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SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

Editorial Opinions of the Leading Journals upon Current Topics-Compiled Every Day for the Evening Telegraph,

THE TAMMANY RING AND ITS FRIENDS From Harper's Weekly.

The Evening Post condemas the administration of President Grant, and praises that of the Ring in the city of New York. It has for some time spoken very gently of the imperial rule in that city, and recently pub-lished a tentative article, indirectly commending it by stating what was claimed upon its behalf by what is called the Citizens' Association. After a little while it republished the article; and, averring that its statements had not been challenged. declared that they were therefore established! It would not be easy to imagine a more summary and amusing method. As a matter of fact, the Republican journals of the city were exposing the Broadway widening job and the water bill at the very time the Post made what it calls its uncontradicted assertions.

And by what authority were they made? Upon that of the Citizens' Association. That such an association may have been at one time, and under certain circumstances, a body whose opinion would have weight upon such a subject, is very possible. But all the pub-lic now know of the Citizens' Association is an occasional manifest signed by Mr. Peter Cooper and Mr. Nathaniel Sands. Mr. Cooper is one of the most venerable respected citizens of New York, and but it is not generally supposed that he prepares the manifests. They are propares the manifests. They are understood to be substantially the work of Mr. Sands. Mr. Sands is understood to have favored the passage of the Tammany tax levy of 1868, upon which the Republican Senate proposed to hold out; but the votes of Mr. Williams and Mr. Mattoon, in favor of the Tammany project, which Mr. Sands befriended, made such action useless. Mr. Sands subsequently received an appointment in the Tax Commission. His opinion, therefore, upon the action of the Tammany masters of the city must obviously be received with great reservation. And that the declarations of the Citizens Association are the opinions of Mr. Sands is probably not disputed. But if such declarations in regard to the benefits of the ring to the city of New York should, under these circumstances, pass unchallenged, it would by no means necessarily be because they could not be successfully questioned, as the Evening Post assumes.

The new charter, of which the Post speaks so kindly, was the work of the ring, and so kindly, was the work of the ring, and designed to perpetuate its power; and such has undoubtedly been its effect. It is cer-tainly remarkable that a paper which pro-fesses to respect so deeply the principle of the responsibility of power should praise, upon that ground, and with its knowledge of the actual situation in the city, a charter which makes the terms of the chief officers appointed by the Mayor twice as long as his appointed by the Mayor twice as long as his own. Executive responsibility to the people is destroyed by the charter. The government of the city of New York under the Tammany ring, as we have frequently shown, is an absolute empire, which will end only by the voluntary retirement of the ring-masters or by a successful rebellion of their subjects. The methods of their government are familiar to every citizen. One of them is to cover themselves and their acts with respectable names. Thus, the last project of a city railroad selects the ring, with three or four conspicuous citizens as the commission. Every New Yorker at once understands "the little game" of the ring, of which, it is unnecessary to say, those gentlemen are innocent. To our readers who are not New Yorkers, and who may be supposed to be uninterested in such local questions, the reason of our al-lusion to them is obvious. The power that new controls the city and State of New York aims at the control of the National Government. The suthless imperialism which pre-vails here it would extend through the country. Its methods of bribery and intimidation it would practice upon a national arena. And it is, therefore, of the utmost importance that the people of the United States should understand the character and contemplate the measures of the imperial cabal which would rule them. Its power can well be studied in the tone of the Evening Post, when commenting upon the government of the city. Its defiance of the ordinary safeguards of vested rights is illus-trated by the Erie bill and the water bill, which confers a practically unlimited and irresponsible authority upon one man. Its malign influence upon popular rights may be seen in the fact that the Governor of New York, whom the cabal nominated and elected. faithfully obeys its will, and that the honor of the bench in the city is notoriously stained. This is the rule which the Evening Post praises, but which the best men of the Democratic party privately deprecate and oppose.

system is tending to destroy the very object which it was designed to serve.

