

NEW YORK RULED BY A BARTENDER

Character Sketch of Charles F. Murphy, Leader of Triumphant Tammany.

New York Press
CHARLES F. MURPHY, the leading figure of Tammany Hall today, challenges interest much in the same way as a puppet who is raised to a throne and founds a dynasty. He was one of Tammany's coarsest boozers. Now he is playing for an empire. The Tammany victory on Tuesday will make him the uncrowned king of New York.

Who is this man and what are his characteristics? What capacity has he for government? Now that the fortunes of the election have put the fate of nearly 4,000,000 of persons in his hands and placed the imperial revenues of the city at his disposal?

"Charles" Murphy is a young man. He is barely 40, and he doesn't look as old as that. His complexion is the kind called "sandy." If he had a beard it might be red, but his face is always smooth, shaven, which helps out the youthful appearance. Meet the Tammany leader when you will, he gives you the idea of a man who just has got out of a barber's chair.

He is of medium height—the merest trifle above it, perhaps. He is well built, his figure showing evidence of more or less athletic training. He looks like a man who might give a good account of himself in a rough-and-tumble fight. Yet he does not impress one as being a pug-nacious person. Obstinate, doubtless, capable of sudden anger, but his anger is not forceful. There is an oiliness, a certain suavity about the smug smile that habitually sits on his clean-shaven lips that makes one wonder if the man ever cracks up to reality.

He dresses well, eschewing the ostentation of many of the Tammany politicians, who, like him, are enjoying a sudden accession of affluence. Murphy's clothes are not "loud." There is no vulgar display of diamonds. He does not indulge himself even in the high silk hat so dear to the average Tammany leader's heart, but invariably wears a derby. His manners are quiet.

The leader of Tammany is a product of the East Side. His type is one that is plentiful enough along Second Avenue, but that is all. If Murphy were to be asked today why he is a Democrat, he would not at all likely be able to give an intelligent reply. He probably would be able to say why he has linked his fortunes

with Tammany, but that would be more in the nature of a confession than a profession of political faith. The leader of Tammany has had much to do with abstract principles. His politics have been of the concrete order. When he went into the voting booth on election day he put his cross in the circle under the star, but if the party emblem had been a dollar mark he would have liked it as well, if not better.

Cheerful under circumstances that would drive some men insane with anxiety, Murphy deserves in a way to be known as the Mark Tapley of local politics. Occurrences that would upset the equilibrium of able men do not faze the Tammany leader. It may be owing to an inherent inability to appreciate danger. More likely it comes from an overweening confidence in his destiny, a thing found not infrequently in men of limited intelligence. The predominant trait in the Tammany leader's character is this self-complacency. It would be safe betting he never is dissatisfied with himself, no matter how much others may criticize him. He might as well have talked to a stone image as to Murphy. He listened to them patiently, but their words did not affect his opinion in the least. He could see nothing in the rant of two Fusion candidates except a piece of great political strategy.

It is said by Murphy's friends that he was genuinely surprised when he heard of the demand for the expulsion of Groot and Forney from the Fusion ticket. The incident throws an illuminating light on the character of the man and his mental processes. His complacency, however, did not prevent him from being able to wear the same self-satisfied smile, and he wore it still after Hugh McLaughlin's bolt had put the Tammany district leaders into a

blue funk and caused a panic among the Tammany rank and file.
Over in Brooklyn the Tammany headquarters have been dubbed "The House of Too Much Trouble." The troubles are the result of Murphy's leadership. Senator McCarren conducted a campaign of cross purposes. The Democrats of the borough were up in arms against the ticket which Murphy forced on the Carnegie Hall Convention. The sight was presented of McLaughlin, the head of the Brooklyn Democracy, leading an army of "old-line" Democrats against the Democratic candidates—McLaughlin, whose name for 40 years had been synonymous with party regularity.

Things like this would have made a man less saturated with egotism than Murphy is. It is doubt the wisdom of his acts—at least cause him to pause and consider whether he had managed affairs as adroitly as he now does.

Not so with Charles F. Murphy. Men close to him say they were unable to detect the slightest evidence that he regretted being elected. He was in the city every day at his desk in Tammany Hall with ever the same smug smile about his mouth and an almost innocent expression in his blue eyes. The Grand Lama of Tibet, wrapped in contemplation of his own perfection hardly could have been more serene.

