

NEW ERA FOR RUSSIA.

The Czar Grants Religious Freedom to All Subjects of the Realm—Does He Include Jews?

St. Petersburg, March 13.—The czar has issued a decree providing for freedom of religion throughout his dominions, establishing to some degree local self-government and making other concessions to the village laws. Among the measures outlined by the czar for the attainment of these ends is reform of the rural laws, which is to be effected with the advice of persons who possess the confidence of the people. The system of administration in the various governments and districts is to be examined by representatives of the different localities concerned with the view of effecting the necessary amendments. Measures are also to be taken to relieve the peasantry of the burdens of forced labor. The decree, which was issued in commemoration of the anniversary of the birthday of Alexander III., is considered to be the most significant act of state since the emancipation of the serfs. The public hails it as the proclamation of a new era, opening up bright prospects of the early improvement of Russian internal administration. Although the Jewish faith is not specifically mentioned in the czar's decree, it is believed that the liberty granted to "all creeds" is intended to include the Jews.

HAVEN FOR THE BLIND.

Former Home of Alice and Phoebe Cary Has Been Purchased for the Traders of Avondale.

Cincinnati, March 13.—"Clover Nook," the home of Alice and Phoebe Cary, sisters, whose poems are widely known throughout the literary world, has passed out of the hands of the heirs and will become a home for the blind, under the management of the Traders of Avondale. These sisters, one of whom is blind, have been active in providing a library for the blind, and expressed a wish to obtain the Cary homestead for a home for the blind. William A. Proctor, a wealthy citizen, purchased it and placed it at their disposal. The homestead has an ideal location near College hill and comprises 26 acres.

To Build Immense Aviary.

Washington, March 13.—Sketches for the design of the mammoth bird cage or aviary to be erected at the St. Louis world's fair by the Smithsonian institution, in which almost every specimen of the feathered kingdom will be able to live without restraint, have been submitted to Supervising Architect Taylor. The designs provide for pools of water, shrubbery and all kinds of trees, with running water and fountains. It will be 200 feet square and arranged to enable the visitor to walk through the center and find birds on both sides and overhead.

Five Methodist Governors Banqueted.

Chicago, March 13.—Five Methodist governors were guests at a banquet given at the Auditorium by the Chicago Methodist Social union last night. The governors are John H. Mickey, of Nebraska; Winfield L. Durbin, of Indiana; Aaron T. Bliss, of Michigan; John L. Bates, of Massachusetts, and Richard Yates, of Illinois. Gov. S. R. Vansant, of Minneapolis, another Methodist, sent his regrets. Bishop McCabe and Bishop Fitzgerald were also guests of the union.

Cuban Reciprocity Treaty Reported.

Washington, March 13.—The senate committee on foreign relations has authorized a favorable report on the Cuban reciprocity treaty with an amendment similar to that recommended in connection with other reciprocity treaties, providing that the treaty shall not take effect until approved by the house of representatives as well as by the senate.

Bandits Stole 50 Horses.

Guthrie, Ok., March 13.—The three bandits who robbed the Rock Island station at Hennessey and murdered Justice Cravat, are believed to have reached the Texas panhandle. They have stolen 50 horses within the past two weeks trying to escape; after exhausting horses they leave them and steal others.

Carnegie Willing to Finance It.

Washington, March 13.—Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis, a member of the intercontinental railway committee, says Andrew Carnegie is willing to finance the great enterprise. The representative of every South American government now in Washington is aiding the project.

Harris and bayers Have a Chance.

Washington, March 13.—It is believed that the two democratic members of the Panama Canal commission will be ex-Gov. Snyers, of Texas, and ex-Senator Harris of Kansas, although the president has made no definite promises to anybody.

Borrowed from subordinates.

Washington, March 13.—A. C. Parker, a chief of division in the dead letter office, has been suspended from office for borrowing money from subordinates.

PLUTOCRACY OF PITTSBURG.

Purse-Proud Younger Generation Forget What Their Fathers Might Have Been.

Pride is a feature of the younger generation of Pittsburgers of wealth. Things of which some of them think they cannot be proud—such as the way in which their hard-working fathers got their start in life—they try to forget. That the fathers are sometimes proud of this same lowly start is responsible for this incident:

"Do you know, young man, that I once was very envious of your father?" said one of the steel kings to the son of a man whose wealth, while great, could be written with one less figure, says a writer in the New York Tribune.

"And when was that?" asked the young man, pleased to think that there had ever been a time when the "king" envied his father.

"It was this way," returned the old man. "I was working in a ditch for \$1.50 a day."

"I didn't know you started that way," interrupted the youth.