Few things which could happen would strike the imagination of the criminal class more than the capture and execution of the murderer of Mr. Nathan. It would be a warning to incipient assassing such as is greatly needed in this community, and it would strengthen the security of the public more than the addition of a thousand men to the police force. For these reasons we cannot but earnestly hope that the guilty man will yet be caught, and undergo the penalty of the law. The ruffian Forrester seems to be a curse to the earth-one of those fiends in human form who regard the lives of their fellow men as of less value than the lives of vermin, and whose hands are covered with blood. If the police are right in their conjectures, it is the duty of every man to search him out, and we hope to record shortly that one of those apparently slight accidents which often unearth the wiliest criminal has resulted in the arrest of Forrester.

NAKED AND UNASHAMED.

From the N. Y. Tribune.

We give below an unflinching copy of a letter which we have received from that promising man of business, James G. Blunt, of Kansas. We have held sacred all his improvements in orthography and grammar, merely taking the liberty of italicising some of the specimens that show the greatest vigor of invention:-

"WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7.—Editor N. Y. Tri-bune.—My Dear Sir:—My attention has just been called to the article in your issue of the 4th inst, headed 'Stealing made Easy,' and which, as a gra-tuitous business advertisement, is perhaps quite unobjectionable: while the carachter and sperit of the entire article is libellious, villanous, and vicious in the extreem, and unworetey the journal in which it appears. You are also incorrect in your statement of figures. You say that 'out of \$299,000 paid to the Indians' there was stolen by me \$126,000; while the facts in the case are, that the Indians to which facts in the case are, that the indians to which you refer receive payments amounting to \$349,742, out of which they (the Indians) paid to me—as per contract—the sum of \$148,596 % O. Please make the correction. As that transaction has been closed and is among the things of the past, I can-not now for a moment entertain the proposition to divide with you my fees in the case; but in the next case of the kind that I may have I will take your claims under advisement; and in the meantime I claims under advisement; and in the meantime I shall continue to prosecute business for Indians and others whenever occasion requires the New York *Tribuns* to the contrary notwithstanding Re-meetfully your obsidiant servent York Tribune to the contrary at, spectfully your obedient servant, "JAMES G. BLUNT."

We do not know where to look for a more delicious photograph of a border scoundrel than in the above inimitable letter. The ignorance and vulgarity, the clumsy trucu-lence, the insolent and ever-ready tu quoque, the shameless satisfaction over his stolen money, and the air of fusel oil that breathes over the whole composition, render it unique of its kind. We can add nothing to this perfect picture. We even decline to make the correction Mr. Blunt requests. Our figures were taken from the report of the Committee on Appropriations. We have no reason to doubt them except Blunt's word, which is no better than his oath. And although it would seem safe to accept his statement that he has stolen more than we said, the man is evidently so proud of being a thief that we cannot believe him even when he criminates himself.

THE CHURCH OF AGGRESSION. From the N. Y. Times.

It is quite evident that the Roman Catholic

where will serve to show how far the reward | incumbrance, and compel this large interest to contribute to the taxation and education of the country.

In this State, it is estimated that \$50,000, 000 of real estate are held by the Roman Catholic Church. Incessant grants are made to it by our city authorities, on long leases, at merely nominal rates. Splendid cathedrals are being built for it in various cities, and it receives, under school and charity grants, constant aid from the State. The only check to this acquisition of real estate, thus far, has been the very wise provision of our general act for incorporating religious and charitable associations, limiting to a reasonable sum the value of the real estate which they are permitted to hold. This applies equally to Protestant or Catholic churches or charities. Whenever a particular Church desires, from any cause, to possess a larger amount of real estate, it has only to propose a special act in its behalf for this purpose, to the Legislature, and the bill readily becomes law.

The Roman Catholic body have not been satisfied with this very wise provision of our laws. They now propose, through Mr. Tweed's "Bill No. 30," to take away this restriction entirely, and give any religious corporation unlimited power to hold real estate and erect school-houses, chapels, resi-dences for the olergy, and the like, thereon. Under the present law and custom they could do this, but the accumulation of real estate in the hands of any particular Church or society would then become apparent, and this is precisely what the priests do not want. If St. Patrick's Cathedral came to control twenty millions' worth of city lots, under our present law, we should all know it. Under Mr. Tweed's bill no one could tell what wealth the Church possessed. We trust that the reasonable Protestants among the Democrats in the Legislature will oppose this new ecclesiastical encroachment, as, of course, the Republicans will do.