This is the kind of person who is guiding the destinies of Tammany. Nothing is so great as the advantage that he has of his self-complacency, and that is monumental. It causes him to ignore advice and it makes him practically impervious to criticism. It is the one advantage that he has, enables the Tammany leader to bear the burden of his position without worrying. Murphy never turns a hair, as they say in his own East Side circles. He possesses the composure of the cold-blooded man, for he is cold-blooded.

"Murphy," said a man in Tammany who knows him well, "might be leader of Tammany for a thousand years without his friends. He might as well be a cold-blooded man, for he is cold-blooded."

Such is a brief character sketch of Charles F. Murphy, the bartender in politics.

chase homes there for the educational advantages of the city, but have gone to dry towns, where their children will not be subjected to this temptation. The County Ministerial Association resolved that "the saloon shall be shut out of Jackson County," and all the preachers in the county will join with the Superintendent and Field Secretary of the Anti-Saloon League to accomplish this end. Meetings are already arranged for Tuesday, Central Point, Gold Hill, Jacksonville and Medford. The field workers will then move on to fill engagements at Grand Rapids, Eugene and Salem. Their motto is "The Saloon Must Go!"

ANTI-SALOON.

AN ASTOUNDING RECORD.

Thousands of Persons Perish Yearly From Tigers and Serpents.

Boston Herald.
India is an enormous country, measured either by area or by population, though it is by the latter measurement that it appears greatest. The total population is something like 300,000,000, a fifth of the total population of the world, and a number of great cities are situated within its square mile in India is denser than the population of the State of New York. For the whole of India the density figures are 15 persons for every square mile, while in our country the figure is 25. In spite of this density of population, there are wild tracts of enormous area, and possibly not better proof of this fact can be advanced than the official statement of the Indian government that in 1902 no less than 1046 persons were killed by tigers. In one district 66 victims were claimed by a single man-eater, and in the case of a special reward which was offered for his destruction, this great cat has shown such fiendish cunning that he has been able to baffie all attempts to kill or capture him. More than 20,000 cattle were killed by tigers during 1902, while leopards and panthers claimed even a larger number of victims. Under the system of reward for the destruction of these wild beasts, money was collected in 1902 for the destruction of 413 leopards and 131 tigers, this record not including the large number of animals that were killed by sportsmen who did not claim the government reward. Wild quadrupeds were credited in the year with 3651 human victims, which, while a large number when considered by itself, is really small in comparison with the total population.

Though tigers, leopards and similar wild beasts are charged with almost 30,000 human victims, their ravages pale into insignificance in comparison with the number of persons killed by snake bites. The government tables show that in 1902 more than 31,000 persons died from the effect of snake bites in India, a number about equal to the population of the nearby City of Quincy. One of the most striking features of the "deadly rat" from snake bites is that it varies little from year to year, nor do the government officials hold out any hope that there will be an improvement in the near future. The vast majority of the natives are always barefooted, making them particularly liable to the sudden attack of the great number of venomous reptiles to be found in almost all sections of India. In the case of determined efforts to kill off the snakes, they still exist in large enough quantities to do terrible execution among the natives. In comparison with this report by the government, one of our English contemporaries states that the native agriculturist would not favor the entire destruction of the tigers, panthers and leopards, for the reason that the deer and wild hogs would increase so rapidly that they would destroy all the profits of farming by eating up the green crops. But surely if the tigers could be killed, the deer and wild hogs could also be exterminated. India is evidently still a sportsman's paradise for the pursuit of big game.

locality, previously so poorly supplied in this respect.
I feel, however, impelled to enter a mild protest against the apparent indifference which causes such general forgetfulness to express even in the mildest manner our appreciation of the fact that, where but recently there existed a plague spot that was only an eyecore and a menace to the health of the neighborhood, we now have a legalized and protected institution that is unquestionably a menace to the moral, as well as to the physical, well-being of all who come within the radius of its influence, and planted almost at the doors of the time-honored church above referred to.

The presumption is that we are growing so accustomed to improvements of the character that we are prone to accept them simply as being incident to the development of our city, and our very familiarity with such "improvements" causes us to overlook them and grow almost indifferent to their manifold and manifold advantages.

On account of their parts taken in helping to effect this pleasing change, our congratulations should perhaps be extended to the owner of, or the agent for, the property. Also to those members of our city government, who in response to and in accordance with the oft-expressed policy of our citizens, good and bad, are directly responsible for insuring the permit or license which guarantees protection to the new agency for the uplifting and purification of our city.

