

MISER STEUBENDORF DEAD.

HE WAS RICH, BUT LIVED ALONE AND STARVED HIMSELF TO DEATH.

X Edward Steubendorf, for a quarter of a century known on the east side as an eccentric and miserly person, died Tuesday night at his lodgings at 329 East Tenth Street, aged fifty-six years. He was buried yesterday in the Lutheran Cemetery, with no religious services. He was an atheist. He had been ill for several days.

When Mrs. Mary Kuehner, the janitor's wife called in Dr. A. Shuman of 319 East Tenth Street, Tuesday evening, the doctor said Steubendorf was suffering from an ulcerated condition of the stomach, due to improper and insufficient food. He told Steubendorf he could live but a short time. Steubendorf at once asked for a lawyer, and one was brought in, who drew up the dying man's will. A pile of bank books was produced, and they showed Steubendorf to have in various city banks sums amounting to \$9,000. This whole sum he bequeathed to Mrs. Kuehner.

Steubendorf belonged to a rich family in Denmark. His great-grandfather was physician to the King of Denmark, and the family has always been well-to-do and respectable. Steubendorf was educated at Lubeck, and spoke seven languages. He came to this country in the fifties with his parents. His father was a cloth manufacturer, and added largely to his wealth. The breaking out of the civil war the family returned to Germany, and came back in 1865.

While in Germany Steubendorf fell in love with his cousin, Emma Steubendorf. She loved him, but the blood relationship precluded marriage, and so the two remained single.

For twenty-five years Edward Steubendorf occupied the rooms in which he died Tuesday. Fifteen years ago his mother died and Edward inherited the whole property, which was about the same in value as now. Early each morning he would slip down the stairs quietly and purchase what food he needed for that day. Then his cousin, a footman, would be sent for him. With a sudden rush he would regain his room from the head of the stairway and bolt himself in, and he would be seen no more that day. If any one wanted to see him and rapped on his door, he would parley with him. He did not like to have any one come into his room.

Four years ago the sound of a falling body was heard in Steubendorf's room one day. People living on the same floor were alarmed, and going to his door asked what was the matter. He replied that he had fallen and could not rise. The door was locked. The people gained an entrance by force, and escaped, cared for him, and sent for a doctor. The doctor said: "You are starving yourself to death."

Cuid people took care of Steubendorf until he recovered strength, and then he chased them from his room. "When I want you again I'll let you know," said he. And since that time he has never spoken to them.

In his room there was a way. The uncarpeted floor was always assured white. He used to take his turn at washing down the tenement stairs. He never had a fire in his room, saying he liked the cold weather. He had many books and he studied and wrote day after day. He had no faith in mankind and none in God. He was tall, thin, gaunt, with waggling hair and whiskers. His eyes were bright and keenly took note of objects and people.

When Mrs. Kuehner found that Steubendorf was ill last week, she took all the care of him upon herself. She did not tell the others in the house of his condition. When he died few knew it, and at the funeral yesterday Mrs. Kuehner was the only mourner. Such friends as Steubendorf had did not attend.

Janitor Kuehner is a man who preaches the doctrine of an equal distribution of this world's goods. Since the news of the windfall, his acquaintances have been asking him for their share. He does not like this, and now he says he knows nothing about it. He says that it was all a dream. Mrs. Kuehner is also uncommunicative. But Tuesday night she told several persons that Steubendorf had willed her everything.

Steubendorf had two relatives living—his cousin Emma, who is in Germany, and Emma's brother, who is in Montreal.

A NEW TRUST

ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN LITHOGRAPHIC COMPANY.

An effort which began several months ago to consolidate the larger lithographic establishments of the country was partially consummated yesterday in the organization of the American Lithographic Company. Guggenheimer & Untermyer, who managed the English brewery syndicate purchase of American breweries, and Oudin & Oakley were the attorneys who negotiated the combination. Although the entire programme was not fulfilled, enough of the larger establishments were united to make a trust which practically controls 90 per cent of the lithographic business.

Joseph P. Knapp of the Knapp Lithographing Company is the moving spirit and president of the organization or trust. The other constitutions which have attached themselves to the new company are Donaldson Brothers of the Five Points, G. H. Bush & Co., 155 Leonard Street; Schumacher & Ettinger, 34 Bleeker Street; Lindner, Eddy & Clauss, 66 Centre Street; the Old Lithographic Company, 30 Washington Street; and the Litho Company of 94 Bowery; George T. Harris & Sons, Philadelphia, and F. Heppenheimer & Sons, Jersey City.

The new company was capitalized at \$11,500,000, of which \$3,500,000 is preferred and \$8,000,000 common stock, and the individual companies sold out to the new company and took the price of stock accordingly. The new organization will have a necessary working capital, a first mortgage of \$1,000,000 was voted. None of the stock or bonds of the new trust will, it is said, be put upon the market.