"That's the way. I was working in this ditch for \$1.50 a day, and your father was working in the same ditch. He got \$1.75 because he was stronger, and I envied him the extra quarter."

LIGHTNING STRIKES UP.

The Earth Becomes Charged with Negative Current Which Rushes Upward.

The cause of death by lightning is the sudden absorption of the electric current. When a thundercloud, which is highly charged with positive electricity, hangs over any certain place, the earth beneath it becomes abnormally charged with the negative electric current, and a man, animal or other object standing or lying directly beneath also partakes of the last mentioned influence, says a scientific authority. If, while the man, animal or other object is in this condition, a discharge takes place from the cloud above, the restoration of the equilibrium will be sudden and violent, or, in language that we can all understand, the negative current from the earth will rush up to join the positive cloud current, and in passing through the object which separates the two currents, if it be an animate thing, will do so with such force as to almost invariably produce instant death. A person is really "struck" by the ground current, and not by the forked fury from above.

Earnings of College Students.

By a variety of employments, ranging from teaching and technical work to sweeping rooms and washing dishes, 164 Columbia university students earned in three months last year \$15,000—an average of about \$90 for each man. One student earned more than \$100 a week during the three months by advanced tutoring, and another gained \$1,050 during the 12 weeks. Several of the students earned \$300 each. Of the women students 17 gained \$2,434.68, an average of \$143, or \$50 above the men's average.

Facts from Birth Statistics.

Recently compiled statistics show that the proportion of twins born as compared with other infants is one in eighty births. Of triplets there is only one instance in 6,400, and quadruplets are as one to 512,000; while the chances of a quintet are even more remote.

THE GENERAL MARKETS.

Kansas City, March 17.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	4.00 @ 5.00
Native stockers	3.60 @ 4.75
Western steers	2.65 @ 2.65
HOGS	6.25 @ 6.47 1/2
SHEEP	2.50 @ 5.90
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	68 @ 69 1/2
No. 2 red	69 @ 71
CORN—No. 2 mixed	38 1/2 @ 39
OATS—No. 2 mixed	33 @ 34
RYE—No. 2	44 @ 45
FLOUR—Hard winter pat.	3.25 @ 3.50
Soft winter patents	3.20 @ 3.50
HAY—Timothy	8.00 @ 12.50
Prairie	4.00 @ 9.00
BRAN	75 1/2 @
BUTTER—Choice to extra	13 @ 25
EGGS	11 1/2 @
CHEESE—Full cream	13 @ 14 1/2
POTATOES—Home grown	45 @ 50
ST. LOUIS.	
CATTLE—Beef steers	4.70 @ 5.50
Texas steers	3.65 @ 4.40
HOGS—Butchers	7.30 @ 7.55
SHEEP—Natives	4.00 @ 5.70
FLOUR—Red winter pat.	3.30 @ 3.45
WHEAT—No. 2 red	67 1/2 @ 75
CORN—No. 2	38 1/2 @ 41
OATS—No. 2	34 1/2 @ 35 1/2
RYE	50 1/2 @
BUTTER—Creamery	20 @ 28 1/2
DRY SALT MEATS	9.87 1/2 @
BACON	10.75 @
CHICAGO.	
CATTLE—Steers	3.50 @ 5.75
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	7.25 @ 7.55
SHEEP—Western	5.00 @ 5.75
FLOUR—Winter patents	3.60 @ 3.70
WHEAT—No. 2 red	74 @
CORN—No. 2	43 1/2 @
OATS—No. 2	34 1/2 @
RYE—May	51 1/2 @ 51 1/2
LARD—May	9.95 @ 10.10
PORK—May	17.85 @ 18.07 1/2
NEW YORK.	
CATTLE—Steers	4.25 @ 5.55
HOGS—Mixed western	7.90 @ 8.00
SHEEP	4.50 @ 6.24 1/2
WHEAT—No. 2	79 1/2 @ 80 1/2
CORN—No. 2	51 1/2 @ 55
OATS—No. 2	46 @

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A New York Alderman's Experience.

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"La grippe has entered thousands of our homes this fall, and I noticed that the people who used Peruna were quickly restored, while those who depended on doctor's prescriptions, spent weeks in recovering, leaving them weak and emaciated.

"I had a slight attack of la grippe and at once took Peruna, which drove

the disease out of my system in a few days and did not hinder me from pursuing my daily work.

"I should like to see our Board of Health give it official recognition and have it used generally among our poor sick people in Greater New York."—Joseph A. Flinn.

D. L. Wallace, a charter member of the International Barber's Union, writes from 15 Western avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.:

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A Congressman's Experience.

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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