

THE CZAR'S MANIFESTO

Amnesty Will Be Granted Siberian Prisoners.

SENTENCES ARE TO BE REDUCED

Offenders Against Public Worship Laws Will Receive Pardon—The Czar's Arrival at Moscow.

LONDON, May 19.—The Chronicle's Berlin correspondent says that the Berlin Tageblatt claims that the czar's manifesto will give amnesty, partial or complete, to Russian prisoners in Siberia. Those sentenced to a life of penal servitude will receive mitigation of the sentences, and offenders domiciled in Siberia will be permitted to return to any part of European Russia except St. Petersburg and Moscow.

The sentences of those in jail in European Russia for serious offenses will be reduced by one-third. A large number of minor offenders will be pardoned. Numbers of those who left the country for political relief will be pardoned, on condition of their taking the oath of allegiance.

The penitentiary in certain poor districts will be excused from arrears of crown dues. Even the Jews will not be forgotten, and the ill-starred Hebrew agricultural colonies at Ekaterinslay will also be excused from arrears.

The Rome correspondent of the Chronicle also bears that the vatican has received information that the czar will pardon all Catholic priests who have been imprisoned or sent to Siberia for breach of the public worship laws, and that he also promises to grant gradually a large measure of religious liberty to all his subjects, including Catholics. Cardinal Agliardi, the vatican representative at the coronation, will hand to the czar an autograph letter from the pope urging an extension of religious liberty.

In the first draft of the coronation manifesto, a paragraph provides for the cancellation of warnings of the censors standing against Russian newspapers, which amount to 3,000,000 of roubles, and the suppression of the papers. Most of the Russian papers have had a couple of warnings hanging over their heads for years past. This paragraph in the manifesto was omitted, at the instigation of certain court ministers. Russian pressmen are naturally displeased, but it remains to be seen if the paragraphs will be restored.

Criminals and debtors will doubtless be favored and political prisoners will not be forgotten. The impetuous nobles, whose estates are heavily encumbered, will probably be relieved by reductions of the interest on their loans. There is also talk of the sons of merchants and manufacturers receiving the same rights regarding their movements as the nobility.

RESULTS OF KANSAS' STORM.

Twenty-Eight Were Killed and Over Fifty Injured.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 19.—Twenty-eight killed outright, 50 more injured, some fatally, and property losses aggregating \$1,000,000 is now given as an estimate of the damage done by Sunday's cyclone in Marshall, Nebraska and Brown counties, Kan. Further reports may increase these figures, as telegraphic communication with the stricken parts is still imperfect and consternation prevails. The dead are distributed as follows: Seneca and neighborhood, 8; Oneida, 6; Reserve, 5; Sabetha, 5; Morrill, 4. Seneca suffered a property damage of about \$350,000, Frankfort, \$100,000; Reserve, \$60,000; Sabetha, \$50,000; Morrill, 20,000. Thousands of dollars worth of property was damaged in the country between these towns. Although the pecuniary loss at Frankfort was great, no lives were lost there. Destruction and destitution meet the eye at every turn. Men were rendered absolutely penniless, many victims escaped with only the clothes they wore. An appeal for outside aid has been issued.

How to Vote.

The Australian ballot law as amended reads as follows: "On the receipt of the white ballot as aforesaid the elector shall forthwith, and without leaving the enclosed space, retire alone to one of the compartments provided, and shall there prepare his ballot by marking to the left of the name of the candidate of his choice for each office to be filled, or by writing in the name of the person he wishes to vote for."

Neglect of the hair often destroys its vitality and natural hue, and causes it to fall out. Before it is too late, apply Hall's Hair Renewer, a sure remedy.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

Complete Program of Exercises to Be Observed Friday.

Tomorrow will be the last day of school before the long vacation, which extends till September, and the schools will close with appropriate exercises. These are as follows at the different schools:

EAST HILL PRIMARY.

