

... Tomorrow Morning . . at Nine O'clock . . .

IS THE TIME

Our doors open to the Greatest Clearance Sale we have yet placed before the people of La Grande. By this we mean the Heaviest Reductions all over the house and on the Largest Stock. Not a little reduction but prices that will startle competition and bring you to this store.

13th Annual January Sale

THE FAIR

WHITE HOUSE FUNCTION GORGEOUS AFFAIR

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was but little less gorgeous than the gilded dress of the diplomats.

With the passing of the military, the spectacular features of the reception were at an end, and the lesser clothes, filed in.

Then followed the various patriotic societies, who are accorded special recognition at the New Year's reception. Members of the following organizations were in line: The Society of the Cincinnati; the Aztec Club of 1847; the Associated Veterans of the War of 1846-47; the Military Order of the Loyal Legion of the United States; the Grand Army of the Republic; the Medal of Honor Legion; the Union Veteran Legion; the Spanish War Veterans; the Society of the Army of Santiago; the Minute Men; the Union Veteran's Union; the Sons of the American Revolution; and the members of the Oldest Inhabitants Association of the District of Columbia.

Ladies Leave Receiving Line.

The last of the official visitors had left by one o'clock. Mrs. Taft, Mrs. Sherman, and the ladies of the cabinet, then withdrew from the reception line to the State Dining-room, where refreshments were served. In the Blue Room the President and his cabinet squared their shoulders and prepared to receive the long line that for hours had been gathering along the White House Walks. The President's smile broadened, the bugles sounded, the band broke into a lively two-step and the "common people" entered.

A heterogeneous throng—typically American—filed in to the lively music of the band, quickened to hurry them along. The line moved fast until it approached the President, but there it was delayed by each individual endeavoring to obtain a distinctively personal greeting from the host.

Secret Men Guard Taft.

A few feet down the line from the President stood several well-groomed

and well-built men apparently lounging carelessly about, but keeping a careful eye on the moving line as it approached the Executive. They were the secret service men, and not a person reached the objective point of the line without their close scrutiny. There were no hands wrapped in handkerchiefs, no packages were carried in the line, and no one approached the President without keeping their two hands in plain sight.

The band quickened its tune, shifted from the lively two step steps to more lively rag time; the attendants were more persistent in keeping the line moving, but still the common people came on. Until the gray of dusk heralded the ending of the winter day they filed through the Blue Room.

Not once did that famous Taft smile droop. There was a word for everyone. As the President shook hands with each citizen he exemplified the holiday spirit of good cheer. With the hand shake and the smile he generally repeated the caller's name, as announced by Capt. Archie Butt, his aide, or else he was glad to see "him"—and he looked the part too.

BELIEVES VENUS INHABITED

New Year Commences With Opinion Firmly Fixed as to Planet.

Vallejo, Cal., Jan. 2.—The beginning of 1911 marks the acceptance of the theory that Venus is inhabited, according to Professor T. J. See, in charge of the United States observatory at Mare Island. The professor has received letters from scientists all over the world saying that they agreed with his theory. His idea is that Venus is surrounded by atmosphere as dense as the earth's, and the day is only 23 hours as the planet revolves faster than the earth.

Want ads pay, one cent a word

MALAMUTE RACE POSTPONED.

Snow Obliterates Trail of Famous Derby of Alaska.

Valdez, Jan. 2.—The famous malamute dog race, one of the important sporting events in Alaska, upon which thousands are wagered, and scheduled for today, has been postponed. Heavy snows have obliterated the trails.

PRIZES FOR BEST ESSAY

OREGON SOCIETY WILL PAY WELL FOR THESE

Various Subjects Can Be Used in Preparing the Papers in Contest.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 2.—The Oregon Society of the Sons of the American Revolution offers prizes totaling \$100 to the pupils of the public schools of the State of Oregon, for essays on subjects connected with our War for Independence.

One prize of \$10.00 and three of \$5.00 each will be awarded for the first, second, third and fourth best essays, respectively, written by High School pupils on one of the following subjects:

1. The Finances of the Revolution.
2. Foreign Officers in the Continental Army.

The committee has divided up the state exclusive of the high schools, into three districts comprised of the following counties:

- District No. 1—Multnomah county.
- District No. 2—All the Counties east of the Cascade mountains.
- District No. 3—All of the counties lying west of the Cascade mountains except Multnomah.

One prize of \$10.00 and three of \$5 each will be awarded in each district for the first, second, third and fourth best essays, respectively, written by grade pupils on any one of the following subjects:

1. Israel Putnam.
2. The British in Philadelphia.
3. The Battle of Kings Mountain.

The essays are limited to three thousand words each, must be written in the student's own handwriting on one side only of the paper and accompanied by a certificate from the writer's teacher, stating that the writer is a pupil in a designated class, and that the teacher believes the essay to be the pupil's own unaided work.