SENATOR SUMNER AND THE REPUB-LICAN PARTY.

From the N. Y. World.

The action of the Senatorial caucus of Republicans on Thursday, in deciding, by a vote of 26 to 21, to remove Mr. Sumner from the honorable position he has so long held as chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, is the most significant fact in our recent politics. Those who look upon it as the mere culmination of a personal quarrel between the distinguished Massachusetts Senator and the President, underrate its importance. True, there is a personal quarrel; true, the President, by a scandalous violation of all the proprieties of his position, has intrusively intermeddled in the composition of the Senate committees, and dictated the deposition and disprace of Mr. Sumner; true, the President has carried his point and achieved a personal triumph. But this personal triumph is the death-knell of the Republican party.

The case of Senator Doolittle four years ago is by no means a parallel to this of Senator Sumner. Mr. Doolittle destroyed himself without weakening the Republican party. The reason was that the quarrel in which he engaged was a quarrel which brought him into conflict with the fundamental ideas of the party at a time when those ideas were still in the ascendant. The Sumner quarrel, on the contrary, relates to an issue which has no connection with distinctive Republican rinciples, and is entirely outside the old party creed. The important fact is that the Republican party has split and divided on a question having no connection with the issues which the party was founded and has been kept in existence. That is to say, those issues are no longer regarded as paramount by the party which has heretofore made them its shibboleth. They are eclipsed by an extraneous question; a question which has no relation to Southern reconstruction, negro suffrage, the new constitutional amendments, or anything on which political parties have, of late, been divided. If there were any vitality in the old questions, the Santo Domingo matter could not thus overtop them and throw them into the background They are stamped as "dead issues" by the Republican party itself, when that party subordinates them, in the face of the whole coun try, to the acquisition of one-half of an island in the West Indies. Nothing can be clearer than that the politics of the country have passed into a new era. If there were any remaining life in the late issues, a schism could not have arisen in the Republican party on a question having no connection with its fundamental principles. Those prin-ciples have no longer any binding force to hold the party together; it divides and disintegrates on a question for which the party would not have cared a straw if General Grant had not chosen to make it his pet bobby. The Republican party is no longer a party of ideas and principles, but the personal party of President Grant, held together by "the cohesive force of public plunder." Of all the men now in public life, Mr. Summer has done most to build up and consolidate the Republican party. And now, at the dictation of a man who never joined the party till he hoped to be its candidate for President, Mr. Sumner is insulted, humiliated, and turned out of a position for which he is better qualified by knowledge and experience than any other member of the Senate. Evidently, the Republican party has lost all its old vitality when a new convert and purchased adherent, like General Grant, can depose and degrade an old dyed-in-thewool Republican, like Mr. Sumner, who was a shining light in the party when ex-Captain Grant was a drunkard in the gutter without sufficient character or intelligence to concern himself about any kind of politics. When matters come to such a pass, it is too evident that the administration is supported by a mere personal party, and that the Republican organization is a carcass from which the soul has departed. Mr. Sumner is not of a temper to wilt under such an insult. General Grant will find that there are "blows to take as well as to give." The release of Mr. Summer from the laborious duties of his responsible chairmanship will give him leisure to attend to the President; and the President being a stupid, vulgar, selfish man, whom nobody really respects, and Mr. Sumner being gifted with uncommon powers of rhetoric and invective, General Grant is in a fair way to have his portrait takan by an artist who will remorselessly "hold the mirror np to nature." The eminent position and eloquence of the Senator enable him to command the attention of the whole country, and Grant has no capacity to reply to or parry his attacks. Before Sumner gets through roasting him, Grant will wish the Island of Santo Domingo sunk in the Caribbean Sea. The thanks of the Democratic party are due to General Grant for precipitating a disruption of the Republican organization. There are too many Republicans who heartily despise their incompetent, pig-headed President for this quarrel to blow over. -The crows have made their appearance in the country. This is said to be a sign that the cold weather is at an end.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC. The City Amusements.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC last evening the German opera season came to rather inglorious end in consequence of a strike on the part of the orchestra. The audience waited impa-tiently until 9 o'clock for the performance to begin, and they were finally dismissed by Mr. Max Maretzek, who made a statement of the condition of affairs behind the curtain, and re-quested those who had paid their admission fee to call at the box office and get their money It was a mistake to begin an opera season in the middle of Lent, when so many good Christians are too busily engaged in renouncing the world, the flesh, and the devil to take much interest in matters of high art, and the occurrence of last evening should be a warning to other managers to study with more attention the Church calen-