Exercises at 2 p. m. Miss Nan Cooper and Mrs. Roche, teachers:
Greeting Song—School.
Address of welcome—Charles Becht.
Recitation—"Her Answer," Winnie Fraser.
Dialogue—"Where There's a Will There's a Way," Three boys.
Motion Song—Primary pupils.
Rec—"A Secret," Lindsay McCartney.
Song—"Four-Leaf Clover," School.
Rec—"A Boy's Opinion of Grandmothers," Bennie Stevens.
Rec—"Grandma's Spectacles," May Barzee.
Song—"Boot Blacks," Eight little boys.
Rec—"The Removal," Roy Taylor.
Parasol Drill—Twelve little girls.
Rec—"Mother's Fool," Eugene Davis.
Dialogue—"The Ghost," Six pupils.
Song—"Whip-poor-will," Anna and Zipporah Harris.
Rec—"Playing for Keeps," Walter Parrot.
Song—"Happy Are We Today," School.
Rec—"The Reason Why," Nora Barzee.
Song—"A Jovial Farmer Boy," Seven boys.
Rec—"The Flower Reception," Seven Boys.
Rec—"The Fireman's Story," Ernest Willerton.
Mother Goose Drill.

COURT STREET SCHOOL.

Exercises at 2 p. m. Misses Snell, Cheese and Ball, teachers:
Song—"Happy Days," School.
Flag Salute—School.
Song—"Won't You Come To My Tea Party," Two girls.
Rec—"Sheridan's Ride," George Foster.
Rec—"The Groceryman's Cultured Daughter," Eva Bagley.
Song—"Chorus," Twenty girls.
Rec—"Johnny's Ride," James Huntington.
Rec—"Army Overcoat," Hugh Fraser.
Song—"Because I Love Her," Two boys.
Rec—"The Grandeur of the Aurora Borealis," Nona Gray.
Rec—"The Razor Sellers," Dollie Johnson.

ACADEMY PARK SCHOOL.

Exercises at 2 p. m. Misses T. Rintoul, L. Rintoul, Flinn and Phirman teachers:
Greeting Song—Class.
Recitation—"Music On the Rappahannock," Nellie Clarke.
Song—"Margarette Kinsley and Prudence Patterson."
Recitation—"A Little Goose," Gladdis Wood.
Recitation—"The Owl Critic," Vernon Cooke.
Songs—Primary Class.
Recitation—"A Girl Heroine," Maude Michell.
Recitation—"A Boy's Relief," Arthur Bonney.
Rec—"The Jolly Farmer Boy," Class of Boys.
Pink Rose Drill—Eighteen Girls.
Recitation—"A Little Hero," Lucile Orate.
Recitation—"A Naughty Little Girl's View of Life," Edna VanDyyn.
Song—"A Little Rag Doll," Helen Lytle and Lulu Nicholas.
Recitation—"Sir Napier and Little Joan," Helen Hudson.
Recitation—"Our Baby," Oscar Beck.
Recitation—"Nellie's Troubles," Leonie Sexton.
Recitation—"A Little Bird Tells," Henry Crate.
Ruler Drill—"Flag Salute," Twenty-four Girls.

UNION STREET SCHOOL.

Exercises at 2 p. m. Misses Rowe and E. Cooper, teachers.
Chorus—"The Roll Call," School.
Recitation—"Welcome Friends," Seven boys.
Recitation—Zell Gibbons.
Rec, White and Blue Drill—Sixteen girls.
Recitation—Clyde Hoyle.
Recitation—Nova Dawson.
"The May Song," Chorus of boys.
Chorus—"Grasshopper Green," School.
Recitation—Jesse Harsell.
Recitation—Edna Harding.
Duet—"The Dandelion Song," Anna and Bert Reynolds.
Delsarte Drill—Four girls.
Recitation—Marshall Young.
Recitation—James Kinsley.
Recitation—Ella McCoy.
Chorus—"The Pigeon House," School.
Solo—"The Farmer," Nellie Forwood.
Recitation—George Vase.
Recitation—Five boys.
"In the Tall Boughs," Seven girls and boys.
Chorus—"Wandering Song," School.
Chorus—"The Stars," School.
Recitation—Merta Gattion.
Recitation—Harry Jackson.
"The Child's World," Chorus of girls.
Recitation—Ray Filloon.
"Slumber Song," Chorus of girls.
Chorus—"Five Little Chickadees," School.
Wreath Drill—Eighteen boys and girls.

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PLANS OF POPULISTS

They Stand Ready to Fuse With the Democrats.

UNDERSTANDING BEEN REACHED

Will Support the Chicago Convention's Candidate if Silver Is Declared For.

