

CRIMINAL COLUMN.

Murphy the Drunken Reprobate Gets a Term on Bread and Water.

Cranky Doings of Joe Miller's Crazy Man.

The Police Court Racket for One Day

The register at the city jail yesterday showed few guests for a holiday round up. There were only two for arraignment before Judge Benke at 9 o'clock, and one of these was William Murphy whose drunken escapades have of late brought him into notoriety. Murphy is a young man, not bad looking nor by any means uneducated. There are no visible traces of noble birth about him and the story of his aristocratic lineage is probably a hoax. His allowance is only \$25 a month instead of that much a week, and that wouldn't pay decent house rent in Omaha. Murphy was released from jail Thursday morning to attend his child's funeral, and promised to give it a respectable burial, but after ordering a coffin and carriages from Undertaker Jacobs he went off and got drunk again, and Thursday, mashed the furniture in his house and threatened to beat out his wife's brains with a chair. He was soon loaded in jail and on arraignment yesterday had the cheek to beg for another trial on his good behavior. The judge sent him to the county jail for twenty days, on a diet of bread and water, with the promise that if at the end of that time he repeated his performances of the past few days he would give him the extent of the law.

The body of Murphy's child, which was a still-born, was taken in charge by M. Jacobs, who yesterday attended to its burial. The wife has been given temporary shelter with some of the neighbors and will, it is said, bring a suit for separation from her husband.

HIS DEBIT.

A well-known citizen of Omaha, who has been here for nine years past, was arrested Thursday for being drunk and disorderly. His past good character was vouched for, and he stated that this was his first, and it should be his last appearance in police court, and he was discharged in consideration of its being a Thanksgiving day spree.

PRETTY EXHIBITIVE.

A bar-keeper of a Sixteenth street saloon, was arrested on Wednesday night, and dreading the publicity of an appearance in police court, and possibly the loss of his job, paid his fine and costs, \$12.50, early Thursday. Thursday night he was again run in, in the same condition, and Friday morning paid \$12.50 more and departed. Whether the experience so dearly bought will benefit him or not, is hard to tell.

VALUABLE BAGGAGE.

Marshall Angell has received a \$100 offering \$400 reward for the return of a trunk and contents stolen from Clark's Hotel, Duluth, Minn., on the night of the fire of Nov. 16th. The trunk was a large Saratoga, belonging to Mrs. Ada Fergusson, wife of Owen Fergusson, a wealthy man of northern Minnesota. It contained a most valuable wardrobe and any amount of rich jewelry, besides four 1,000 mile railroad tickets on the Northern Pacific and C. M. & St. P. roads. There were also numerous valuable private papers, certificates of tax sales, etc. Half the reward will be paid for the recovery of the property and half for the conviction of the robbers.

MILLER'S CRANK.

The man who assaulted Jailor Miller Thursday morning has annoyed the officers about the city jail considerably of late. A few evenings ago he called and produced a card on which was drawn in a bold manner, a diagram of the boarding house kept by Wallace on 13th street, showing the entrance, stairway and location of the sixteen rooms on the second floor. He wanted to have all the occupants of the house arrested and locked up but was at a loss what charge he had best make and consulted officer McClure on the subject. He finally determined to bring the charge of murder against the occupant of No. 11, as he thought that ought to stick him, while the occupant of No. 12 he accused of highway robbery. A woman who roomed in one of the rooms and had recently become a mother he charged with breach of trust. Later he returned saying that he had charges now against all of them, which he thought would stick and that he could now sleep well, as he had not done in a long time. He then went off to sleep in the county jail and the next heard of him was his assault on Jailor Miller.

Garfieldiana in the Century Magazine.

The Garfield articles in The Century for December comprise matters of much interest, chief among them being the narratives of the illness told by the physician in charge. Mr. D. W. Bliss has thus very ingeniously captured the situation and fortified himself against attacks, if any are to be made, by becoming the historian of the case; and he has done the work so well, with such excellent taste, absence of egotism and generous recognition of the services of his medical assistants and the others connected with the case that he has made himself pretty secure. This is not the record of the surgeon he promised, "no much as of the man who loved his patient. The official and professional reports are presumably complete. There can be little to add to them, save what unprofessional criticism may be supposed to have done about as much as it will in the four North American Review essays. Dr. Bliss adds his confirmation in this paper to what the world already knows of the president during his illness, saying that "Of all that constitutes moral and physical courage, and that high self-

poise which found examples in the annals of Christian martyrdom, President Garfield and his heroic wife were the embodiments. The sad story of those dreadful 11 weeks exhibits the beauty and consistency of the true Christian character as I never, in a long and eventful experience, witnessed before.

