

Blind Muck's Crime.

No Hopes are Held for Daughter's Recovery.

At a late hour last night there was little change in the condition of Eva Muck, and Dr. M. E. Silver, who had just visited her at the Samaritan hospital, reported that the chances for her recovery were unfavorable.

It is thought by Dr. Silver that the ball took upward direction, in spite of the fact that she received the bullet while standing two steps below the frenzied father. While the ball has not yet been located it is thought that it is lodged beneath the right clavicle.

In the sifting, squalid rooms over the Eagle Cash grocery, 400 West Seventh street, Stephen Muck, a well known blind violin player, dangerously wounded his daughter, Eva 16 years old, then turning the revolver upon his own person and blew his brains out, in mad and mysterious frenzy. The fiendish crime was committed yesterday afternoon.

A second shot was then heard, and William Muck, the son, pulled open the door leading from the dining-room to the hallway.

As the door opened the elder Muck fell gasping in a pool of his own blood, where he remained until he breathed his last at exactly 1 o'clock.

No cause can be explained for the act. Eva was the favorite daughter of the old man and had always been his confidant. Even in his most frenzied moments—times when he lost all sense of reason, and there had been many of them in the last few months—the young girl never usually the means of quieting the disturbed father, when crazed by liquor or an insane jealousy of the other members of the family.

As the young girl gathered herself together at the foot of the stairway she started screaming across the street, gasping for breath and with the blood flowing from a hideous wound in her breast. At the middle of the street the girl staggered and would have fallen but for James R. Hackett, a barber next door to the grocery, who caught her in his arms and assisted her into Thompson's drug store, 401 West Seventh street. Dr. M. E. Silver happened opportunely to be near at hand.

The young woman's clothes were by this time afire from the powder shot from the father's revolver. She was wringing her hands in her apron, which was fast being colored by the blood flowing from the wound.

"Oh, my God!" she cried in her frenzy and pain, "why can't somebody do something for me? Why don't you let me lie down and die without pain? Oh, father, why did you do it? Oh, doctor, can't you help me?"

Moaning and fast losing her strength from the pain the young woman became delirious. Grabbing his overcoat from off the hook, George Howes, the drug clerk, folded it around the form of the girl. Dr. Silver picked her up and drove with her to the Samaritan hospital. All the way to the hospital the girl screamed: "Oh, where is father? I forgive him. I forgive him."

Dr. Maxwell E. Silver said yesterday afternoon, after coming from the Samaritan hospital, where he had taken the girl:

"The chances for her recovery are poor. The wound is on the right side of the sternum and one half inch below the right nipple. The

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bullet is probably in the right lung. The ball may have struck the right lobe of the liver, and, if such be the case, there may be decidedly serious results. Septic pneumonia and blood poisoning are possibilities that must be reckoned with. I administered a hypodermic injection to relieve the girl's pain and left her in a fairly comfortable condition. She has been conscious ever since the shooting, and on the way to the hospital talked freely of the affair."

Stephen Muck's self inflicted wound appeared from the first to be fatal. As he lay sweltering in the pool of blood which was forming on the floor of the dining room on which he had fallen, the brains protruded from the gaping wound just over the right ear. The bullet crashed clear through his brain, and the blood oozing from the left ear showed that his attempt had been a thorough one.

As he fell into the room, his wife, who had been his companion for forty years while the old man was blind and helpless, rushed up from the chair in which she was seated and gave the alarm. The son, William Muck, known well in police circles by the name of William Miller, hovered around his father to give him aid. D. Garver was called, and within a few minutes he arrived and pronounced the case hopeless. With blood spattering with each expiration and the revolver by his side, Muck gasped in awful throes for forty-five minutes before he breathed his last. Meanwhile the hall filled with a crowd of sympathetic neighbors and acquaintances who witnessed the final struggles of the old man.

Coroner Robbins was notified of the tragedy, but after an investigation he decided that no inquest was necessary and the body was removed to Dayhoff's undertaking rooms.

Much mystery attaches itself concerning where Muck secured the revolver. It was not known that he had one until the shots were fired.

"We had none in the house," said William, the older son, to the officers. "I never saw one here and how the old man got it I do not know."

"What made him do this?" was asked.

"Crazy, I guess. If I had shot a daughter of mine and then blew my own brains out I guess that I would be called crazy, wouldn't I?"

lived around Sioux City for years and has been commonly termed "the blind fiddler." He is a musician by profession and made all of his money by playing at dances. He had been without sight for forty years and was known to be a man of violent temper and at times thought to be crazy. He was the father of Frank Peyton, who confessed to the murder of John E. Robson, but who afterward denied it.

Beside the daughter who hovers near death at the Samaritan hospital there were living with Muck in the rooms over the grocery store his wife and daughter, Mrs. Miller, whose two sons, Merwin, aged 10, and Tiny, aged 12 years, also lived with them. William Muck, the son, 30 years old, also was at home most of the time and was present this afternoon when the tragedy occurred.

Merwin, the youngest of the grand children, was a constant companion of his grandfather and was employed in leading the old blind man around. He had been told to watch Muck and report in case he should buy a revolver. The little boy stated this afternoon that he had seen no such act.

The most pitiable sight yesterday was when the two little boys, who had been summoned to dinner and were mounting up the stairs behind their aunt Eva when she was shot by her father, were watching the death throes of their grandfather and were standing over him in open eyed surprise and horror.

Mrs. Miller daughter of the suicide and mother of the two little children, was absent from the house at the time the tragedy occurred.