INDIANAPOLIS, May 20.—The Populists of Indiana make the announcement that within the last 10 days an understanding has been reached whereby the Populists of every state in the Union are to accept the platform and candidates of the Chicago convention, in case both are for free silver.

In accordance with the negotiation, which began several months ago, the populist national convention of the national silver party have been called to meet in St. Louis on the same day, July 22, two weeks after the Democratic national convention in Chicago. The leading Democratic advocates of free silver throughout the country have been quietly informed that if the Chicago convention adopts a free silver plank and nominates a candidate who will pledge himself to sign a free coinage bill, if one comes to him from congress, the action of the convention will be endorsed by the St. Louis conventions.

Representatives of the Populists have been traveling in the West and Southwest, for the past three weeks, suggesting that state conventions be postponed until the Democratic national convention in July shall have been held, and asking too that the Populists stand for the free coinage of silver as the pre-eminent issue.

It is announced that in all directions the plans suggested are being carried out. In many states there have been conferences between the leading free silver Democratic representatives of the national silver party and the Populists. It has just leaked out here that last Saturday there was a meeting of the representatives of the Indiana free silver Democrats, Populists and national free silver party men. The representatives of the Populists announced in the meeting that the state convention had been postponed until August, in order that the party might have the action of the Chicago convention before it arranged for the campaign.

A REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGN.

Short Resume of a Trip Through Sherman and Wasco Counties.

Messrs. B. S. Huntington, John Michell and Fred W. Wilson, who returned Tuesday from a campaign trip through Wasco and Sherman counties, report a pleasant journey. They left The Dalles a week ago this morning, and reached Sherar's Bridge in time for a sumptuous dinner, prepared by the skillful hands of Mrs. Sherar. The ride down the Sherar grade, the crossing of the Deschutes and the ascent of the other side, gave an opportunity to observe nature in one of her wildest moods. The view from the top of the grade is one of surpassing grandeur. Far in the distance can be seen the fertile Juniper Flat, with the White river dividing it in twain, while the glimmer of White river falls shines in the sunlight. The plateau extending from the Deschutes past Bakeoven stretches before the beholder. Just as daylight gave way to dusk the travelers arrived at Bakeoven, where, gathered around the stove in Mr. Burgess' comfortable inn, were found Judge Bradshaw, H. S. Wilson, Dist. Atty. Jayne and Mr. Geo. A. Young, the first three being homeward bound from Prineville.

Mr. Jayne was prevailed upon to join his fortunes with the campaigners, and the next morning the party started for Antelope, arriving there shortly after 10 o'clock. There were many old friends to give warm welcome. In the afternoon the speakers held forth in the Masonic hall, a pleasant feature of the meeting being the spirited playing of the Antelope band.

After partaking of the bounteous hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mays, Jr., who are comfortably settled in their home, a short distance from Antelope, a return was made to town, where the evening was pleasantly passed listening to the closing exercises of the Antelope public school. When the children had creditably performed their parts, the floor was cleared and a dance begun. Although some of The Dalles visitors were not very much at ease in the mysteries of the quadrille, they made every possible attempt to keep up with the procession, and it was generally considered Mr. Kelsay did remarkably well.

Among the Dalles visitors to Antelope were Judge Liebe, Judge Blakeley, County Clerk Kelsay, C. L. Gilbert, Mr. Woodcock and D. L. Cates. The visitors are under obligations to the people of Antelope for the many courtesies shown, and will always retain pleasant memories of their visit there.

From Antelope the quartette of Republicans set out for Kent, in Sherman county, where the political questions were discussed in the schoolhouse. Mr. J. D. Wilcox, one of the staunchest Republicans of Sherman county, entertained the party at a dinner, which, to the starving travelers, seemed better than anything Delmonico could set forth.

Rutledge was the next stopping place, and after the speaking was over, a start was made for Grass Valley. It was 10:30 p. m. when the party left Rutledge, and hardly had a mile or so been made when a driving storm of hail set in, which made things about as uncomfortable as well they could be. The Grass Valley band boys (long may they live and prosper) went ahead in their hand wagon and led the way to Grass Valley. Had it not been for them the campaigners might have still been wandering through the lanes and by-ways of Sherman county. At 1:30 a. m. Grass Valley was reached, and numbered with cold, the travelers huddled around the stove for an hour or more till thoroughly thawed. At Grass Valley Mr. Kelsay and Mr. Gilbert were again encountered. They denied they were in Sherman county soliciting votes, but the evidence was against them.