Many of the incidents he relates have already been published, but we quote a few new items of interest, as the fact that among hundreds of letters and telegrams received daily containing "urgent advice as to treatment," threats of death if the president should die, and similar ones if he should live, there were many "manly and heartfelt expressions from ex-federates. One from Texas said, "If your memoirs do it, I can furnish a couple whose loving hearts and loyal arms shall bar the wounded president to Elberon as tenderly as ever mother carried babe." Dr. Bliss thinks that Garfield probably did not believe he could survive long before the beginning of the final collapse. On September 15 the doctor left him for five hours, going to New York, the occasion on which he left him for 80 days. Returning at 5 p. m. he only presented the usual signs of fatigue, heat-out his hand and "attempted the usual smile," but when Dr. Bliss said: "Mr. President, I have been away for a few hours, as you know, but they seemed like an age," he answered: "Doctor you plainly show the effects of all this care and unrest, and I am glad you were forced to take the temporary relief. Your anxious watching will soon be over." After that came "the wandering mind, easily and instantly recalled by a word or the touch of a hand," and the other symptoms of the end, recognized by the president. "Perfectly calm, sentimental, even inclined to be jocose and humorous, there was still an undercurrent of conviction which an optimist could not see."

"Upon the day before his death he addressed Col. Rockwell as follows: "'Old boy' do you think my name will have a place in human history?"

"The colonel answered:— "'Yes, a grand one, but a grander place in human hearts. Old fellow, you mustn't talk in that way. You have a great work yet to perform.'"

"After a moment's silence he said sadly and solemnly:— "'No my work is done.'"

Dr. Bliss gives a simple and touching description of the death scene; and crosses a history with a tribute to Mrs. Garfield,—"brave, self-contained, helpful, always superior to considerations of self,"—and to the rest of the household and the other doctors. "Next, to Col. Rockwell, his classmate and devoted friend, generous and noble-hearted, Gen. Swain, equally capable, and a close friend of many years; Dr. Bryant, his cousin, alert, dispassionate, quick to learn a want or to decry a danger; Miss Edson, the devoted friend of the family, thoughtful, earnest and intelligent; C. O. Rockwell, always judicious and faithful, and Steward Crump, whose unceasing and loving work early disabled him; and lastly J. Stanley Brown the president's private secretary, who with a ready judgment superior to his years, in a thousand ways guarded and aided those who were watching the president—to these proved and trusty aids in our great labor of love, I desire to express my sense of the value of their services. The professional counsel who rendered skilled and generous help, were always harmonious. The gravity of the problem hushed all possible dissent. Every bulletin given was carefully and thoughtfully considered, every sentence, every statement of fact was weighed, in the attempt to convey to the public the unanimous views of the counsel."

E. V. Smalley's Characteristics of President. Garfield is based upon a friendship of 20 years, and he offers peculiarly interesting information concerning Garfield's habits of work, his reading, his amusements, his public life generally, with pleasant glimpses of his home, where he was one with his family to an extraordinary degree. There are two portraits, one of the boy of 16, the other a splendid full page engraving by Cole of a Sarony photograph of last summer. There are several other of the magazine's contents which relate to Garfield, but the only other that calls for mention in this fasciculus of the anniversary of July 17,—"James A. Garfield, Struggles for Republic." A note from Col. Rockwell states that the president took pen or pencil in hand four times during his illness.

The Hound Unleashed. Charles Thompson, Franklin street, Buffalo, says: "I have suffered for a long time with constipation, and tried almost every remedy, but without any relief, resulting in temporary relief, and after 'constipation still more aggravated.' I was told about your Striped Basson and tried it. I can now say I am cured, and though a few months have elapsed still remain well. I shall, however, always keep some on hand in case of old complaint returning. Price, 50 cents; trial bottles 10 cents."

A Strange Cloud of Vapor. About a month ago a remarkable phenomenon was observed near the village of San Jose Papalapan, Vera Cruz, Mexico. Two days after a violent thunderstorm and incessant raining, what seemed to be an immense cloud rising out of the ground was observed. Little attention was paid to the phenomenon, as many of the peasants interpreted it to be smoke with large quantities of wood that were burned into charcoal. An Indian, going to his maize field, situated on a hill, discovered that the vapor issued out of his field. He started to approach the column being thwarted by the extreme heat of the vapor. The extension of the column was some thirty square yards, and the vapor issued at intervals of five minutes. The smoke was so dense that the eye could not see the trees on the other side of the column. The maize field was completely burned, and as the vapor came out on other spots covered with trees, the leaves were burned and the trunks became black. The vapor column proceeded in the direction from east to west, between the volcanoes of Orizaba and of Orizaba. The phenomenon lasted nearly seven days and is interpreted as an underground fire communicating with the volcanoes of Orizaba and that of Tuxtla.

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