AT THE WALNUT there will be a matinee to-day. This evening the drama of The Connie Soogah, the comedietta of The Happy Man, and the farce of Irish Assurance will be performed with Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams in the leadng roles

AT THE ARGH the drama of The Little Delective, with Lotta in six different characters, will be represented this afternoon and evening.

PUBLIC SALE.—THOMAS & SONS, AUC-tioneers.—Business Stand. Four-story brick mill and coal yard and large iot, No, 959 N. Ninth street, above Poplar street, 80 feet front, 100 feet deep to Darien street, 2 fronts. On Tuesday, March 14, 1871, at 12 o'clock, noon, will be sold at public sale, at the Philadelphia Exchange, all those buildings and the lot of ground thereunto belonging, situate on the east side of Ninth street, north of Poplar street, No. 999; the lot containing in front on Ninth street 80 feet, and extending in depth 100 feet. The improvements are a four-story brick building, with two-story back building, fronting on Ninth street, and extending through to Darien street. It is occupied as a dour mill. Terms_\$5000 AT THE CHESNUT The Lady of Lyons will be performed this afternoon. This evening the comedy of Town and Country and the farce of Turn Him Out will be represented. AT THE ASSEMBLY BUILDING the two-headed girl will be on exhibition this afternoon and

evening. AT THE MUSEUM, Ninth and Arch streets,

dramatic performances will be given this afternoon and evening.

street. It is occupied as a dour mill. Terms-\$5000 cash; balance may remain on bond and mortgage for five years. Immediate possession of mill, the coal yard about the middle of April. For further particulars apply to Eilis D. Williams, No. 323 Wal-nut street. AT THE AMERICAN a family matinee will be given this afternoon. A miscellaneous entertainment this evening. SPECIAL NOTICES. nut street.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.	2 25 s 3t Nos. 139 and 141 S. FOURTH St.
HE STAR COURSE OF LECTURES. DANIEL DOUGHERTY, ESQ., On MONDAY EVENING, March 13, Subject:"ORATORY." JOSH BILLINGS, March 16, Subject:"ORATORY." A. Miner Griswold ("The Fat Contributor"), March General Kilpatrick, March 23, Mrs. Cady Stan- n, March 27. The Mendelssohn Quintette Club of oston, March 30. DMISSION	REALESTATE.—THOMAS & SONS' SALE.— Business stand. Three-story brick store and overling, No. 1619 Ridge avenue, northwest of Par- rish street. On Tuesday, March 14, 1371, at 19 o'clock, noon, will be sold at public sale, at the Philadelphia Exchange, all that valuable three- story brick store and dwelling and lot of ground, sitrate on the northeast side of Ridge avenue, 142 feet 6 inches northwest of Parrish street, No. 1619; containing in front on Ridge avenue 17 feet 6 inches, and extending in depth on the southeast line 45 feet 11 inches, on the northwest line 42 feet 7¼ inces; thence extending a further distance on the east line 48 feet 11 inches, and on the west line 42 feet 7¼ inches to Ogden street, on which it has a front of 17 feet 6 inches. Subject to a yearly ground-rent of \$43'76. M. THOMAS & SONS, Anctioneers, 3 4 5 21 Nos, 139 and 141 S. FOURTH Street.
OFFICE OF THE NATIONAL RAILWAY COMPANY, No. 218 S. FOURTH Street. PHILADELPHIA, March S, 1371. An instalment of Five Dollars per share on the abscriptions to the preferred stock of the National allway Company will be due and payable at the fice of the Company, No. 218 S. FOURTH Street, hiladelphia, on or before the 24th of March, 1871. By order of the Board of Directors. 3 8 2 JACOB RIEGEL, Treasurer. THE UNION FIRE EXTINGUISHER	PUBLIC SALE.—THOMAS & SONS, AUC- tioneers.—Valuable four-story stone paper mill, 14 dwellings, stable, lime house, stone boiling house, large straw shed, machinery, engines, boilers, 20 acres, Delaware county, Pa., at Bridgewater Station, Chester Creek Railroad, three miles from Chester and seventeen miles from Philadelphia. On Tues- day, March 14, 1871, at 12 o'clock, noon, will be sold at public sale, at the Philadelphia Exchange. For further particulars, apply to James R. Cummins, No. 723 Sansom street. M. THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers, 3 4 9 11 Nos. 139 and 141 S. FOURTH Street.
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PHILADELPHIA, March 8, 1371. An instalment of Five Dollars per share on the subscriptions to the preferred stock of the National Railway Company will be due and payable at the office of the Company, No. 218 S. FOURTH Street, Philadelphia, on or before the 24th of March, 1871. By order of the Board of Directors. 282w JACOB RIEGEL, Treasurer. PHILADELPHIA, March 8, 1871.