The essays must be signed by the writer, giving also his or her post-office address (including county). They should be forwarded to John K. Kellock, Chairman of Committee, 312 Corbett building, Portland, Oregon.

and should reach their destination not later than February 15, 1911. Essays not complying with these conditions will be rejected.

In awarding the prizes the committee will be governed by considerations of:

1. Originality.
2. Accuracy of statement.
3. Manner of treatment.
4. Orthography, syntax and punctuation.
5. Neatness and legibility.

These prizes are offered to encourage love of our country and the study of its history.

AMERICAN'S WAR UNDER WAY.

Christmas Leads Army Against Honduras Town and Revolution Starts.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Jan. 2.—Revolutionists under Lee Christmas, an American adventurer and former President Bonilla are invading Honduras and are now near town of Puerto Cortez, according to today's reports. One section of the revolutionary army is marching toward Tegucigalpa. The rest of the army follows later on in a more northerly route. The entrance to Puerto Cortez was affected without a skirmish and the government troops are reported joining the revolutionists. Bonilla's forces expect an easy victory over the federalists.

The government is preparing for battle here with a few loyalists. The federal forces are small, poorly equipped and provisioned. The people fear the approaching seige.

Notice.

Notice of the Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon, of Assessments Greenwood Street from the North curb line of Jefferson Avenue to the north curb line of Monroe Avenue.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the improvement of Greenwood street from the north curb line of Jefferson Avenue to the north curb line of Monroe Avenue, being in improvement district No. 10, in the city of La Grande, Oregon, under the provisions of ordinance No. 507, Series 1910, entitled, "An Ordinance declaring the cost of improv-

ing Greenwood street from the north curb line of Jefferson Avenue to the north curb line of Monroe Avenue, assessing the property benefited thereby, declaring such assessment, directing the entry of the same in the docket of City Liens, authorizing the issuance and sale of improvement bonds to pay for said improvements and declaring an emergency," the same being in improvement district No. 24, is now in my hands for collection and that any assessment therein may be paid to me at any time within sixty days from December 31st, 1910, which is the first date of the publication of this notice, without penalty, interest or cost; and each property owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned, within ten days from the 31st day of December, 1910, which is the first date of the publication of this notice, he will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten annual installments, the first installment thereof being due and payable on or before the 2nd day of March, 1911, and if application is not made as above provided the whole amount will be due and payable at the expiration of said sixty days. All property owners interested are hereby notified to appear at my office in the city hall and pay the same.

By order of the Council, December 28th, 1910.

D. E. COX,

Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon.

Following is assessment roll No. 11 Block 123, lot 1, Chaplin's Add. Rose Harris \$40.90 Block 123, lot 28, Chaplin's Add. Mrs. James Petch \$70.60 Jan 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

Notice.

Notice of the Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon, of Assessments for the improvement of "C" Avenue, from 4th street to Cedar street.

Notice is hereby given that the assessment roll for the improvement of "C" Avenue, from 4th street to Cedar street, being in improvement district No. 24 in the City of La Grande, Oregon, under the provision of Ordinance No. 508, Series 1910, entitled, "An Ordinance declaring the cost of improving "C" Avenue from 4th street to Cedar street, assessing the property benefited thereby, declaring

such assessment, directing the entry of the same in the docket of City Liens, authorizing the issuance and sale of improvement bonds to pay for said improvements and declaring an emergency," the same being in improvement district No. 24, is now in my hands for collection and that any assessment therein may be paid to me at any time within sixty days from December 31st, 1910, which is the first date of the publication of this notice, without penalty, interest or cost; and each property owner is hereby notified that on application to the undersigned within ten days from the 31st day of December, 1910, which is the first date of this publication of this notice, he will be allowed to pay such assessment in ten annual installments, the first installment thereof being due and payable on or before March 2nd, 1911. If application is not made as above provided the whole amount will be due and payable at the expiration of said sixty days. All property owners interested are hereby notified to appear at my office at the City Hall and pay the same.

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Following is assessment roll No. 12 Block 2-C st. w 1-2 lot 2, original townsite, A. W. Rynearson, est. \$ 8.85 Block 2-C st. E 1-2, lot 2, original townsite, Maggie Mahafey 8.85 Block 2-D st. all lot 5, original townsite, Lucy Nelson 19.76 Block 2-D st. W 1-2 lot 6, original townsite, Lucy Nelson 10.05 Block 2-D st. E 1-2 lot 6, original townsite, Maggie Mahafey 10.25 Block 2-D st. all lot 7, original townsite, Maggie Mahafey 20.30 Block 2-D st. all lot 9, original townsite, Josie Mills 11.80 Block 2-D, st. all lot 10, original townsite, Josie Mills 11.80 Block 2-D st. all lot 11 original townsite, Josie Mills 11.80 Block 2-D st. all lot 12, original townsite, Josie Mills 17.11 Jan 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.