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THE SENATE AND HOUSE.

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A SUMMARY OF THINGS DONE.

What Was Done and What Left Undone by the Late Congress.

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THE GRIM REAPER ADVANCING.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher Lies Unconscious as Death Advances Step by Step.

A New York dispatch of the 5th says: Rev. Henry Ward Beecher had a stroke of apoplexy this morning and at this hour lies in a critical condition. Between 2 and 3 o'clock Mr. Beecher awoke. He complained of being sick. His wife arose to get something for him to drink. He began to vomit freely and then lay back upon his pillow apparently exhausted.

This morning he appeared to be worse. It was decided to call Dr. W. A. Hammond of New York, in consultation with Dr. Searle. Before noon Mr. Beecher lapsed into unconsciousness, and was in that condition when Dr. Hammond reached the house.

A late Brooklyn dispatch says: The anxiety of hundreds of citizens of Brooklyn to learn the condition of the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, led them to visit the residence of his son, Col. Henry Beecher, at Clark and Hicks streets, at an early hour this morning.

Since the doctors informed the members of the family that it was only a question of time for the end, they have remained in the sick chamber, awaiting every movement. The eldest daughter, the wife of the Rev. Samuel Scoville of Stamford, Conn., arrived at the house Saturday and her husband and two children will immediately follow.

HOSTILE DEMONSTRATIONS. LONDON, March 5.—The Standard this morning says that Russia has addressed a note to Spain announcing her resumption of freedom of action in European affairs.

VIENNA, March 4.—At the military conference held to-day and presided over by the emperor, it was decided to appoint several officers for superior commands in the event of a war.

AN ANTI-RANDALL MOVEMENT.

New York special: There is a decided movement on foot among southern and southwestern members of congress to prevent the appointment of Mr. Randall as chairman of the committee on appropriations.

This movement arises, first, from the desire to avoid the narrow escape by which the important appropriation bills were pulled through; and secondly, because many of the older members are tired of submitting to the dictatorial manner in which the Pennsylvania rules the house.

THE KNIGHTS REJOICING. New York dispatch: Cardinal Gibbons favorable report to Pope Leo as to the aims and standing of the Knights of Labor, set forth in the cable dispatches from Rome, was received with much rejoicing by the Knights of Labor in this city.

HENRY WARD BEECHER DEAD. The Eminent Divine Passes From Earth to His Eternal Home. New York, March 8.—The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher began to sink slowly after midnight, and the watchers at his bedside soon saw that the end was near.

At 10:30 it was given out that the funeral would take place in Greenwood Thursday next. Some time ago H. W. Sage, secretary of the Little Rock church, appropriated by will a sum of money to place a statue of Beecher in Prospect park after his decease.

At 10:30 the remains will be escorted to the church by the Thirtieth regiment, of which Beecher was chaplain. Company C, called the Plymouth company on account of its members being attendants on Plymouth church, will act as the guard of honor until the remains are finally transferred to Greenwood cemetery, where they will be placed in a receiving vault to await final disposition, which will be decided later.

THE CROP OUTLOOK. Review of the Situation in the Winter Wheat Belt. Chicago dispatch: The following crop summary will be printed in this week's issue of the Farmers' Review: This far reports from the winter wheat belt indicate that the crop is emerging from winter in better shape than last year.

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