Lodi, N. J.

PASSAIC, Feb. 29.—As a result of a fight over the collection of a sum of money Gallant Genovito and John J. Genovito were shot last night at a boarding house in Lodi. Genovito was killed instantly and John died at 6 o'clock this evening.

Fred Conti and James Rosa, fellow boarders, are in the Hackensack jail on suspicion of being implicated in the double murder. They were taken from their work in the Alexander silk mill at noon last night on evidence given by two Italian boys, boarders at the house, who say they saw the shooting.

The body of Genovito was found lying beside the road by Motorman Jacob Dexter early this morning. A short distance away he found John unconscious. John was placed on the car and hurried to the general hospital, where a bullet was found in his head. A third man is supposed to have taken part in the shooting, as three bullets are said to have been fired. The police are searching the country for the third man, who is described as short and wearing a short, dark mustache.

MORDED AN EVANGELIST.

A Montana Mob Gives Religious Worker a Coat of Tar and Feathers.

HELENA, Mont., Feb. 29.—An evangelist of the name of Bidwell, who has been holding services at Billings for some time, was taken out of that town by a crowd of men, treated to a coat of tar and feathers and then released on his promise that he would quit the place by 6 o'clock tonight. Bidwell, who is accompanied by his wife, has made eight or ten converts during his revival services. He and his followers were accused of having caused trouble in several families by working on the feelings of nervous women.

While the revivalist and his followers were holding services a large crowd gathered in front of the building where they were. Windows were broken, doors smashed in and the meeting dispersed. The evangelist jumped through a window, carrying the cash and all with him, and then concealed himself in an adjoining house.

Finding that the object of his attack had escaped, the crowd started to find him, and some hours later discovered his hiding place. He was escorted out of town about a mile and there treated to a liberal coat of tar and feathers.

HIS THROAT CUT AT DOORWAY.

His Wife Was Earning the Money and He Was Caring for the Children.

Peter Kremelzka, a Bohemian of 492 East Seventy-fourth street, was formerly in the bootmaking business for himself. For a while he prospered. Four months ago he failed. He and his wife then thought they might do better if they exchanged places. So Kremelzka accordingly stayed home, took care of the three children and did the housework while the wife worked in a cigar factory. The plan seemed to work all right, although the family didn't get very much money.

At 8 o'clock Sunday evening Kremelzka left his home, saying that he was going for a breath of air. He didn't return. His wife was found at 3 o'clock yesterday morning, with his throat cut. He will probably die. The police have him under arrest for attempted suicide.

BOY BURGULARS LAUGH.

They Take It as a Matter of Course to Be Caught Once in a While.

Sixteen-year-old John Wallace of 258 Front street and fourteen-year-old Anthony Dine of 41 Scammel street laughed when they were arraigned for burglary in the Essex Market police court yesterday. Solomon Stein, a soda water man, had caught them stealing the tops of siphons in his place.

"I suppose it's up to one of us," said young Dine to Magistrate O'Brien. "You can't keep at this game long without getting caught. I suppose I'll have to take my chance yet. I am young and have got a chance yet."

The boys were held for trial in \$1,000 bail each.

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SLEUTHS ARE SHIFTED ROUND

TO MAKE MORE PATROLMEN FOR THE THREE-PLATOON PLAN.

New 76 Detective Sergeants Will Work as Precinct Wardens—Jerome, the Detective, Brindley, to the Bronx—Chief Smith McClusky as an Adviser.

So as to have all the available policemen on actual duty under the three-platoon system, which went into effect at midnight last night, the Police Commissioner McCauley yesterday transferred seventy-six detective sergeants from desk places and from the Central Office to do duty as precinct sleuths. This means that many of the wardens who have been detailed to plain clothes duty in precincts will have to don uniforms and do ordinary patrol duty.

The Headquarters sleuths that go to precincts as wardens are not displeased. Most of them were former wardens and know the advantage of such a detail. Only the men who have to go back to patrol duty are dissatisfied at the change. Many of the detective sergeants have been doing desk duty in rural districts ever since the beginning of the reform administration.

The detail of the sleuths to the different precincts was done by the Commissioner after many conferences with Inspector McClusky.