The promoters of the new trust have figured out a prospective income of more than 10 per cent. The officers of the new trust are: President—Joseph P. Knapp; Vice-Presidents—George T. Harris, Philadelphia, and George W. Donaldson, New-York; Treasurer—Louis Ettinger; Secretary—William C. Heppenheimer, Controller of New-Jersey. The trust is organized under the laws of New-Jersey.

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to Denmark
great-great-grandfather
Dr. to King of Denmark
2. Fell in love w/ cousin
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OVERTMAN COURTS MARTIAL.

SEVERAL OF THE CHARGES ADMITTED

BY THE DEFENSE.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 6.—Although it had been expected that the Overman court-martial would meet this morning only to adjourn to Monday, such proved not to be the case. A surprise was created when Col. Gardner, for the accused, waived the absence of Mr. Carklin, of the firm of Carklin, Stickney & Orum, of Saginaw, Mich., who was to produce a letter written by Major Overman, and admitted that Major Overman had received \$234.50 from the firm as an engineer of labor, and intimated to account to the Government for it.

It was also admitted by Col. Gardner that the Major had received the sum said to have been received by him in Speculations 2, 3, and 4, of two state charges, and that he had wholly failed to account therefor; but the fact that such retention of funds was unusual, or that the money was intended for the military service was denied, and the sum of these speculations was admitted to be \$25.

Dr. Martin was called to testify in regard to Speculation 1, of \$100, a second charge that Overman buying for his use a lot of pearl-handled knives from George Worthington Company, and chartering them to the Governor, a large sword, Mr. Martin presenting a bill in full, and Dr. Martin selecting therefrom a bill for \$100, which was paid to the George Worthington Company. It was for 250 sabres at 5 cents each and 9 pounds of washers at 3 cents, a total of \$18.27.

Mr. Martin was then asked to produce the remaining bills, and was shown a bill for \$150 in favor of the State of Michigan, and a bill for \$2.00 and charging it to the Government as \$22.60 the item, in the voucher being for the services of a machinist.

STEUBENDORF'S WILL.

HIS TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS LEFT TO HIS HOUSEKEEPER.

The will of Edward Steubendorf, the eccentric miser, who died Tuesday night in his apartment, 329 East Torch Street, is in the possession of A. Hermann, the notary who drew it up. Mr. Hermann would not talk much about the will yesterday. He admitted, however, that Mrs. Mary Kuehner, the miser's housekeeper, was the sole beneficiary to the \$10,000 which the dead man had on deposit in bank. He said that the will would be presented for Probate some time next week. In the meantime, it might be that relatives of the old man would appear, though that Steubendorf had two living cousins, Emma Steubendorf, wife in Germany, and her brother, who lives in Montreal, Mrs. Kuehner says that these cousins are dead, and that the old man was the last of his race. The will was made on the testator's deathbed only a few hours before he died. When the attorney general heard of the will he said, "I hope they will not publish it." He added, "The old man had no one whom he cared for so uncontrollably as has been published. His household, a flat of four rooms, neatly furnished, but simple, a small kitchen, a small bedroom, was carpeted and the walls were covered with colored prints and chromos."

LEFT THREE WAYS A LYON.

The scheme to obtain new quarters for the Law Department and the Department of Taxes and Assessment in the Stewart Building appears to be an unnecessary move just at this time. The quarters now used by the departments in the Stude Zeitzin Building may not be large enough for their purposes, but it would seem that they could be moved to answer the purpose without any great expense. The new building, on Court Street, is in condition to receive the Court of General Sessions and the District Attorney's office will be moved into the new building, and the old Brooklyn Court House in the City Hall Park could be put to the temporary use of the two departments. Mr. W. H. Farnsworth, of the Law Department, said that the new Municipal Building may be built some time before the century closes, and then the old Court House can be torn down. The new Criminal Courts Building may not be completed six months yet, but that would not be long enough to move the two departments to their new quarters.

TRYING TO SAVE A MURDERER.

It is believed that the appeal taken by Senator Peaseal from the decision of United States Court Judge Green refusing a habeas corpus to determine the right of the Hudson County Clerk to resequester Hallinan, the colored wife murderer, will have the effect of staying the execution till the appeal shall have been decided.

Wednesday was the date set for the execution of Hallinan, and it was to be held at the old Hudson County Courthouse, on Court Street, between Main and Washington Streets, in Newburgh. Hallinan, on arraignment, and Hallinan's defense agent, Posobach, will take another application to the United States courts and serve notice of appeal. By repeating these tactics he hopes to postpone the execution indefinitely.

BURGLARS ON STATEEN ISLAND.

Burglars paid another visit to Brighton Heights, New Brighton, S. I., on Friday night and entered five houses. At the residence of Otto J. Willows, 3 Whitman Terrace, the thieves found a master window unfastened, and, entering, passed to the lower floor. The silverware had all been carried to the second floor, and all the plates that they snatched away, a few silver bone dishes and silver spoons. This window was left open, and James Heneker on Westervelt Avenue another unfastened window was found. A number of silver and gold articles and a box of cigars were stolen.