

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

Stirs Up the Legislature on New York Bills.

THE POLICE MAGISTRATES BILL.

The Governor Urges Its Immediate Passage and Speaks at Some Length Upon the Necessity of Avoiding the Delay Which Reform Bills Encounter.

ALBANY, March 26.—Governor Morton sent to the Legislature recommendations for the passage of the police magistrates bill for New York city.

In substance he says: "The constitution of the state makes it my imperative duty to recommend to the Legislature from time to time such measures as I may deem expedient.

"I call the attention of the Legislature to a matter of the highest present importance, namely, the reorganization of the inferior criminal courts of New York city. Ten weeks have elapsed, but the measure has not yet been passed by either house. Unless prompt action is taken upon it there is danger that it may fail to become a law.

"Such a result would be a public misfortune. It is widely, perhaps generally, believed that in some of the present police courts there is today a practical denial of justice.

"This belief is strikingly sustained in the report made by the Lexow committee. It is there charged that a very important reason why the police have been able to carry on and successfully perpetrate their reprehensible practices is that at least some of the police justices have apparently worked in sympathy and collusion with them.

"Again it is stated that because of the maladministration that prevails in these courts the poor and needy were unable to obtain redress or relief from the oppression or tyranny of the police, and that their path to justice was completely blocked.

"These are serious charges and seem to be largely supported by public opinion in the city of New York. They invite the careful consideration of the law making power and call for a speedy remedy. It is to these inferior criminal courts, the very sources of the administration of criminal justice, that the poor especially, look for protection from oppression and wrong. When these fountains of justice are polluted, the evil results to the people are beyond calculation.

"A doubt has been expressed as to the constitutionality of this bill, but that doubt has been practically resolved in its favor by the recently published opinions of some of the most eminent and learned lawyers in New York city.

"I desire also, to call attention to the need of prompt reorganization of the police department of New York city.

"In the testimony before the Lexow committee it was charged that many members of the police force, among them officers of high grade, were not only blackmailers and extortioners, but were actively in league with the criminal classes.

"It is generally believed that the extent of alleged corrupt practices has not yet been fully revealed. I therefore recommend the early passage of the police magistrates bill, so called, and of a measure that will place in proper hands the power to reorganize and regenerate the police department of the metropolis."

FIGHTING AT PERU'S CAPITAL.

A Thousand Dead Bodies Littered the Streets—The President Resigns.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—A dispatch was received by Secretary Gresham from Minister McKenzie in Peru in reference to the recent revolution there. According to McKenzie, there was bitter and sustained fighting in and around Lima for three days.

At the end of this time there were over 1,000 dead bodies lying unburied in the streets, and both sides were exhausted.

An armistice was agreed upon to permit the dead to be buried and the wounded cared for.

After this was finished negotiations were still continued, and finally an agreement of some sort was reached, by the leaders of the contending factions, but the details of this were not learned by the minister.

Some sort of provisional government now seems to be in control.

FATAL HOTEL FIRE.

Three Bodies Taken From the Ruins and One Still Missing.

DENVER, March 25.—The St. James hotel, one of the finest in the city, has burned. The fire broke out in the basement. The floor of the rotunda collapsed, letting the flames and smoke into the corridor.

While the fire was at its height the floor sank without warning, throwing several men into the pit below.

Three bodies have been taken out, as follows:

Harold G. Hartwell, captain of Horse No. 8.
Richard Dandridge, pipeman.
Steven Marshall, pipeman.

There is another body in the ruins, probably that of a fireman.

Loss about \$50,000.

Utica Federal Court Cases.

UTICA, N. Y., March 27.—In the United States court Charles Pierce, an Indian of the Allegany reservation, pleaded guilty to petit larceny and was sentenced to four months' imprisonment in the Cattaraugus county penitentiary. In the Rochester counterfeiting case evidence for the defense was heard, and the case will go to the jury today. Albert Knowles of Tonawanda and Franz Katowzky of Buffalo pleaded guilty to illegal naturalization and were sentenced to one year in Erie county penitentiary.

Gladstone Expresses Indignation.

LONDON, March 26.—A large conference on the Armenian question was held in the conference room of the house of commons. Among those present were 30 members of the house and a number of other prominent men. William Follard Eyles, M. P., reported that Mr. Gladstone, who arrived in London from Mentone Saturday night, had said he returned to England boiling with indignation at the shocking treatment of the Armenians.