Mr. McCauley has sought McClusky's advice a good deal lately, and the gossip of the Police Department says that McClusky has gained a good deal of power. They figure out that he will receive reports from the detective sergeants now assigned to precinct duty and will therefore have to be consulted even more than he is now.

As a result of the transfers made by Commissioner McCauley yesterday, Chandler and Sullivan of the Central Office will be the sleuths in the Tenderloin, together with Detective Sergeant Delany, who is sent to the West Forty-seventh street precinct. Pat Gilda, whom Gen. Greene sent to Queens, will be the warden at the Fifth street station.

George Schoneich, who was a warden with Patrick Darcy under Glennon in the Tenderloin, goes to the East Sixty-seventh street station. Darcy is sent to East Eighty-eighth street. Henry Hahn, an old warden in the Oak street station, will assume similar duties in Elizabeth street. He is reputed to be one of the wisest members of the department.

Edward Sargent, who was Sargent's "Man Friday," goes to Madison street.

Nicholas C. Brindley, who caught George Flower Mills in connection with the Dr. Flower case, is sent to Morrisania, where wardens are not of great importance. Brindley has been attached to the office

of District Attorney Jerome, who asked that he be retained there, the French sleuth, Alphonse Rheude, is sent to Elizabeth street. This change caused much comment in Mulberry Street, where Rheude is regarded as one of the most valuable men in the Detective Bureau. William H. Barrett, who has been doing desk duty at the Church street station, is ordered back to the Central Office.

POLICEMEN THANK MAYOR

For the Three-Platoon System—He Says It's Simple Justice.

A delegation of eight policemen called on the Mayor yesterday to thank him for his efforts to restore the three-platoon system and to promise faithful service. The Mayor said:

I don't deserve your thanks. The restoration of the three-platoon system is an act of simple justice. I have long believed that the patrolmen were the hardest worked men in this city. I made up my mind to do something for them. I have the three-platoon plan put into the platform, and it was put in at my suggestion. I thank you for your kind wishes for the success of my administration and will rely upon you to carry out your promise and help to make it a success.

BANK ROBBERS START A FIRE.

Explosion in Camden, Del., Causes the Loss of Several Buildings.

DOVER, Del., Feb. 29.—A gang of robbers in an attempt to break into the Camden banking house of the Baltimore Trust Company set fire to the town of Camden this morning and several of the chief buildings of the town were destroyed. The funds of the bank cannot be rescued before to-morrow, and no estimate can be made as to the bank's loss from the robbery, if any.

The robbers secured an entrance with tools of child steel. The loss by the fire is estimated at \$25,000. The explosion from the effort to rob the bank started the fire.

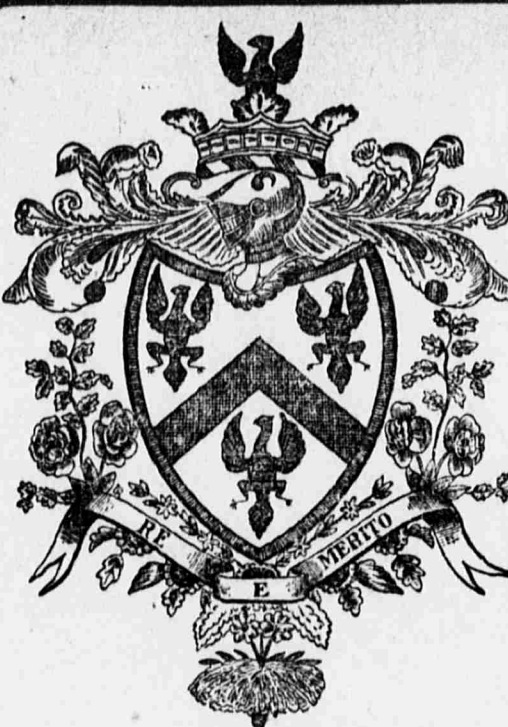
Midget Deserts the Kaiser.

Ernst Rommel, 3 feet high and 28 years old, took yesterday the first step to forsake Emperor William and adopt the United States as his country. He applied for his first papers in the County Court House, and took them back to exhibit to the remainder of the troupe of midget minstrels with which he is appearing.