The body of the old man was not removed from the house for some time after he had died. The ambulance was busy when the police call was made and no means of removing him was at hand.

At the request of the family the disposition of the corpse was left entirely to them.—Sioux City Journal.

MYSTERIOUS CIRCUMSTANCE.

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Court Doings

The Lengthy Calendar Now Well Under Way.

Thursday afternoon Chas. Anderson was indicted for selling liquor to Fred Tripp. He was brought into court and given until Friday night to plead. Friday forenoon he gave bonds for his appearance in court, for \$200, the bond being signed by John A. Anderson and John Ronan.

Friday morning, Wm. Soehner and Louis Lenz of St. Kilian were brought into court under four indictments for illegal selling of liquor. Five other indictments were also returned against the first named on the same charge.

Frank Bremer and Frank Nigger of St. Kilian, were indicted for assault in the second degree, on Hubert Garver.

Attorney C.M. Crandall represents all of the Wilmont parties.

Attorney Stelle S. Smith was appointed by the court to represent Hugh Jackson, charged with forgery. During the morning session he entered a demurrer to the indictment claiming the indictment was not specifically sufficient. He also made the plea that the crime committed was not sufficient to warrant so serious a charge; and that the defendant had suffered sufficient incarceration for the crime committed. The demurrer was taken under consideration.

The case of Buhner against Coffett was given to the jury Friday morning. A special venire of jurymen was issued.

The next case taken up was Sullivan against Mangles, a claim for non payment of an indebtedness amounting to \$300.

Friday afternoon the case of Sullivan vs Mangles, the parties decided to settle the case and the jury was directed to return a verdict of \$160 for the plaintiff.

The jury returned a verdict of \$1.00 for the defendant in the Buhner-Coffett case.

Owing to the rush of business, Sheriff Fruske found it necessary to have another bailiff and appointed John Dolheim.

The next case taken up was Norman against Sorem regarding the ownership of some hogs.

Sheriff Fruske made a good trip after the Wilmont parties. He left here on the afternoon train Thursday

for Adrian, picked up deputy sheriff Faragher, drove to Wilmont and had his prisoners here early Friday morning. Nothing slow about Newton.

Saturday forenoon was occupied with the Norman-Sorem case.

Friday evening, Chas. Anderson plead guilty to illegal sale of liquor. Wm. Soehner and Louis Lenz also plead guilty to the same charge on one indictment. Frank Bremer and Frank Wigger, plead not guilty to the charge of assault.

During the noon hour the Norman-Sorem case was settled.

After the jury assembled after dinner they were discharged, thus leaving the case as it formerly stood in favor of the defendant. The jury were then excused until Monday afternoon at two o'clock.

About two thirty the grand jury reported their labors completed and were discharged. No indictments were disclosed. The Judge instructed the Clerk of Court to furnish the village papers a copy of resolutions and minutes of the grand jury in reference to the jail.

The untried cases were then reviewed and it was decided to try some of them next week. The Judge said if the criminal cases were likely to occupy more than the regular term he might secure another jury to hold the Rock county term. It was indicated that the Krause case might be the last one tried, it was also intimated that the Ringler case might go over until the next term for want of time in preparation.

Court was resumed Monday afternoon. The first case taken up was the appeal in the ditch case, where in some of the property owners claim their land is not benefited to the extent assessed.

Messers Bremer and Wigger, charged with assault gave bonds for their appearance in court and were released.

The case of the appeal in the ditch matter went to the jury Tuesday just before noon and the jury returned about two o'clock with a verdict for the defendant. The amount fixed by the appraisers was \$25 per acre aggregating about \$1200.

The case taken up was Darling against Langley, for an accounting of the husbandry while Langley occupied the plaintiff's farm.

Monday evening more indictments were disclosed. Hugh Jackson was indicted for larceny in the

second degree. Attorney Smith appointed by the court to defend him. Martin Levine was indicted for gambling, in playing cards commonly called poker, on Sept. 20, 1903.

Attorney Crandall will appear as counsel.

Three indictments were returned against Geo. W. Wilson for gambling, in playing cards commonly called poker, on three counts. Feb. 16, March 16 and Sept. 16, 1903. Bonds were placed at \$100. Mr. Crandall will appear for him.

Tuesday evening, Hugh Jackson plead guilty to the charge of larceny.

In the case of Martin Levine and G. W. Wilson a demurrer was entered alleging that the indictments did not conform to the statutes in such cases.

The case of Norma Burnett against Albert Burnett was heard in chambers and a divorce granted on the grounds of adultery.

Owing to Attorney Crandall being engaged in court all day Wednesday he had no time to prepare argument in the Levine and Wilson cases, and was given until Friday evening to do so.

The Darling-Langley case went to the jury just before noon.

The next case was Jas. Porter against John Maher growing out of a claim that credit had not been given, for all payments made upon a note.

DEATH OF ONE OF NOBLES CO. EARLY PIONEERS.

Word was received on Tuesday by Mrs. Frank Eggleston of Reading, of the death of her aunt, Mrs. B. R. Prince, of Toledo, Wash., Feb. 20, 1904, after a lingering illness of more than a year.

Mrs. Prince was a resident of Worthington for many years being a pioneer here in the early seventies and has many warm friends and relatives here who will regret to learn of her passing away. She was a true friend and a loving companion to all who had the pleasure of her acquaintance and none ever knew her but felt that they had gained a friend worth having in such a true Christian, kind hearted lady.

She leaves two sons and a host of relatives to mourn her loss, her husband having gone on before her some two years ago.

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