Bank Ordered Closed.

NASHUA, N. H., March 27.—The old Nashua Savings bank, the fifth largest in the state of New Hampshire, has closed its doors by order of the bank commis-

DOINGS IN ALBANY.

Legislative Proceedings in Both Senate and Assembly.

ALBANY, March 21.—The fracas between Senators Parsons and Donaldson in the Republican caucus was a general topic of conversation prior to the adjourned caucus.

The Lawson police magistrates' bill was the special order on the assembly calendar.

When the calendar was reached, Mr. Pavey arose and said that owing to several errors in the printing of the bill it would have to be reprinted, and owing to the rule providing that all bills after amending and reprinting must lie on the desks of the members three days, the bill could not be read. He, therefore, moved that the bill take its place on the regular calendar and this was agreed to.

Mr. Ainsworth's homerule taxation bill was made a special order for Thursday, the 28th inst., on second and third readings.

In the senate the committee on banks reported Senate bill amending the banking laws so as to prevent banks of discount and savings banks hereafter created from occupying the same buildings.

Bills passed: Senator Smith's, providing that where school trustees have a tie vote, the superintendent of instruction shall settle it.

Senator O'Connor's, allowing judges of the court of appeals to sit on cases of insurance companies when they are policy holders.

Senator Parsons', providing for the professional training of teachers.

ALBANY, March 22.—All was excitement in the senate over the pending debate on New York police bills.

The senate went into committee of the whole on the bills, and Senator Lexow said that he understood there would be no objection to discussing the bills and the reports of the committee.

To this Senator Cantor agreed, and Senator Bradley tried to get the committee of ten's bills substituted.

This was declared out of order at such a time and the clerk began to read the reorganization bill.

Upon a motion to substitute, made after the first section had been read, Senator Lexow began his speech.

Senator Cantor replied to Mr. Lexow, and was followed by Senator O'Connor.

Senator O'Connor then moved that the bill be advanced to third reading as amended.

Carried, without division.

The bipartisan police bill was then taken up.

Senator Bradley offered the Committee of Ten's bill as a substitute.

The question of adopting the substitute was then put and defeated—yeas 10, nays 16.

The bill was then ordered reported to a third reading with amendments.

Senator O'Connor offered a resolution that the judiciary committee be empowered to investigate the workings of the court of appeals as to the working of the court and what the abuses were.

This was made a special order for Tuesday afternoon.

The senate then adjourned.

The assembly committee on ways and means held an extra meeting, and decided to report, favorably, Mr. Chapman's resolution to extend the time to April 1st, in which the committee appointed to investigate the municipal departments in the city of Syracuse, and appropriating \$4,000 for the expenses of the committee, with an amendment requested by Frank H. Higcock at a recent hearing before the ways and means committee, that the investigation committee allow the city of Syracuse and its departments to appear by counsel, and with the right to call and examine and cross-examine witnesses, such counsel not to be a charge on the state.

In the assembly the report was adopted.

ALBANY, March 23.—The aftermath of the senate sessions was apparent when only 18 senators turned up at the morning session.

When bills on third reading were reached, Senator Lexow called up the New York police bills, and submitted a number of minor amendments, principally in correction of typographical errors.

The amendments of Senator Lexow were adopted without any division. These amendments will prevent the passage of the bills now until Thursday of next week.

In the assembly Mr. Conkling introduced a bill to regulate the registration of the inmates of licensed lodging houses in cities having a population exceeding 700,000.

The bill was referred to the cities committee.

ALBANY, March 24.—The event of the evening session was the introduction in the assembly by Mr. Ainsworth of two police bills for New York city. One provides for a bipartisan police commission to be appointed by the mayor. The other deputizes the existing commission to reorganize the force, but the mayor is clothed with veto power on all of its arrangements. So far as possible the Lexow and the Committee of Seventy measures have been incorporated.

When the senate convened, the chair handed down a communication from the executive committee of the Committee of Seventy asking for the immediate passage of the Pavey police bill for New York.

The governor sent in a message on the New York police magistrate bill, and it was read and referred to the judiciary committee.

