

FIFTEENTH YEAR.

HONORS TO THE DEAD

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THE DISTINGUISHED DEAD.

ARRANGING FOR THE FUNERAL AND PLACE OF BURIAL.

MOUNT MCGREGOR, July 24.—The one condition imposed by General Grant before he died upon those who should decide the place of his burial is the cause of delay in fixing the spot for sepulchre.

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THE LITTLE CHOKER.

Smith's Special Sail From "Hell on Earth" to a Hot Hereafter.

Osceloa's High Holiday, and a Gallows Time.

Cooling Collar for a Brutal Criminal—Hanging of Milton W. Smith for the Murder of His Wife.

THE DEATH THROTTLE.

SMITH SUCCESSFULLY LAUNCHED. Special Telegram to The Bee.

Osceloa, Polk Co., Neb., July 24.—Milton W. Smith, the wife murderer, suffered the penalty of his crime in the jail yard here this morning.

An immense crowd of people, estimated at four thousand, surrounded the enclosure. They came from Seward, Rising, Shelby, Stromburg, Columbus, Waco and all the country around.

The town wore a Fourth of July appearance, with a larger crowd than had ever before gathered here.

It had more the appearance of a grand holiday rather than the gloomy spectacle of a gallows and its victim—the legal hanging of a man who, in cold blood, took the life of the woman he had sworn to protect and support.

THE PRISONER'S LAST NIGHT.

The condemned man broke down somewhat during the night and expressed a desire for a spiritual adviser.

By C. Campbell, a prominent Methodist layman, called and offered prayer in which Smith, weeping, confessed his guilt.

The prisoner refused to be shaved or to have his hair cut, saying he did not want to leave a hair in the town.

VISITED BY HIS CHILD.

Early this morning the eldest daughter called to see her father, but no conversation took place, both being in tears.

A MOB BREAKS LOOSE.

Sheriff Hamilton wore in fifteen deputies, and armed them with clubs to protect the enclosure.

Shortly before 10 o'clock Deputy Sheriff Beltzer requested the people to be quiet and make a speech.

The crowd remained orderly until 10 o'clock, when suddenly a mob broke loose.

With clubs and stones they tore down and moved on the enclosure. The deputies seemed entirely helpless.

Hundreds of hands were quickly at work pulling the slight structure to pieces.

This was accomplished without any bodily injury being done except hands lacerated on the barb wire.

THE PRISONER'S LAST WALK.

The crowd then seemed satisfied and waited patiently until 10:30 o'clock when Smith was led from the jail and mounted the scaffold.

He appeared pale and haggard but walked firmly without assistance.

On the scaffold he made a speech to the people denying being guilty of premeditated murder.

He called on God to forgive him as he forgave his enemies. His feet were then pinioned.

The black cap placed on his head and the noose adjusted by the sheriff. Smith then said: "I commit my spirit to God and my body to wicked people."

The drop was sprung at 10:45 and the body dropped six feet. Hardly a perceptible movement was made, but blood spurted from the nostrils.

After hanging four minutes Dr. Hayden pronounced him dead and the body was cut down eight minutes after the drop.

The neck was broken by the fall. The body was immediately placed in a coffin, and not being claimed by relatives was buried in potters field.

Saloons closed until after the execution, but when opened were filled with people. Considerable drunkenness resulted.

No further disturbance has occurred and the crowd is leaving town.

REPORTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN BEHALF OF SMITH TO SECURE A COMMUTATION OF HIS SENTENCE FROM HANGING TO IMPRISONMENT FOR LIFE.

Petitions to Gov. Dawes, signed by citizens of Osceloa, the county seat of Polk county, where the crime was committed, as well as personal appeals by the prisoner himself.

They were of no avail, however, and the extreme penalty of the law was meted out to the condemned man.

The petitions in behalf of Smith had twenty-six signatures, including one of the members of the grand jury which found the indictment.

WARRANT AS HE HAD THREATENED HER LIFE. This seemed to anger Smith and resulted in the tragedy already stated.

These were the facts brought forth during the trial. Smith claimed that his wife had been unfaithful to him, thus causing him such mental anguish as to drive him momentarily insane.

This is one of the pleas he enters in asking for executive clemency, claiming that his life for the past twenty years has been a "hell upon earth."

In his letters to the governor he also refers to his children, four of whom are yet under ten years of age, and pleads to be spared to them.

From his former actions, however, it seemed to be more merciful to the children that they should not be cumbered with such a father, and it is to be hoped that they will forget he ever existed.

"DON'T TOUCH MY LILLY." A QUOTER FIGHT BETWEEN TITLED BUNS IN SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE BEE.

New York, July 24.—The Sun's London cable says: All accounts of the fracas between Lord Londale and Sir George Chetwind in Rotten Row show that the latter began the assault by striking Lord Londale on the head with a whip and knocking him on his back into the street.

Both men rose at the time. In delivering the blow, Sir George cried: "Take that, you devil!"

"What in hell do you mean?" rejoined Lord Londale, smacking under the blow.

"Don't meddle with my Lilly," shouted his assailant, as he again struck Lord Londale with his whip across the shoulders.

Lord Londale then returned the blows with his whip. The horses of the combatants became frightened and began to plunge and kick in such a lively manner that their riders were at last forced to dismount.

Dropping their whips they continued to fight with their fists. Sir George Chetwind soon got his opponent's head in "chancery" and continued to pummel him.

Lord Londale struggled to free himself and both men rolled in the dust. Both quickly regained their feet and with blood flowing freely from their noses and mouths, and their clothing badly torn, renewed the fight until a mounted policeman galloped up and separated them.

The combatants entered closed carriages and were driven to their homes. Legal proceedings are threatened, but friends of the men are trying to keep the matter out of court.

The fight between the two aristocrats in Rotten Row is the latest in a series of quarrels in club circles. Sir George Chetwind was found this afternoon posing on the door step of his residence in Grafton street with his carriage waiting to take him to drive in the park.

He was smiling and affable, and bore few marks of the melee. He said the quarrel arose out of an expression of opinion on the part of the duke of Devonshire, who, he said, afterwards wrote to Sir George some offensive letters to which Sir George says he replied courteously.

Lord Londale and Chetwind met yesterday when words led to blows, which continued until the young duke of Portland and Sir W. Campling separated them.

"You can see," said Sir George, "that I am injured, and I don't believe Londale is much hurt." A dozen reporters had been seeking Mrs. Langtry to-day, but she left town last night, and the secret of her present whereabouts is zealously kept by her friends.

Lord Londale has a black eye and a cut cheek. He is keeping himself closely secluded and is under the care of a doctor at his residence in Carlton House terrace, near York gate, in St. James square.

He has had numerous callers during the past few days, and is expected to appear in the park for