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5 80 tf No. 118 MARKET St., General Agent.

THE PENNSYLVANIA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. MARCH 6, 1871. The Directors have this day declared a dividend of SEVEN DOLLARS AND FIFTY OENTS per Share on the Stock of the Company for the last six months, which will be paid to the Stockholders or their legal representatives of the the bit instant.

REAL ESTATE — THOMAS & SONS' SALE. —Very Valuable Business Stand. Three-story Store, No. 1013 Chesnut street, between Tenth and Eleventh streets, 2436 feet front. On Tuesday, March 28, 1871, at 12 o'clock, noon, will be sold at public sale, at the Philadelphia Exchange, three-story brick store, No. 1013 Chesnut street, 24 feet 6 inches by 178 (ed.

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EXECUTOR'S PEREMPTORY SALE.—ES-TATE OF JOSHUA PAXSON, Deceased.— THOMAS & SONS, Auctioneers.—Two MORT-GAGES, \$3000 and \$2500. On Tuesday, March 14, 1571, at 12 o'clock, noon, will be sold at public sale, without reserve, at the Philadelphia Exchange, the following described property, viz.:— No. 1.—All that mortgage of \$3000, due December 1, 1578, secured on lost west side of Fortieth street, 165 feet north of Locust street, Twenty-seventh ward; 25 feet front, 140 feet deep. Also, lot north side of Locust street, 140 feet west of Fortieth street; 10 feet front, 150 feet deep. Subject to reservations, etc., see Mortgage Book J. T. O., No. 108, page 307, etc.

etc., see morigage Book J. T. O., No. 108, page 307, etc. No. 2.—All that morigage of \$2500, due March 5, 1875, secured on lot and stable west side of Fortieth street, 180 feet north of Locust street; 30 feet front, 180 feet deep. The nothernmost and westernmost 10 feet subject to restrictions, see Morigage Book J. T. O., No. 74, page 54, etc. The large iot of which the said three lots were a part is subject to a paramount morigage of \$5000, the whole of which is assumed and amply secured by the improved portion of said Irage lot. Por further particulars apply to ALFRED LONG-STRETH, Esq., No. 256 South Fifth street. M. THOMAS & SONS, Anctioneers, 3 4 82t Nos. 139 and 141 South FOURTH Street.

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REGISTER'S NOTICE.

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R. Locks A backs and other persons inte-rested, notice is hereby given that the following named persons did, on the dates affixed to their names, file the accounts of their Administration to the estates of those persons deceased, and Guar-dians' and Trustees' accounts, whose names are under mentioned, in the Office of the Register for the Probate of Wills and granting Letters of Admin-istration in and for the City and county of Philadel-phia, and that the same will be presented to the Or-phans' Court of said city and county for confirma-tion and allowance on the third FRIDAY in March, 1871, at 10 o'clock in the morning, at the County Court House in said city. Court House in said city.