Bills passed: Mr. Terry's, allowing village trustees to remove ice from sidewalks and assess cost on property.

Mr. Howe's, requiring use of automatic safeguards on elevators, etc.

Mr. Andrews', requiring display of flags in public schools.

ALBANY, March 27.—In the senate Senator Bradley made the point of order that three bills were reported from the railroad committee and, though he was a member of the committee, he knew nothing about them.

Senator Coggeshall declared that the senator had been notified of the meeting and the bills were reported by a quorum.

The special order in the assembly was Mr. Ainsworth's tenement house commission's bill, on second reading, providing for the improvement of tenement and lodging houses in New York city.

When the bill was taken up Mr. Hamilton offered a number of amendments, which were voted down, and the bill was ordered to third reading and made a special order for April 2.

Mr. Armstrong's, permitting supreme court judges to pass upon suits involving insurance companies in which they may be holders of dividend-paying policies.

Mr. Howe's, authorizing the formation of a corporate body to be known as the sixth and seventh judicial districts of the State Volunteer Firemen's association.

OUR ROMAN LETTER.

Celebration of the Anniversary of the Election of Our Holy Father.

Memorial of the Late Rector of the Irish College.

ROME, ITALY.

February the 20th, was the anniversary of the Election of Leo XIII. to the dignity of Visible Head of the Church. Though the solemn inauguration of the new year (18th) of his glorious and fruitful Pontificate is reserved for the coming anniversary of the Pope as Pontiff and King (March 3rd), yet the love of his children has already prompted them to express their joy and fervent congratulations and good wishes to the Supreme Pastor upon this happy event. Hence the Catholic journals of Italy have published festive articles full of gratitude and love towards him whom, to use the happy words of the Osservatore Romano, Divine Providence has set up to be the connecting link between two ages. They express the wish that he may see the end of the errors and follies which have characterized the age that is drawing to a close—an age which, amid the war of so many passions, has as yet heard the voice of the Vicar of Christ and has learned to admire him. Looking to the age that is dawning, they express the hope that he may see in it the beginning of an era more serene and tranquil for the Church, for Italy, and for Rome. Such are the wishes of the Catholic Press of Italy, and they will be readily shared in by the readers of this paper.

Upon the anniversary of his election to the Papal Throne the Holy Father received a large number of telegrams of congratulation, many of which at the same time called to mind another joyous anniversary, that of the Episcopal Consecration of Leo XIII., which took place in the Church of San Lorenzo in Panisperna in Rome, Feb. 19, 1843. Of the Sisters of St. Clare, who form the core of the adjoining convent, who assisted at that ceremony, three are still living, Suor Nazarena Maria Castellani, Suor Chiara Francesca Simonetti, and Suor Maria Serafina Pallela (all Roman ladies), who upon this occasion presented to His Holiness the homage of their congratulations, good wishes and prayers.

At the Church of St. Joachim in the Prati di Castello, the monumental Church of the Catholic World, to Leo XIII., the anniversary of the Episcopal Consecration of the Pope was kept in great solemnity by a large concourse of people. Mass was said in the Crypt, and Holy Communion was distributed to a large number. In the evening, Cardinal di Pietro imparted the Triple Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Appropos of the Church of St. Joachim, I may add that the large crystals with enameled pictures of subjects suggested by the Abbe Brugnot, manufactured by the royal Bavarian factory of Zettler at Monach, will soon be placed in their respective places. Besides some crystals, ornamented with decorations of flora, there is a series of representations of the history of the Blessed Sacrament which will be completed by frescoes, representing the saints of various nations who have been conspicuous for their devotion to the Holy Eucharist. In the facade of the church will be placed the figures of the Apostles, above whom amid tongues of parted fire will hover the Holy Ghost. At the sides will be the figures of St. Peter and Leo XIII. surrounded by the Cardinal and Theological Virtues. These esteemed works of art are a special gift of the Zettler Manufacturing Company to the Holy Father for his Episcopal Jubilee. At the back of the church over the great Eucharistic Throne will be a large gloria, from which will dart a host of luminous rays surrounding the Blessed Sacrament. The exhibition made of these objects a short time ago excited universal admiration. The director of the Zettler establishment will come to Rome to personally preside at the erection of these crystals, which will be a worthy addition to the ecclesiastical glories of the City of the Popes.

