

INALIENABLE RIGHT IDENTIFIED.
It is "Free Land," in the Opinion of the
Next Washington Governor.

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 15.—Governor-elect Rogers has issued a copyrighted pamphlet containing about 2,000 words and entitled "Free Land." A copy has been sent to the members of the legislature which meets next month. He takes the position that free land is an "inalienable, imprescriptible, and indestructible" right of man, and draws lessons from the freedom and enjoyment of the Puyallup reservation Indians, which he thinks result from their free, inalienable, and untaxable homesteads. His position is supported by quotations from Emerson, Ingersoll, and Seneca.

In conclusion he proposes an amendment to the state legislature providing that real estate and all usual improvements, to a value of not to exceed \$2,500, occupied as a homestead by any private family, the head of which is a citizen of the United States and this state, shall be forever exempted from all taxation of every kind. The exemption is limited to homesteads. The pamphlet states that the amount exempted by this scheme would not exceed 10 per cent. of the entire value.

He said such a plan enacted into law "will prevent that fatal clash of the classes otherwise inevitable." The pamphlet concludes: "County government should be abolished and given to the merest skeleton of what it now is. Townships and municipal governments can attend to local affairs; let the state be called in where necessary."

Regulating Street Car Fares.

Chicago, Dec. 15.—The city council last night adopted an ordinance to compel street car companies to accept 4 cents for a ride. It is likely that the matter will be taken into the courts.

ABBREVIATED TELEGRAMS.

Obituary: At Dayton, O., Ex-County Recorder James H. Hall. At St. Louis, Martin Kaiser. At Nashville, Ills., Mrs. Sallie H. Adams, 64.

A case of a man's falling in love with and marrying his mother-in-law is reported from Troy township, six miles south of Eagle, Wis. Elder Beatchtel, the divorced husband of Hattie Babcock Beatchtel, by whom he has one living child, and Mrs. Sarah Babcock the contracting parties.

The vote of California for presidential electors has been tabulated and shows the following totals: Republicans, 146,588; fusion, 144,766; Prohibition, 2,573.

A hog weighing 1,000 pounds was slaughtered near Cambridge, Md.

William E. Seeley, president of the First National bank of Bridgeport, Conn., has been offered the position of United States treasurer under President McKinley.

Auditor General-Elect Dix, of Lansing, Mich., has served notice of dismission to thirty of the present office force.

The port of London is on the wane and is losing prestige as the distributing center of Europe, according to the report of Sir Thomas Sutherland.

The Philip & Raichart Manufacturing company, at 810 West Nineteenth street, Chicago, has made an assignment. Assets, \$30,000; liabilities about \$28,000. The company has a planing mill.

A bill will be presented to the Pennsylvania legislature abolishing the scaffold in the execution of condemned criminals and substituting gas. It is proposed to turn the gas into an air-tight cell while the condemned man is asleep.

The body of Harry Rundell, of Chicago, was found floating in Lake Elizabeth, near Los Angeles, Cal.

A confession is said to have been made by C. W. Manley, of Jacksonville, Ills., of an attempt to rob the Massachusetts Benefit association of \$10,000 in the Thomas G. Flenniken case by false testimony.

The Weather That Sometimes Comes.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Following are the weather indications for twenty-four hours from 8 p. m. yesterday: For Indiana and Illinois—Partly cloudy weather, preceded by light showers in southern portions; northerly winds. For Lower Michigan—Generally cloudy weather; probably local snows at lake stations; fresh to brisk easterly winds. For Upper Michigan—Cloudy weather; probably light snows; fresh to brisk southeasterly winds; slightly warmer. For Wisconsin—Fair weather, except in northern portion light snows; light variable winds. For Iowa—Generally fair weather; westerly winds.

THE MARKETS.

New York Financial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Money on call nominally 14½ per cent.; prime mercantile paper 12½ per cent.; sterling exchange was firm, with actual business at 48½@49½ for forty days; posted demand at 48½@49½ for sixty days; posted 49½@50½ for ninety days; 5½ registered, 120½; do. coupons, 120½; 5½ registered, 119½; do. coupons, 119½; 4½ registered, 109½; do. coupons, 109½; 2½ registered, 97½; do. coupons, 97½.