Sunday was spent in Moro, and here Mr. Jayne bade farewell to his associates and left for home.

Monday afternoon Wasco was the point of speaking, and the same evening Woodworth schoolhouse was visited. This fulfilled the appointments, and the next day, accompanied by Mr. A. D. McDonald, who joined them at Wasco, the travelers reached home.

Even this brief resume of the trip could not be called finished without a reference to the Rattlesnake road. This improvement is a most creditable piece of work. The grade is gradual, and loaded teams find little trouble in the ascent. If the grade upon this side of the river were as good, the farmers who come to The Dalles would have no complaint to make. As it is, the building of the Rattlesnake grade will prove a splendid investment. Much credit is due to the commission, Mr. McDonald, Mr. Adams and Mr. Gunther.

Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the trip was a most enjoyable one, and even if Mr. Huntington were so engaged in repeating Bryan's "Thanatopsis" that he drove past a good supper, and Mr. Michell and Mr. Jayne could not agree on all scriptural points, the journey was one long to be remembered with feelings of pleasure. Better than all were the assurances of Republican success which were given on all sides.

LORD SHOLTO'S WIFE.

Disobeys Her Husband's Command to Quit the Stage.

Chicago, May 10.—A morning paper says:

Lord Sholto Douglas, from his home in Arizona, has called upon his wife, formerly Loretta Mooney, to quit the vaudeville stage and return to him, but the light-footed songstress has declined. In an interview last night she said:

"Oh, yes, Lord Sholto wants me to leave the stage and go back to Arizona, but I don't see it that way just now. I'm going to New York next week to fill an engagement with Tony Pastor, and when I have seen what there is to see in New York we'll talk about Arizona. I've never been East before, and they say New York is quite a town. After that, of course, I expect to go to Arizona and leave the stage. Here's a letter from Lord Sholto I just received today. He wants to know why I don't answer his letters and telegrams—he has sent me two this week. Poor fellow, I suppose he is worrying. Have we quarrelled? Well, perhaps I hadn't better say anything about that. Some of these days I'll go back and be a good little wife, but not until I've seen New York."

Donor's Identity Revealed.

New York, May 15.—Barnard college, the woman's annex of Columbia university, having secured subscriptions aggregating \$100,000, required to secure the gift of \$100,000 tendered last year by a person who preferred to remain unknown until it became certain that the conditions of the donation were to be realized, the identity of the donor has just been made known.

It is the widow of the late Van Wyck Brinkerhoff of Hastings, Westchester county, and she makes the gift which goes toward the erection of a building on the new site of the university at Morningside Heights, as a memorial to her late husband and her father, William H. Hoopie, who died in June, 1895.

ASTORIA IS EXCITED

Thirteen of Her Citizens Said to Be Indicted.

CONSPIRING TO LAND CHINESE

That Is the Charge—Some of the Accused Prominent in Political Circles.

ASTORIA, Or., May 21.—A sensation was created here today by the announcement from Portland of the indictment of thirteen Astorians on charges of conspiring to land Chinese. Among the accused are many Republicans, prominent in political circles, and the affair has caused consternation in the party.

During the last three years there have been almost 400 Chinese landed in this city, as many as 100 having been landed in one week. The latter consignment was made at the time the steamship Islander visited this port. There are here about twenty-four Chinese firms, some of which, according to the recent importations, have as many as eighty members. During the past year it has been generally believed that much rottenness existed in the Chinese importation business, and today's news was not altogether unexpected.

P. S. Chappelle, the treasury agent, whose investigations have culminated in the arrests, says he has sufficient evidence to secure the conviction of all those arrested. It is understood that this evidence consists in part of the testimony of accomplices, both white and Chinese, who have been promised immunity from punishment in consideration of their services in testifying for the prosecution.

TESLA'S GREAT INVENTION.

Important Discovery in the Art of Electric Lighting.

NEW YORK, May 21.—Nicola Tesla has solved the problem which he set himself many years ago, and which may revolutionize the system of electric lighting. It is, electrical experts say, the nearest to the perfect adaptation of the great force to the uses of man.