The students of the Irish College have composed the following elegiac in memory of their former rector, Most Rev. Tobias Kirby, Archbishop of Ephesus:—

He's gone! our guide, our Father's passed away,

Hushed is the voice we all so loved to hear,
No more his accents solemn, sweet and gay,
Echoes of Christ's own words, shall reach our ear.

No more he'll join us when we meet to pray
To God's dear Virgin Mother and her Son;
No more he'll teach us here on earth the way

That glory's crown by Mary's help is won!

No more he'll speak of Mary's little Child,
Whose sweet humility he made his own,
Whose heart was his—so lowly and so mild,

Whose life was his—to all but God unknown.

He's gone! to mortal's resting-place, the tomb,
His long life's warfare o'er, his victory won,
And we must weep, though brightly through the gloom

Shines out his watchword sweet, "God's will be done."

He's gone! but thanks to God, he leaves behind
Precious and countless souvenirs of love,
Fruits of his ardent soul and gifted mind

Replenished by the Spirit from above.

He's passed away! Christ's Vicar kneels in prayer
For him—his friend beloved from earliest years—
For him who soothed his griefs and shared his care—

Memories rush in, and fill his eyes with tears.

He's gone! and Mother Church on earth has lost
A loving child, a champion true and strong;
And midst those days of strife, too tempest-tossed,

Ere he will miss him sore, and mourn him long.

He's gone! and he was faithful to the end,
Faithful in all that human nature can!

Faithful to Rome, his country's truest friend,
Full of undying love towards God and man.

He's passed away! the poor, the oppressed,
Now weep in sorrow o'er their Father's clay;

We all lament a friend, the fondest, best—
Our loving leader in life's bitter fray.

Yet whilst we sorrow, may we not rejoice?
Earth's painful pilgrimage for him is o'er;

Safe with his God, he mingles now his voice
In Heaven's celestial chants for evermore.

Ah! dearly shall we cherish all he taught,
His life's sweet memory as his name we'll love,

His counsels follow—then, life's battle fought,
We meet in endless bliss with God above.

R. E. F.

The next Plenary Session of the Sacred Congregation of Rites is fixed for April 2nd, when the final vote will be given upon the authenticity and validity of the miracle proposed in the cause of beatification of the Venerable Teofilo da Corte, Capuchin.

PATRICK RYAN.

NEARLY A THOUSAND GUNS.
That's What Uncle Sam Will Soon Command on the Sea.

When all the vessels being built by Uncle Sam shall have been completed this country will have a very respectable navy. Following is a list of the vessels now in commission or actually under construction. Twelve gunboats, Petrel, Yorktown, Concord, Bennington, Machias, Castine, Penguin, Albatross, Porpoise, Detroit, Montgomery, and Marblehead; ten protected cruisers, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Charleston, Baltimore, Newark, San Francisco, Philadelphia, Raleigh, Cincinnati; three first-class protected cruisers, Columbia, Minneapolis, and Olympia; three armored cruisers, New York, Brooklyn, and Albany; the battle ships, Indiana, Massachusetts, Oregon, Iowa, and Texas; six monitors, Puritan, Miantonomah, Terror, Amphitrite, Montezuma and Montcalm; four special types, Dolphin, Menomah, Katahdin and Hancock; two first-class torpedo boats, Cushing and Ericson. The total displacement of all these vessels is 160,478 tons. They carry 60 4-inch, 63 5-inch, 125 6-inch, 68 8-inch, 22 10-inch, 12 12-inch and 12 13-inch rifles, making 800 guns in all. In addition to these they carry 650 small rapid-firing guns and 3 15-inch dynamite guns.

SEEDS. GRAND SPECIAL OFFERS. FREE FRESH AND RELIABLE.

FLOWERS OFFER NO. 1. GRAND BOX CONTAINING 1 Lovely Tuberosa Hybrid, 1 Mounted Gladiolus Hybrid and One Peonies Hybrid.

ASTER, Gov. McKinley, Over to Grand Colors. SWEET PEAS, Emily Henderson, Best New White. FORGET-ME-NOT, New Striped, Lovely Large Flower. LINUM, Perpetual Flowering, Bleeding Heart, Summer. POPPY, Riverdale, Mixture, Grandest Out. WONDERFUL MEXICAN PRIMROSE, worth the name. WHITE FLOWERS, too Sorts for White House.