1871. Jan. 27, The Pennsylvania Company for Insurance on Lives, etc. Guardians of CATHA-RINE MCCARTHY, minor. Feb. 1, James Fulton, Executor of MARY LOGAN, deceased

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 charles A. Wainwright, one of the Exb-cutors of C. B. WAINWRIGHT, de-ceased.
 William S. Halliday, Administrator of MARY
- ASHMORE, deceased. 9. Joseph H. Comly, Executer of James DALE,
- deceased.
 2, William W. Taylor, Executor of GEORGE THOMPSON, deceased.
 2, John M. Thomas, Administrator C. T. A. of HON. LYDIA EMILY BARING, de-concentration.
- 3, John T. Lewis, Administrator of C. T. A. of WILLIAM WALLACE COOK, de-

- ceased,
 4, Robert Purvis, Executor of HARRIEF MILLER, deceased.
 6, Catharine E. Thacher, Administratrix o ARTHUR THACHER, deceased.
 7, Michael Magee and John Nolan, Execu-tors of BERNARD MAGUIRE, de-ceased. ceased.
- " 7, Joseph T. Mears and Sarah W. Ather-ton, Executors of ANN W. HAGY, deceased.

- ceased,
 S, William A. Rolin, Executor of FRANCES MINKLER, deceased.
 S, Henry C. Paul and Joseph C. Paul, Execu-tors of HENRY K. PAUL, deceased.
 S, Thomas Williams, Jr., Trustee under the Will of Charles Williams, deceased, for R. NORRIS, CHARLES, and ALICE WILLIAMS.
 F, Thomas Williams, Jr., surviving Execu-tor of CHARLES WILLIAMS, deceased.
 Samuel Davis Page, Administrator of ISABELLA GRAHAM PAGE, deceased.
 Mary O'Neill, Administratic of JOHN

- ISABELLA GRAHAM PAGE, deceased.
 9, Mary O'Neill, Administratrix of JOHN O'NEILL, deceased.
 10, David Geisler, Administrator of CATHA-RINE GEISLER, allas SAUL, deceased.
 11, James B. Smith, Administrator of STE-PHEN E. SMITH, deceased.
 11, John Gravenstein, Testamentary Guardian of HARRIET R. MILLER.
 11 Gillia Dallett Administrator of PATRICK
- ⁶¹ II, Gillis Dallett, Administrator of PATRICK DEVINE, deceased.
 ⁶¹ I3, Samuel C. Perkins, Administrator of ANNA J. SHELTON (formerly Hall), de-

- annar, J. Sheltins, Administrator of ANNA J. SHELTON (formerly Hall), deceased.
 4. Charles D. Freeman, Trustee of Estate of AUGUSTINE R. PEALE, deceased.
 4. Martha C. Resd, Administratrix of JAMES R. CONYERS, deceased.
 5. William M. David et al., surviving Trustees of JEANNETTE S, WOODWARD, deceased, under the will of JACOB DAV ID, deceased.
 6. William B. Hahna, Administrator of JACOB E. KUNKLE, deceased.
 7. Jacob Reaver, Administrator of CHARLES REAVER, deceased.
 7. Jacob Reaver, Administrator of CHARLES REAVER, deceased.
 8. Jacob Reaver, Administrator of MARY C. McGUIGAN, late a minor.
 8. Louisa Barnes, Executrix of EDWARD L. BARNES, deceased.
 8. Ann P. Woodward, Guardian of THOMAS OSBORN WOODWARD, late minor.
 8. Craig D. Ritchle, Administrator of FRANCIS RWAY, deceased.
 9. Sandary Ann Dickensheels, Administrator of Statemark
 9. Mary Ann Dickensheels, Administrator of Statemark

- 18, Mary Ann Dickensheets, Administratrix of WILLIAM C. DICKENSHEETS, de-
- ceased.
 " 20, Geotge McDowell, Administrator of JOS. McDOWELL, deceased.
 " 20, Catharine Drexel, Francis A. Drexel, and John D. Lankenau, Executors of FRAN-CIS M. DREXEL, deceased, as filed by Francis A. Drexel and John D. Lankenau, surviving Executors.
 " 20, Charles Stubbs, Administrator of JULIA STUBBS, deceased.
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THE MURDERER OF MR. NATHAN. From the N. Y. Times.

