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## DYING RULER.

### The Fatal Disease is Gradually Wearing the Life of the Czar Away.

#### Princess Alix Arrives at Livadia and Will Soon Wed the Czarowitz.

LIVADIA, Oct. 23.—The following bulletin was made public here this evening. It says: "During the day the czar was languid. There were slight convulsive symptoms. His appetite was better than yesterday." The bulletin was signed by Mrs. Leyden, Zacharine, Popoff, Benjaminoff and Hirsch, physicians in attendance. According to advices received by physicians the illness of the czar is taking its usual course towards a fatal end. His majesty was better Sunday and Monday and worse today, while it is expected tomorrow his strength will carry him to another slight rally. Thus the progress of the disease will ebb and flow until the patient succumbs.

The princess Alix, of Hesse-Darmstadt, the betrothed wife of the czarowitz, arrived here at 5:30 yesterday accompanied by the Grand Duchess Elizabeth, her sister, wife of the Grand Duke Sergius of Russia. The journey of Princess Alix through Crimea was in the nature of a state progress. The princess was met at the Russian frontier by the Grand Duchess Sergius. At Livadia the bride-elect was welcomed by czarowitz and his uncle, the Grand Duke of Sergius. As the princess and party drove through Yalta the czarowitz and his intended wife, seated side by side, were heartily cheered by the crowd.

The imperial castle was reached at dusk and the princess Alix was immediately conducted into the presence of the czar and zarina. The imperial sufferer greeted the princess with every mark of affection. The bride elect, accompanied by the czarina and other members of the imperial family, proceeded to the chapel castle. A solemn religious service was then conducted, Princess Alix kneeling beside the empress and joining in long and fervent supplications offered for the recovery of the czar.

After the religious ceremony the princess and imperial party returned to the room occupied by the czar. The Grand Duke and Grand Duchess Vladimir, the former a brother of the emperor arrived Sunday and the King of Greece is on his way from Vienna.

LONDON, Oct. 23.—Today has produced practically nothing in regard to the situation of the czar. In all the continental capitals and in London there have been streams of people at the Russian embassy. To these, however, little information was vouchsafed, and that little consisted of forebodings. Prayers and masses are incessantly offered from St. Petersburg to Vladivostok, from Rome to Buenos Ayres. The wild rumors reported yesterday were reported today in still wilder forms. From Moscow comes the report that there are people there who insist that the czarowitz has refused to ascend the throne, and that the czar in order to compel him to do so, has ordered his immediate marriage to Princess Alix. The Moscovites fear that, should the rumors prove to be true, they will have to face the gravest peril possible.

The Cologne Gazette prints a St. Petersburg telegram stating that the czar has given orders for the settlement of the succession to the imperial council. He has advised that Grand Duke George, his second son, should, on account of his health, renounce his claim for the crown to Grand Duke Michael, who ought to take the oath as heir presumptive to the throne.

The Berlin Tagblatt published a telegram from Livadia, asserting that the betrothal of the czarowitz and Princess Alix will formally occur today, and that the marriage will be celebrated Wednesday.

The torpedo or electrical fish has two distinct galvanic batteries. When irritated, the fish has been known to deliver 100 shocks in two minutes. When taken from the water, its electrical power is nearly four times as great as when in its native element.

Delaware has no state prison. State convicts are sent to the three county prisons or to the Maryland penitentiary at Baltimore.

## OUR PLATFORM.

The Republicans of Custer county Montana being again assembled on the eve of a campaign take occasion to again declare their unswerving faith in the cardinal republican principle of protection to American industries and American labor, a principle upon which the battle of 1892 was fought and lost but which could have had no abler or more complete demonstrations of its political fitness and necessity that that given to the world by the democratic congress recently adjourned that individually clamored and fought in piecemeal for what they condemned as a whole, and finally, by a series of the most questionable proceedings that ever disgraced a session of congress, through the snuff and alms of party perjury and party dishonor, succeeded in placing among the statutes of the country a tariff law that protects everything but wool and makes the democratic platform of 1892 with all its high sounding condemnation of protection as the culminating atrocity of class legislation, a thing to be jeered at as long as democrats endure.

We express our thorough appreciation and approval of the able representation by Hon. Thomas C. Power and Hon. Charles S. Hartman of this sovereign state in the congress of the United States, which representation though of the minority was none the less zealous and active and not without important results.

We heartily endorse the administration of Hon. John E. Rickards, governor of this state, and particularly commend his action in protecting the state from the shame and disgrace of a special session of the third legislative assembly.

We denounce and disown the traitor republicans of the last legislature who bartered for money what little honor God entrusted them with, and point with conscious pride to the unsullied reputations of Custer county's delegation—Senator Swift and Representatives Huffman and McKay, who passed through that fire of bribery and corruption unscathed by suspicion even.

We especially denounce the hostile attitude of the democratic party toward the wool interest of the United States whereby one of the principal industries of this state has been ruined, and which has robbed the woolgrowers of this county alone of the vast sum of \$1,000,000 and reduced hundreds of our citizens to absolute poverty, thus depriving many of them the autumn of their days, and the fruits of years of honest labor.

