Crowds Attend the Last Meetings of Francis Murphy in This City.

THE INTEREST BEING KEPT UP

By a Series of Meetings by Local Temperance Organizations.

A PROMPT REBUKE TO A SLANDERER

The usual crowd of attendants were pres ent at the Murphy meeting in Lafavette Hall last night, and the interest throughout was maintained by the exhortations of Mr. Murphy, J. M. Kelly and Captain J. K. Barbour, all of whom spoke in an entertaining manner. Mr. Murphy spoke some half a dozen times, beginning each time with the explanation that he would only be half a minute, but, becoming earnest in his remarks, wound up with a little story, and so kept his hearers interested and satisfied to stay longer. Captain Barbour re-told of his many experiences as a drinker and as a Murphyite, and J. M. Kelly told of his experiences as a Keeleyite. The music throughout was good and the meeting closed with an earnest prayer by Mr. Murphy. It was announced that the last of the

meetings will be held on Friday night. Mr. Murphy will then go to New York City to hold meetings. They will be held there after on Sundays at 3 o'clock at the Keeley Institute, 3811 Fifth avenue, when all the temperance organizations, Murphyites, Keeleyites, Good Templars and others will begin a series of union gospel meetings and continue them so long as the interest war-

Francis Murphy's Prompt Action.

Francis Murphy, though one of the most gentie of men, is also, as some people have had occasion to learn, full of vigor and leonine wrath when aroused by anything that he considers intentional injustice to himself or others. An incident was yesterday told by some of his co-workers as having occurred at Tacoma last year. When he was invited there the local ministers held a meeting to help him. Among them was one that had come from Pittsburg. This man was alleged to have made some misrepresentations to the ministers, that Francis Murphy was a "scamp," and so on; the result was that the ministers were

induced to withhold the invitation.

Mr. Murphy heard of the occurrence and went straight to the ex-Pittsburg preacher, asking the latter if he had made false and damaging statements. The ex-Pittsburger denied it, insisting he had merely quoted Mr. Murphy as being opposed to the Law

and Order Society.

"Well," said Mr. Murphy, "I am afraid you are not telling the truth, and that you did in secretsay false things you now refuse to verify in public, but I forgive you, since you take it back. You can quote me all you want as being opposed to the libel on the name of temperance in prosecuting people for the sale of water and milk on Sunday, but you must know that I will permit no one to pass from criticism of me wash no one to pass from criticism of my work into assussination of my personal character; and I am going to work in Tacoma all the same, invitation or not."

Murphy's Great Work in Tacoma

The result was, Mr. Murphy undertook a series of meetings in Tacoma which lasted for five weeks and secured over 7,000 pledges. The ministers, every one of them, then came in, and treated the temperance apostle with the greatest kindness, giving him invaluable assistance. They passed a series of resolutions, thanking God that Francis Murphy came to Tacoma, also for the work he had accomplished. The instigator of this damaging statement made in the first instance against Mr. Murphy also professed his sorrow, and was forgiven by the temperance apostle.

"The truth is," said Mr. Murphy when questioned about the Tacoma incident yesterday, "that this type of people have to be forgiven very often. They are reckless in their imputations. Surely, as everyone knows, I go about my work without pretention, feeling almost too humble to be decent, but I tell you, sir,"-and here the fire flashed from his gray eyes—"I cannot per-mit any man, whether he wears the cloth or not, to deliberately assassinate my name. That and my work are all that Francis Murphy has in the world, or will leave be-

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