

THIS AFTERNOON'S DESPATCHES.

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The Bible in the Public Schools.—The Clergy Moving in the Matter.

New York, March 7.—Rev. Dr. Clark of the Forty-second street Presbyterian church, lectured last evening on the subject of the Bible in the Public Schools. He made a severe argument against the Roman Catholics, and asserted that the cause of this movement was that the Pope, which was growing weak in Europe, seeks to recover its vigor on our soil. He warned the people of the Divine displeasure in seeing God's Word banished from the schools.

Rev. Mr. Hopewell of the Church of the Messiah, preached last evening on the same subject. Previous to the sermon a petition to the Legislature against the bill was circulated in the congregation for signatures. Mr. Hopewell contended that we are on the verge of a revolution whose results would be more important than anything occurring in American history since the Declaration of Independence. He said his principle was the bottom dollar for the public schools, but not one cent for sectarianism.

Suicide of an Author.—Snow Storm in New York.

New York, March 7.—Some further facts have transpired relative to John George Harding, an Englishman, who committed suicide in a disreputable house on Twenty-seventh street, Thursday night. He was a man of some literary character and author of a translation of Dante, copies of which were found in his room. He left England and came to this country in consequence of domestic difficulties, squandered all his money in gambling and, penniless and miserable, he ended all with poison.

New York, March 7.—Six inches of snow fell in the city last night. The storm still continues.

Reorganization of Kings County Commissioners.—Movements of Mr. Seward.

New York, March 7.—The Democratic General Committee and the Kings county delegation held a conference on Saturday, at which it was resolved to abolish or materially modify all the Albany Commissioners in Brooklyn, as they were unproductive and expensive. The Water Board, Fire Commissioners and the Health and Police Board will be the first to be reorganized, and probably a bill for that purpose will pass the State Legislature this week.

Secretary Seward attended church at St. Paul's yesterday. During the day he received several calls and in the evening dined privately with some friends. To-day he will call formally on the Common Council, in accordance with arrangements already made; he will be received in the Chamber of the Board of Assistant Aldermen.

Terrific Passage across the Atlantic.—Among the Icebergs.

New York, March 7.—The ship *Clad Trollop*, of Glasgow for this city, arrived last night. She had a hard time, between gales and shifts of floating ice. She was caught February 26th, in a terrific southerly gale, and lost her foremast, mainmast, fore-topgallant-mast, main-topgallant-mast, three jibs, and cross-jack from the yard. On the 27th she ran into large fields of ice, with numerous small bergs. The bergs closed up around her and another mass of ice crashed against her hull. Further progress seemed impossible, but she was heeled overboard, and after hours of sailing in this direction had cleared the ice. Continuing the same course, she passed through another field of broken masses of ice high and forced her way slowly through the bergs, and so near them that her mainmast was carried away. Once through this field of ice they had no further trouble.

Horrible Atrocity in Spain.

New York, March 7.—A city paper gives an account of a horrible and mysterious affair in Spain, which it says it would not believe had not the details been confirmed by a letter from its own correspondent. The story is that on February 17th a band of people broke into the house of an Alcalde of a village near Valencia, making a hole in the roof. The owner of the house, M. Bolina, was in bed with his wife, when the invaders pulled them out of bed and gagged them both. They then went into the rooms where six children were sleeping, whom they bound with cords, and then, in sight of their parents, tore out their eyes and tongues. They afterwards cut off the feet of Mr. Bolina and his eldest son, but purposely left the children near the bed unharmed, and then threw them on the ground. After that they ransacked the house, and left the house at daybreak. Two of the villains have been arrested.

The Case of Ex-Auditor Wickliffe.

New Orleans, March 7.—Ex-Auditor Wickliffe delivered the coupon he was charged with embezzling to selling Auditor Graham, and gave bail. He has been released from prison.

Absent Story About Mr. Seward and the New York Government.—Was it the City of Boston?

Chicago, March 7.—A Tribune New York special says several politicians have been enthusiastic the policy of naming William H. Seward for Governor of New York, on a ticket uniting Conservative Republicans with the latter portion of the Democrats. The proposition appears to be favorably received, though it is strongly opposed by the Tammany Ring, who will nominate Hoffman or Tweed at the next election.

Three thousand dollars of American silver was shipped from Montreal to New York yesterday, on order from restaurant and saloon keeper, who intended to give silver in change.

The captain of the ship *Geopline* reports having given a steamer near the Azores Islands February 26th, which resembled the Inman steamer, and there it came periodically that she is the missing steamer *City of Boston*.

Chicago, March 7.—Washington specials say both the Railroad committee in Congress reported unanimously in favor of the bill giving the Central Branch of the Union Pacific an extension from the present terminus to junction with the north line at a point not west of the one-hundredth meridian. The bill embodies a loan grant, but expressly provides against a money subsidy.

Virginia Politics.

Chicago, March 7.—Reports from Richmond do not speak favorably of the progress of the new movement with all who support Grant's administration against the late administration. The regular Republican Executive Committee lately made a proposition looking to this issue, but the Conservative wing claim to be the only regular organization, and refuse to entertain any proposals from any other side.

Wisconsin Capital Question.

Chicago, March 7.—The Senate and House Committees of the Wisconsin Legislature have reported against the removal of the capital to Milwaukee, but the citizens of the latter place are still hopeful of the success of the movement and are working accordingly. A strong effort will be made to pass the bill next week. If it fails, however, at the next election this question will be made the principal issue.

Members of the *Irish American*, had improved very much within the last few days, and his friends are quite hopeful of his ultimate recovery.

Later from Cuba.

HAVANA, March 7.—The police arrested last night 24 members of the Massole fraternity who were holding mourning services at the lodge. The arrests were made for violation of the law prohibiting assemblies without permission of the authorities. Foreigners present were not molested.

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