In Mr. Tesla's laboratory is a bulb not more than three inches in length, which, when the current is turned into it, becomes a ball of light, and the heat is almost imperceptible. With it, a large room is so lighted that it is possible to read in any corner. Yet this is done without films and without the attachments necessary in existing lights. The rays are so strong that the sharpest photographs may be taken by them. No dynamo is required to produce the current. The bulb is attached to a wire connected with the street current, and there is no danger of a harmful shock in its use.

Stories have come from Mr. Tesla's laboratory that he was experimenting in light of this sort. Rumors of success and failure have followed each other, and his friends were inclined to doubt that he would succeed. Friends who recently visited Mr. Tesla saw him photograph by means of the light. The exposure was but two seconds, in the light of a single vacuum tube or bulb, without electrodes, and having a volume of about 90 cubic inches. The light given was approximately 250-candle power. The photograph was as sharp in outlines as though it were taken in the full sunlight.

Mr. Tesla has recently obtained many photographs in his study of Roentgen rays. He has photographed the heart of one of his assistants so accurately as to note its expansions and its contractions, and he has also been able to locate defects in the lungs of several persons, the presence of tuberculosis being evident.

A MINING HORROR.

Eight Men Entombed Alive by a Cave-In.

Ironwood, Mich., May 21.—Eight men were buried in a cave-in at the Ashland mine this morning. Large crews of men are drifting toward the imprisoned men in the hope of rescuing them.

The buried men are: Ed. Opie, Paul Nichols, Peter Moran, Ed. Vassicus, Beckman, John H. Helman, John Col-

lines, Peter Gura and an unknown.

The men were working at drifting on the third level, 300 feet from the surface, when the cave-in occurred. Captain Thomas Williams rushed to the scene. At that time no great amount of ground had fallen and Williams was able to communicate with the imprisoned men. They were all unharmed and said that with a rope they could be rescued. Captain Williams went for help, but before he returned another huge piece of ground fell and it was impossible to reach the men. It is still possible to communicate with them, however, by signals, and it is known at least some of them are alive.

The Bogus Bishop.

TACOMA, Wash., May 21.—This morning a man dressed as a Catholic priest, claiming to be Bishop Rupert, called at St. Joseph hospital. Finding Father Hylebos, resident priest, there, he hastily decamped. He is believed to have been at Portland, Astoria and other cities recently under the name of Father Laurent and Bishop of Honolulu.

"The Stove Shark."

From The Rural New Yorker, May 16, 1896:

I am glad that the R. N. Y. is going to give "the Stove Shark" some free advertising. This Western firm has been operating in Ohio for six or eight years, selling a steel or wrought-iron range for \$69, to many who preferred to pay for the ranges that had been set up in their kitchens rather than wrangle with the agent. The contract is peculiarly worded. In fine print, it states that the company shall not be held liable for representations made by the agent. The latter is usually a very voluble young man, gifted with a wonderful flow of conversation, and an assurance that is simply sublime. Temporary headquarters are usually established at some town convenient of access to two or three counties, and from this point the territory is worked by several agents who are employed by the month, and are sent out in wagons with the ranges. The agents are expected to place the ranges in the kitchens of the farmers under some pretense, and then to secure a note that binds the business.

Last summer I suffered two inflictions of these agents, the second one driving his mules up my private driveway as though he owned the place, and ordinary courtesy and a firm refusal had no more visible effect upon him than it would have had upon his mules. The first agent had failed, and he had been sent to get the range into the kitchen. After an hour or courteous treatment of the stranger, I changed my tactics and offered him the alternative of getting his mule team off my place in two minutes, or taking a sound thrashing. He chose the former, much to my relief, as he was a very able-bodied man. While at a Columbus, Ohio, hotel a few months afterward a young man was given a seat at my table in the dining room. Some inquiry by him led to conversation, and I learned that he was an employee of this western range company. That interested me, and he was encouraged to talk. Among other things he said: "There is plenty of hard work in this business. I go to men who have no more idea of buying one of our \$69 range than of buying a steamboat, and sell to them before I leave. I can get \$20 more for one of our ranges than a regular hardware dealer can get." If the range company is inclined to dispute the authenticity of this incident, I can, at least, furnish it with the name of the agent, as I took the precaution to get it from the hotel register. The fact is that the methods of this concern cannot stand the R. N. Y.'s searchlight, and it should be turned on for the benefit of the public. ALVA AGEE.

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