Mindful of the depression brought upon the mining industry in the western portion of our state by legislation hostile to silver we declare in favor of a policy that will place that metal on a parity with gold, and thus restore to a large portion of our state, the prosperity it once enjoyed.

Ever faithful in its fulfillment of antielection pledges, whether they be made to the nation or to the people of a county we congratulate the people of this county on the definite action already taken by our republican board of county commissioners for the construction of bridges and the improvement of roads, promised by the republican party in the last campaign, and we hereby renew these promises as a standing pledge from one campaign to another until every difficult or dangerous stream is bridged and every road made fit for travel.

"The paradise of tips," as we are told by a writer in The Kleine Zeitung, is Carlsbad. His estimate is that not less than a million marks must be paid during the season in the questionable shape of "voluntary" gifts or gratuities to waiters and others, which do not appear in any bill. Everybody who does you any service in Carlsbad looks for his or her "trinkgeld" before you depart. The waiter gets upon an average from 6 to 10 florins (12 shillings to £1). The maiden who serves you with water at the Brunnen expects and mostly receives 3 florins, the postman gets a florin, and there are various other male and female benefactors to whom you pay what you please.

## Steam or Electricity.

Whenever any new mechanical device comes to notice, the public, excited perhaps by certain anonymous and irresponsible scribes in hasty articles, goes into ecstacy over the new discovery, and proceeds to relegate all previous devices to the scrap-heap. Immediately following the invention and practical perfection of the electric dynamo, and its application to the running of street cars and certain kinds of machinery, we were told that the steam engine and the locomotive were antiquated, passe, and not up to date. On paper, electric railroads were operating all over the Union and driving the steam roads out of existence. Up to date nothing of the kind has taken place, but if it had been so the work of steam would not have been displaced. These enthusiastic people forget that behind every dynamo or group of dynamos is a steam engine and that the electrical appliances are no more than the original source of power than the belt that connects the shafting with the drive-wheel of the engine. It is only an example of transmission and transmutation of force. So the thousands of locomotives on the even thousand miles of the Burlington route will "toot" for a good many years to come, and safely, swiftly and comfortably carry hundreds of thousands of contented patrons between all the larger cities of the ten best states of the west. Your home ticket agent will give you information as to this line, or you can send for maps etc., to W. J. C. Kenyon, Gen. Pass. Agent, St. Paul, Minn.

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## This Time Last Year.

For the convenience of those who wish to make comparisons and for the benefit of those who can never remember, the JOURNAL will hereafter keep standing a table of the corresponding month of last year, showing day by day the principal meteorological conditions, as obtained from the record kept by the United States weather observer in this city. Following is the record for Oct., 1893:

DATE.	WEATHER.	TEMPERATURE.
1—	Cloudy	38
2—	Partly cloudy	46
3—	Partly cloudy	48
4—	Cloudy	46
5—	Partly cloudy	45
6—	Partly cloudy	50
7—	Partly cloudy	47
8—	Partly cloudy	42
9—	Cloudy	50
10—	Cloudy	45
11—	Cloudy	33
12—	Cloudy	50
13—	Clear	47
14—	Clear	42
15—	Clear	54
16—	Clear	53
17—	Cloudy	43
18—	Partly cloudy	40
19—	Clear	48
20—	Clear	46
21—	Clear	54
22—	Partly cloudy	32
23—	Cloudy	34
24—	Partly cloudy	38
25—	Cloudy	40
26—	Cloudy	42
27—	Cloudy	34
28—	Cloudy	30
29—	Cloudy	34
30—	Partly cloudy	48
31—	Cloudy	50

The figures in the right hand column denote the average thermometer reading for the day. The highest temperature during the month was 44. The total amount of rain and melted snow was 1.25 of an inch.

## Proposals.

PROPOSALS will be received by the trustees of the Montana State Reform school for furnishing coal, wood and hay as follows:

Lignite coal as required at the school building from date until September 30th, 1895. Estimated at about 200 tons in all. Coal to be delivered direct from the mine. The weight of each load to be estimated after weighing one or more loads on scales in Miles City.

Card wood—25 cords of dry pine wood (not charred) to be thrown off the wagon at the building, not piled.

Hay—20 tons of timothy or blue joint hay free from weeds and in good condition, to be delivered in the loft of the stable as required, about two tons each month.

Bills for furnishing supplies are approved monthly and paid by the State Board of Examiners at Helena, promptly.

Proposals should be marked, "Proposals for Coal, Wood or Hay" as may be the case and delivered to J. W. Strevell, Free, on or before 12 o'clock noon, October 25th at which time they will be opened at his office.

H. B. WILEY, Secretary.

## Notice to Sheep Men.

Parties bringing sheep into this county from outside the state, or having complaint to make in regard to scab, are requested to address the undersigned at Mezzpah, Mont.

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