Let the good work continue; let us hope that the complaint of Councillors and Executive Board relative to the Kamm property at First and Washington street will be so vigorous and persistent that a similar improvement may speedily result. The special advantage in this case being that a larger property would possibly afford facilities for the establishment of two or more, instead of only one of these home missionary enterprises, which are such potent factors in furnishing our court with business and our prisons and penitentiaries with occupants, and incidentally in filling so many homes with poverty and sadness.

PAY LARGE TAXES.

Foreign Banking Corporations Enrich State and County Treasuries.

PORTLAND, Nov. 9.—(To the Editor.)—Under the heading "Dislike Banking Laws" there appears in your issue of today an interview with certain Mr. F. Howard Hoopes, said to be the publisher of the Financial Age, of New York. The statements of this individual are so utterly at variance with the facts, and so indiscriminating in the columns of the paper, that, on account of the publicity which they receive through the medium of your columns, they appear to us to call for a reply.

Mr. Hoopes states that "the branch of the foreign bank . . . pays taxes only on its furniture and fixtures." An examination of the public records will disprove this statement. The London & San Francisco Bank, limited, which the writer represents in this city, pays taxes exceeding in amount only by a few dollars the National Bank, and other foreign banking institutions represented here also pay as large a tax into the state and county treasuries as almost any bank incorporated under National laws or the laws of this state.

Mr. Hoopes further makes the statement that "the major portion of the deposits of the branch bank is sent to the parent bank in New York." This is a sweeping allegation, and in the writer's experience

Experience is a dear teacher, as those who pin their faith to Mercury find out sooner or later. This powerful poison combined with Potash, is the treatment generally prescribed for Contagious Blood Poison, but failure and disappointment is the inevitable result. These minerals drive in the sores and eruptions, and apparently the disease is gone and the patient believes the cure permanent, but soon learns better when the old symptoms return almost as soon as the treatment is left off. You must either keep the system saturated with mercury or endure the tortures of sore mouth, ulcerated throat and the mortification that one naturally feels when the body is covered with disgusting sores, rashes, copper-colored spots and other aggravating symptoms of this vile disease.

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is untrue, for the very good reason that money is usually worth more on this Coast than it is at the older and larger financial centers.

This disappointed canvasser for an Eastern paper shuddered at the thought philosophically, and got permit his change over his failure to prove to the satisfaction of representatives of foreign banking institutions here that an advertisement in the columns of the paper presented by him is a paying investment, so to warp his judgment and cause him to distort facts.

WILLIAM A. MACRAE.

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SHERIFF SEIZES STEAMER

CREDITORS OF TELEPHONE FILE SUIT FOR \$15,488.

W. C. Francis as Assignee Holds Numerous Claims Against Arrow Navigation Company.

Suit for \$15,488 against the steamer Telephone, owned by the Arrow Navigation Company, was filed in the State Circuit Court yesterday by W. C. Francis, assignee, manager of the City Railway Lumber Company, and the boat, which is lying at the wharf of the Oregon Fuel Company, was seized by the Sheriff.

Francis, an assignee, holds numerous claims for materials furnished and labor performed in equipping and building the steamer. The principal creditors and amounts due are as follows: Williamson & Sons, 4402; Willamette Iron & Steel Works, 2668; City Retail Lumber Company, 3390; W. K. Smith, 225; Phoenix Iron Works, 3410; W. C. Noon Bag Company, 855; Corbett, Palling & Robertson, 1084; Charles P. Beebe & Co., 440; F. E. Beach & Co., 712; Honeyman Hardware Company, 352; Nicolai Bros., 324; Richard W. Turpin, 426. There are also numerous smaller claims.

The Telephone was constructed under the supervision of Joseph Puget, the well-known boat builder, and the Willamette Iron Works supplied the machinery. Six weeks ago the carpenters working on the boat struck, but the lens growing out of demands for wages have been settled.

WANTS HUSBAND TO PAY COSTS

Lucy A. Davis Asks Court to Make an Order in Divorce Suit.

Lucy A. Davis wants her husband, John H. Davis, to pay the expenses of the divorce suit which she has filed against him, also the fees of her attorneys and alimony for the support of herself and child. She has filed a motion to this effect in the State Circuit Court and further moves the court to make an order prohibiting Davis from making any defense to the suit until he has contributed the money in amounts as the court shall direct.

Accompanying the motion is an affidavit signed by Mrs. Davis in which she states that she has no money or property and has been compelled to borrow from her parents, Theodore and Hannah Nicolai, to pay the Clerk's and Sheriff's fees, and has no means with which to pay her attorneys or support herself and child. She says John H. Davis is engaged in practicing dentistry with his father, L. W. Davis, and he is advertising freely, and she believes they are doing a large and profitable business; that her husband is earning \$25 to \$30 per month and is well able to contribute.