Berkley School President Free of Debt. Judge Holt has granted discharge in bankruptcy to John S. White of 5 West Seventy-fifth street, president of the Berkley School, whose liabilities were \$143,383, and to Edward W. Nilsson, broker in investment bonds at 1 Nassau street, liabilities \$282,158.

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The splendid values told of below, are the direct result of our Silk Organization's active preparation for this March Sale.

White Fancy Striped Taffetas at 50c; worth 75c

A dozen pretty styles of All-white Striped Silks, such as hemstitched, corded and neat satin striped effects, in excellent quantities; about three thousand yards.

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These are superior quality, than which no better are imported; a fine variety of choice styles in all-white, black-and-white, and colors, thirty-five hundred yards.

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We purchased over twelve thousand yards to get them to sell at this price; all colors from white to street shades; more than fifty shades in all.

Checked Louisines at 58c; worth 75c

Many kinds, and sizes of neat Checked Louisines in black-and-white, brown-and-white and navy blue-and-white—all new and just from the looms.

Black Lumineux at 58c; worth 75c

One of the most popular and serviceable of Black Silks, for waists and whole dresses.

Imported Printed Beau de Gant Fancie at 58c; worth 75c

Twenty-six fine styles and colorings of Imported Printed Silks in most desirable colors, such as black, navy blue, rose, brown, myrtle, prune and porcelain blue, with neat woven dots and small white printings.

White Taffetas at 65c; worth 81

21 inches wide, and sold regularly at a dollar. In white, ivory and cream, at the low price of 65c.

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Sold over ten thousand yards of these in a few days a short time ago. These five thousand yards are the last we can get at this price from a world celebrated maker. They have the correct weight and finish.

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A fine variety of Imported Satin Brocade in all-white and light colors. Excellent quality. Both sides of Rotunda and Cross Aisle.

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SIXTH AVE., 13TH AND 14TH STS.

FACING A PISTOL.

Wilbur O. Smith Never Recovered From a Shock Received Last April.

When Wilbur O. Smith, who recently acquired Trainor's Hotel, at Gates and Reid avenues, Brooklyn, where he had been a bartender for twelve years, died last on Sunday night, his friends attributed his death to a great fright he sustained last April.

He was behind the bar in the hotel when a man who had been drinking heavily brewed, and pointing a revolver at Smith, demanded a letter which he thought was there for him. He threatened to blow out Smith's brains unless his demand was complied with.

A stranger who happened to enter the saloon summoned assistance and the man was disarmed. Smith never completely recovered from the shock.

COMESKY RETURNS.

Clerk of Belleville, N. J., Water Board, Fled for Fear of Censure.

BELLEVILLE, N. J., Feb. 29.—James J. Comesky, clerk of the Belleville Water Board, who disappeared a month ago, returned to his home this morning unexpectedly.

While Comesky's books were found correct, they were in an unsatisfactory condition, and for fear of a raking over from the township officials he concluded to leave the town rather than be censured for neglect of duty.

Comesky wandered about the South Jersey and was finally located in Baltimore and held there until his brother could bring him home. The latter was the only one who knew of the missing man's whereabouts.

ADDISON ELY'S REPLY.
Denies Any Misappropriation of Mrs. James S. T. Stranahan's Money.

Addison Ely, the Rutherford, N. J., lawyer, who has been called upon by his aunt, Mrs. Clara Stranahan, the widow of James S. T. Stranahan of Brooklyn, to render an accounting of \$417,000 entrusted to his care for investment, presented his answer to Vice-Chancellor Stevenson in Jersey City yesterday. The defendant en-

tered a general denial of the allegations that he had misappropriated funds, and said the Baldwin Loan and Investment Company was organized for the purpose of investing Mrs. Stranahan's estate. He said she knew every move that was made in the business.

The Vice-Chancellor allowed a modification of the original order restraining Ely from paying out any money, so that \$2,500 interest due to-day may be met. He authorized Ely to pledge fifteen \$1,000 bonds as security for the amount required for the interest charges.