

# N. K. WEST'S Great White Sale FOR THIS WEEK ONLY

And you have waited for it because you know such values and qualities as the quality store gives are unknown anywhere else. Some stores advertise goods, under flaring headlines, at the same prices that prevail at their counters at all times, and these prices are not low; others exploit goods at seemingly low prices, but—examine the qualities—examine the workmanship and you will find that the prices asked are perhaps more than the goods are worth. We have cut the prices on every white article in the house such as our new spring waists, embroideries, lawns and undermuslins which we have just unpacked and will be on display all this week and coupled with the very low prices give a new lustre to our value giving for this week.

## All Previous Records Broken By Unprecedented Values and Price Reductions

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### RECEPTION OF THE FLEET

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China and in the Pacific, the agents of the Mikado were in a more agreeable frame of mind for affixing their signatures to the document, after the visit of the fleet to Japan.

### THE NATION'S FATHER

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London Sees Stars and Stripes. London, Feb. 22.—The Stars and Stripes are floating proudly from the American embassy today in honor of the general who "licked the British" in the war of independence. As usual a big banquet will be held this evening, at which patriotic Americans now in London will make the eagle scream.

Newsboys Enjoy Feed. New York, Feb. 22.—Over 2000 newsboys will imbibe patriotism through their stomachs at the Washington's birthday dinner at the Newsboys' home. The custom of giving a great spread to the "newsies" on Washington's natal day was established years ago by the late Randolph Guggenheimer.

Washington Adverse to "Parties." Philadelphia, Feb. 22.—While the people of the nation are today celebrating the 177th birthday of George Washington, it appears from his diaries and other manuscripts that the great statesman and general paid little or no attention to his birth anniversary.

While living in this city, soon after his election as president, he made this entry in his diary on Monday, February 22, 1790:

"Set seriously about removing my furniture to my new house. Two of the gentlemen of the family had their beds taken there, and would sleep there tonight."

From the beginning one is left to infer that he was not in the habit of celebrating his birthday with undue hilarity or display. The humor of the situation becomes all the more apparent when one learns from his diary that this "was about the fourth time he had 'set seriously about removing' to his new quarters."

He appears to have been equally indifferent during the Revolutionary war as to the day which all modern Americans celebrate. Doubtless the matter never once entered his head. And there were times during the struggle for liberty when the anniversary of his birth proved a day of trouble and anxiety and vexation.

### 100 MILES OF SLEIGHING

Rev. Dr. Gillilan returned this morning after an absence of almost a month, having been into the Vale, Payette and Thunder Mountain country. From the railway at Emmett, Idaho, to the rails again at Evergreen on the "Pin" road, the distance is 132 miles; this is made by the stage, which in some places is daily, and some places not so often. Taking the wheels at Emmett, the first station is Sweet. Although "sweet" he's not much stuck on the place. The mdu in that region, he thinks, has never been fathomed. From Sweet to Ola, is another sweet stretch of country of 18 miles, also unfathomed; at Ola the wheels were exchanged for runners, and for the remaining hundred miles there was not only enough of snow, but too much in places. On the summit of the Tripod pass, just before reaching the Payette river, the snow is 10 feet deep or more, and all through Round valley, the fence posts for the greater part were entirely covered, only the highest ones showing. Men and women on skis were able to go right over the tops of the fences almost everywhere. The region about Thunder City, Van Wyck, Alpha and Crawford has an immense amount of it. Many houses and barns have caved in on account of the unusual amount.

Dr. Gillilan spent the Sunday in Weiser, and tomorrow goes to Enterprise to assist in the installing of a chapter of the Methodist Brotherhood. He returns on Wednesday and goes that evening to Payette to attend

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the meeting of the conference board of Home missions and church extension which meets there Thursday morning.

#### Rainey Misrepresented.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Representative Rainey of Illinois, on the floor of the house today, declared the report he ever opposed the construction of the Panama canal was the grossest misrepresentation. He said he simply called attention to what he believed to be evidence of graft in connection with the transactions. He scored the president for attacking him in a letter written to President Obaldia of Panama.

#### Physician Dies of Cancer.

Savannah, Ga., Feb. 22.—Dr. Wm. T. Bull, a noted New York surgeon, died today of cancer, to which he devoted his professional experience to combat in others.

#### Ready for Seattle Marathon.

Seattle, Feb. 22.—All is in readiness for the Washington Marathon race, which was run on the Western Washington fair grounds late this afternoon. All runners entered were present except Fred Walby of the Y. M. C. A. at Portland, but it is expected that he will start.



Miss Marie Drofna, Leading Lady With Charles B. Hanford.