M'GUIRE TO FACE CHARGE.

Sheriff Storey Says He Was in O. R. & N. Hold-Up.

"I know that James McGuire was concerned in the O. R. & N. train robbery," said Sheriff Storey, yesterday, "but I am not at liberty to disclose the evidence I have against him just yet. There were men concerned in the robbery although only four of them may have been at the train. Miner sent to California for Jim James to come up, and I know that there were two attempts to hold the train up before the night it was stopped. I don't think it would be right for me to tell all I know at the present. District Attorney Manning will file an information against McGuire as soon as he gets time. He is too busy trying cases to attend to it now."

More than this Sheriff Storey declined to give out for publication. He says he will have hopes of getting McGuire. McGuire has lived at Government Island, where he was arrested, for a long time. He is known in Portland and worked here as a longshoreman and also laying street pavement. He was first brought in as a witness.

ACQUITTED ON THEFT CHARGE.

Men Who Took a Satchel "By Mistake" Are Free.

George Hotchkiss, a bartender, and Harry Daley, a jockey, were tried and acquitted before Judge George and a jury yesterday on a charge of stealing a satchel and contents, consisting of wearing apparel, at the Union Depot, September 20. The young men were arrested a few days later at The Dalles and have been in jail ever since. The property belongs to W. J. Applegate, and was intact when recovered, except a gold nugget.

The defense interposed by the accused was that they were traveling from place to place following the races. They were at the depot to take the train for The

TO TEST SIDEWALK LAW

OREGON REAL ESTATE COMPANY EXPECTED TO FIGHT.

City Improves Its Property, but When It Attempts to Collect Lawsuit Will Come.

The cement sidewalk ordinance, which has had such a prosperous career, and now includes all but the outskirts of the city, is looked for a jolt. The Oregon Real Estate Company, which owns 150 or more city blocks in Portland, is making an unimproved except for wooden sidewalks and sewers, is not going to stand for a wholesale ripping up of its wooden walks and the supplanting of cement substitutes. The company, which has collected all these desirable blocks, is holding on in the hope of netting a neat little fortune, and is naturally undesirable of sinking an extra half-million in the property. But residents of Irvington and adjacent additions who speed through this property on the electric cars complain of the rotten condition of the sidewalks, and City Engineer Elliott, on examination, has found that in some cases, at least, they need repairing. He even found one where the walk was past repairing, and though he sent notices of the fact to the owners, they refused to do anything. He found it necessary to lay a cement walk himself, if he wished it done. He did this from the funds of the chronically weak street fund and expects to realize on the deal when the city takes over the sidewalk adjacent to the walk after January 1. In the meantime C. K. Harbaugh, secretary and representative of the company, has taken no official notice of this fact, and merely says that the sidewalk will be brought into court. Whether Mr. Harbaugh has something up his sleeve and expects to crawl out of paying for the sidewalk or not, the city will find out in the near future. The city is in a hurry to get the sidewalk adjacent to the walk after January 1. In the meantime C. K. Harbaugh, secretary and representative of the company, has taken no official notice of this fact, and merely says that the sidewalk will be brought into court. Whether Mr. Harbaugh has something up his sleeve and expects to crawl out of paying for the sidewalk or not, the city will find out in the near future. The city is in a hurry to get the sidewalk adjacent to the walk after January 1. In the meantime C. K. Harbaugh, secretary and representative of the company, has taken no official notice of this fact, and merely says that the sidewalk will be brought into court. Whether Mr. Harbaugh has something up his sleeve and expects to crawl out of paying for the sidewalk or not, the city will find out in the near future. The city is in a hurry to get the sidewalk adjacent to the walk after January 1. In the meantime C. K. Harbaugh, secretary and representative of the company, has taken no official notice of this fact, and merely says that the sidewalk will be brought into court. Whether Mr. Harbaugh has something up his sleeve and expects to crawl out of paying for the sidewalk or not, the city will find out in the near future. The city is in a hurry to get the sidewalk adjacent to the walk after January 1. In the meantime C. K. Harbaugh, secretary and representative of the company, has taken no official notice of this fact, and merely says that the sidewalk will be brought into court. Whether Mr. Harbaugh has something up his sleeve and expects to crawl out of paying for the sidewalk or not, the city will find out in the near future. The city is in a hurry