ALL the above sent by mail for only 25 cents and 50 cents each in post paid envelopes, which may be returned to me at any time, and you get 50 cents worth free, to this has really made you nothing.

VEGETABLES, GRAND BOX, Containing One Package Each: BEST BEANS, BEST CARROT, BEST LETTUCE, BEST RADISH, BEST PEAS, BEST CABBAGE, BEST SQUASH, BEST CORN, BEST CUCUMBER, BEST TOMATOES, BEST TURNIPS.

The above box 16 packages of vegetable seeds mailed for only \$3.00 and a 50-cent package of choice flower seeds, our selection, to cents. To trial packages choice vegetable seeds, our selection, to cents. All of the above for 60 cents by mail postpaid. Catalogue of seeds free.

Address J. B. KELLER, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

CHOICE FLOWERS. FLORAL DESIGNS. FLORISTS, 31 N. CLINTON ST.

VAN INGEN. \$1.01 Per Ton. FAMOUS "P" COAL. PROMPT DELIVERY. LOW PRICES. 91 Smith St. Phone 344.

Books for Lent. All Kinds of Prayer Books and Devotional Works; also Crucifixes, Rosaries, Altar Supplies, Statues, Religious Pictures, etc. School Books, Stationery, etc., at Lowest Prices.

L. MERK, 234 East Main Street, near North Clinton, Rochester, N. Y.

JOHN H. FOLEY, Dealer in LUMBER AND COAL. Lumber Office, 515 Exchange Street, Telephone 224. Coal Office, 424 Broadway, Telephone 224. Paving and Sawing Done to Order. Yards on W. N. Y. & P. R. R., N. Y. L. E. & W. with N. Y. C. and W. & O. R. R.

WOOD, COAL, COKE. ATTENTION DEALERS. I have 1,000 Cords Seasoned Blab Wood for the Spring Trade. Place your Orders at Once.

W. H. McCarty, 49 West Ave. Rochester, N. Y. F. E. SHEDD & CO., DEALERS IN Philadelphia and Reading Hard White Ash Coal.

Telephone 463. Office, No. 1 Reynolds Arcade. GEORGE T. FOSTER, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in All Kinds of HARD AND SOFT COAL. Telephone 764. Try a Sample Order. Cor. South Clinton and Centre Streets.

WALKER S. LEE & SON, Livery, Sale, Hack and Boarding Stable, 74 North St., Residence, 248 Central Avenue, Near Main. Cor. St. Joseph St. Furniture Van at low rates. Carryalls for Baggage, Express, etc.

B. Gaffell, 651 & 652 N. Clinton St. Watchmaker and Jeweler, Specialties in C. M. B. A. and other Society Supplies. Lowest Prices Guaranteed.

L. R. WEBBER (Graduate of Ontario Veterinary College) Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist. Special Attention given to Diseases of the Canine Family. Office, 117 W. Main St., Rochester, N. Y. Telephone 1018.

Miss Belle Millner, Teacher of Oil and China Painting and Water Colors. Lessons Every day and Tuesday and Friday Evenings. Studio, 608 Powers Block.

For Pianos Martin's, 73 State St.

MARBLE AND GRANITE WORK. NELL BROS. & KEAR. MANTELS, GRATES AND TILES. IMPORTERS OF SCOTCH GRANITE. 220 & 240 STATE ST.

Wanted to Exchange. A New Horse, Harness, Saddle, Spring Wagon and Boxes. For Manassas, Va. Call or Address 79 Kenwood.

ASHBURN & MALLER. 117 W. Main St. and 118 W. Main St. Lenses Promptly Made. Order by Mail.

Burke & Williams, Bookbinders. Bracket House, 118 W. Main St. Take Notice.

PATENTS. CAVEATS, TRADE MARKS, COPYRIGHTS. CAN I OBTAIN A PATENT? FOR A FULL LIST OF PATENTS, TRADE MARKS, CAVEATS, COPYRIGHTS, etc., apply to J. B. KELLER, BINGHAMTON, N.Y.

PLANS. BURKE & WILLIAMS, Bookbinders. Bracket House, 118 W. Main St. Take Notice.