United States government bonds firm at 4½ registered, 120½; do. coupons, 120½; 5½ registered, 119½; do. coupons, 119½; 4½ registered, 109½; do. coupons, 109½; 2½ registered, 97½; do. coupons, 97½.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Following were the quotations at the Board of Trade today: Wheat—December, opened 77c, closed 77c; May, opened 80c, closed 82c; July, opened 79½c, closed 79½c; Corn—December, opened 22½c, closed 23½c; January, opened 28c, closed 29½c; May, opened 29½c, closed 28c. Oats—December, opened 17½c, closed nominal; January, opened and closed nominal; May, opened 29½c, closed 29½c; December, opened and closed nominal; January, opened \$7.67½c, closed 77½c. Lard—December, opened and closed nominal; January, opened \$3.87½c, closed \$3.90.

Produce: Butter—Extra creamery, 22c per lb; extra dairy, 16c; fresh packing stock, 82½c. Eggs—Fresh stock, 16c per doz. Poultry—Turkeys, 22½c per lb; chickens, 5½c@6c; spring chickens, 6½c@7c; roasters, 4½c; ducks, 9½c@10c; geese, 7½c@8c. Potatoes—Barbarks, 20c@21c per lb; Hebron, 20c@21c. Sweet potatoes—Illinois, 1½c@2½c per lb. Honey—White clover 10½c per lb; extracted, 5½c@7c. Apples—Common to fancy, 50c@1.50 per lb.

Chicago Live Stock.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—Live Stock—Prices at the Union Stock yards today ranged as follows: Hogs—Estimated receipts for the day, 34,000; sales ranged at \$2.80@3.50 pigs, \$3.80@3.80 light \$3.00@3.10 rough packing, \$3.80@3.80 mixed, and \$3.80@3.90 heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle—Estimated receipts for the day, 15,000; quotations ranged at \$4.85@5.75 Christmas beesves, \$4.75@5.50 choice to extra shipping steers, \$4.25@4.80 good to choice do, \$3.80@4.35 fair to good, \$3.40@4.00 common to medium do, \$3.10@3.80 butchers steers, \$2.80@3.50 stockers, \$3.80@4.00 feeders, \$1.80@2.80, cows, \$2.40@4.15 heifers, \$1.75@2.75 bulls, oxen and steers, \$2.80@4.10 Texas steers, and \$2.75@3.50 calves.

Sheep—Estimated receipts for the day, 16,000; sales ranged at \$1.80@2.80 western, \$1.50@2.80 Texans, \$1.80@2.75 natives and \$2.80@3.50 lambs.

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POLITICS AND RELIGION COMBINED BY A STRANGE SECT.

Novel Church In California—The Mother Organization In Los Angeles Has Branches In Three Towns—Total Membership Is One Thousand.

There is in Los Angeles a church movement so extraordinary in the character of its creed as to be without parallel or anticipation by the creed of any ecclesiastical idea ever before brought into the world.

In point of fact, the only semblance of ecclesiasticism which this movement bears abides in its name of "church" and in the fact that it expresses itself to be a form of the worship of God. Other than this there is nothing about its officers, its meetings or any ceremonies thereof which might suggest it to embody a phase of religious thought, as religious thought comes to us today through articles of faith, psalters and edifices.

This newly originated institution is called New Era church, and it was brought into being through a state charter granted upon the filing of articles of incorporation in 1894. Dr. W. C. Bowman was the originator of the idea of such a church and stood at the helm while it was getting into shape. He calls it a "civic church," and as such it has spread until the Los Angeles body now numbers about 700 members, and there are churches at Compton, Azusa and Clearwater, each of them having as great a membership as any of the "old line" churches which are in those towns. Altogether it might be said that the membership of the church is about 1,000, but from this nucleus the church officers declare the faith will spread, as the present activities show, until it becomes the most conspicuous church movement in the state.

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In short, this New Era church merges politics with religion, and of the two runs mostly to politics. There is no regular preacher, and the sermons bear no flavor of theology. Twice on Sunday just spoken. The idea is recognized by some as about the same sort of breaking off from the orthodox faith as Protestantism was from Catholicism. It is based upon the claim that the churches of today assert that their only purpose is to care for the souls of individuals and have no concern for their earthly well being further than obtains to morality and charity, the last of which graces the New Era's declare "in its church acceptance and practice simply a fraud."

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