We have been in possession for several weeks past of some remarkable discoveries in connection with the Nathan murder, but the information was communicated to us under a pledge of confidence, and consequently we were compelled to keep our readers in the dark. That restriction, however, is now removed, and we may state that the police have the best possible reasons for the belief that a man known as Billy Forrester, and by half a dozen other names, really committed the fearful crime which so startled the town last summer. The description of this man will be found in another column, and we hope it will attract the attention of the police authorities all over the world. We shall only state here that he is a man of about thirty-five years of age, with black eyes, straight black hair cut short, sunken cheeks, tooth out in the left upper jaw, and a bracelet marked in India ink on his left wrist. This last mark ought to lead to his detection.

The police have been on the look out far this miscreant almost ever since the murder was committed, and it was poor Superintendent Jourdan's fixed opinion that he alone was the man who actually struck the fatal blow or blows. Justice Dowling, than whom a more experienced or keen-witted eriminal magistrate does not exist, seems to have come to the same conclusion, and every precaution was taken to bring Forrester's guilt home to him whenever he tell into the hands of the police. Thus far, however, he has eluded all the vigilance of the force. He seen s to have been under surveillance in other States, but the anxiety of one officer or another to seize the whole of the reward furthered his plans of escape. There are police. men, we are sorry to say, who would rather see a criminal go at large than allow anybody but themselves to obtain the reward offered for his apprehension. The story told else- | ties to rid the people of so burdensome an

Church in this country is steadily and skil fully aiming at acquiring on this continent something of the power it is losing in Europe. For this purpose, it is everywhere affiliating itself with one of our great political parties, until, in all our large cities, it has gained im-mense political influence. The Irish immi-grant population is almost universally, by tradition and social bonds, attached to the Democratic party. This population is, in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, intensely and bigotedly Roman Catholic in faith, and under the control of the priests. As a voting under the control of the priests. As a voting force this class holds the balance of power in our politics. Wherever they tend in our great cities, there will be victory. They are usually led by shrewd American demagogues, who are utterly indifferent on matters of religious belief, and who under-stand the power of the religious sentiment, and of an endert and henored faith in this and of an ancient and honored faith, in this rude class. Indeed, candor must always compel Americans to confess that there is something honorable in the attachment of this ignorant peasantry to a form of faith which has been persecuted, oppressed, and despised for so many centuries in their own land. With the Irish, undoubtedly, fealty to the Roman Catholic belief is loyalty to the faith of the oppressed as against the op-pressors. To abandon it is at once treason to manhood and country.

But, while respecting this sentiment, we are bound as Americans none the less to watch and expose the ambitious plans of the priests and demagogues who manage and manipulate it. Did the Catholics, like the Episcopalians or the Methodists, simply hold their faith as a matter of religious belief or feeling, no sane mortal could have a word to say against it. The only reason the subject is ever introduced in these columns, is that this Church, unlike others, is seeking and has gained a political power which is dan-gerous to our future. Our frothy American "liberals" who dread to have the name of religious belief ever men-

tioned in a public journal, except in praise, may as well understand that the Catholic Church of the United States is guided by men as much abler and more farsighted than their sentimental associates, as Loyola was than the "Evangelicals" of his day. They aim steadily, as did the Jesuits of the Middle Ages, at the control of our schools and charities. And to secure this, and also to strengthen their political power, they follow the illustrious example of the Church in all countries and ages, and seek especi ally to possess large masses of real estate. Somebody has said that "whoever has control of the real estate of a country rules that eountry." Nothing would give the Roman Catholic Church of the United States such power over the masses as large possessions of land and buildings.

In all civilized countries, the steady progress of liberty and intelligence has been marked by a constant struggle against this corrupting evil of ecclesiastical property. English legislation, from the Magna Charta, by successive acts, to the celebrated statute of mortmain of George II, has been little else than a history of incessant popular ef-forts to restrain ecclesiastical corporations from holding excessive properties in real estate, whether held under the title of another for their "use and trust," or whether conveyed directly to them. Spain has only been able by revolution to free herself from this incubus within a few years, and Italy is every year confinenting those burdensome ecclesiastical properties which pay no taxes, and hang like a heavy weight on the neck of the nation. In Mexico one-third of the whole real estate of the country was held by the priests, who controlled thereby every political party, and nothing but the estab-lishment of the republic enabled the authori-



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