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BIG MAN OF THE BALKANS.

In the sketch of Ferdinand, czar of Bulgaria, published in the November issue of Current Literature, the reader gets a glimpse of the biggest personality in the Balkan peninsula today and undoubtedly, the influence which has counted the most toward the spectacular victories achieved by the allies. While direct credit for the wonderful flanking movement which crumpled up the right wing of the Turkish army and spread demoralization through the entire ranks must go to General Savoff, still it is more than likely that in the planning of this brilliant military feat Ferdinand, a soldier and a strategist, had a great deal to say.

The czar is pictured in this article as cold, austere and the acme of dignity at home; friendly, jovial and companionable abroad.

When he leaves his adopted country he undergoes a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde transformation and from a monarch becomes a man whom people like and admire.

Ferdinand, the student of contemporary history knows, made Bulgaria. When he took the throne after it had been hawked about Europe for more than six months he found the country a rocky waste and its capital, Sofia, a city of mean streets and dilapidated buildings. Today the land is fertile, yielding abundant crops and the city is a handsome municipality with an air of pious dignity reminiscent of Berlin and Vienna. All this has been accomplished in a few

months more than 25 years. Bulgaria has been called both the Japan of Europe and the United States of Europe. It has the characteristics of both countries. Like Japan it has flashed from obscurity as a dazzling conqueror; like the United States its military prowess is but the flower of an economic prosperity maintained by the good sense and shrewdness of its people. The ruler of such a country, full of faults as he is, is bound to be interesting to a world that hardly guessed of his existence a few months ago.

CITY REFLECTS TONE

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asm, not only of your own practical men, but of your neighbors.

In proportion as a community is generous in its relations with its neighbors, upon whom the larger city is dependent—in proportion as there is generosity of motive, breadth of vision and well-directed, common sense activity—in that proportion can a rich reward be won. The rewards are in sight. The opportunity is here. It is simply a case of utilizing your own organization to further the common good of your entire country.

Although these are generalities, they are none the less true. Frequently forgotten, they should be reiterated over and over again until they become part of a community's policy and practice.

Tonight I will present some concrete suggestions.

PROGRAM IS UNIQUE.

Big Variety of Fun and Solemn Moments Faces Diners.

Proper stages are set for the Commercial club housewarming this evening commencing at 8 o'clock sharp. Guests will gather any time after dinner and band music will keep things lively at the club rooms. Com-

mencing at 8 o'clock, a more or less well defined program will be carried out along the jinks order, the vaudeville houses of the city contributing to the fun. There will be music of various kinds and nature. Five minutes have been given over to the new members and the period will be dignified and solemn in the extreme. Visiting, songs, speeches, a jig or two et al will keep the club men active until 10 o'clock when the scenes will shift to the Foley grill and there one of the Foley meals will be set before something like 130 diners. The speech list will include three men, C. C. Chapman, the Portland publicist who is here today, Walter M. Pierce

Report of the Condition of the
LA GRANDE NATIONAL BANK
at La Grande, in the state of Oregon, at the close of business, Nov. 26th, 1912.

Resources.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$ 673,007.27
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	24
U. S. bonds to secure circulation	72,000.00
U. S. bonds to secure U. S. deposits, \$40,000.00; to secure postal savings, \$5,000.00	45,000.00
Bonds, securities, etc. ..	20,139.62
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	55,584.84
Other real estate owned ..	4,000.00
Due from national banks (not reserve agents) ..	26,918.52
Due from state and private banks and bankers trust companies and savings banks	8,343.93
Due from reserve agents	113,405.45
Checks and other cash items	6,601.03
Notes of other national banks	5,125.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels and cents ..	1,649.86
Lawful money reserve in bank viz:	
Specie	\$56,010.80
Redemption fund with U. S. treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)	3,595.00
Total	\$1,091,381.56
Liabilities.	
Capital stock paid in	100,000.00
Surplus fund	120,000.00
Undivided profits less expenses and taxes paid ..	13,680.67
National bank notes outstanding	70,295.00
Due to other national banks	4,791.74
Due to state and private banks and bankers	109.22
Due to approved reserve agents	1,562.35
Individual deposit subject to check	469,357.15
Demand certificates of deposit	6,569.81
Time certificates of deposit	263,187.28
U. S. deposits, \$32,503.64; postal savings deposits, \$1,828.34	34,331.98
Deposits of U. S. disbursing officers	7,496.36
Total	\$1,091,381.56

State of Oregon, county of Union, ss I, F. L. MEYERS, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
F. L. MEYERS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of December, 1912.
(Sg) H. A. ZURBRICK, Notary Public.
(Sgd) FRED J. HOLMES.
(Sgd) C. C. PENNINGTON.
(Sgd) W. J. CHURCH, Directors.

and one other.
Those who have not secured tickets can do so by seeing Secretary C. M. Humphreys before 8 o'clock tonight. It is going to be an event by which Commercial club history will be indexed, and every member should be present, or the loss will be his own. "Remember the hour" is the parting word from Secretary Humphreys and John Collier, the men in charge of the stunts.

"THIS IS MY 42ND BIRTHDAY."

Rev. Joseph M. Dinand, president of Holy Cross college, Worcester, Mass., was born in Boston, Dec. 3, 1869. He matriculated at Holy Cross in 1884 and ten years later entered the Society of Jesus at the novitiate in Frederick, Md. He studied philosophy at Woodstock, Md., from 1892 to 1895, and for five years following continued his studies at St. Francis Xavier's college, New York City. He returned to Woodstock in 1900 and remained there four years, studying theology. From there he went to St. Andrew's on the Hudson, where he completed his studies. For four years he was engaged in missionary work in the West Indies. From 1909 until his appointment to the presidency of Holy Cross college a year ago Father Dinand was superior of the Jesuit novitiate at Poughkeepsie.

Congratulations to: George H. Denny, president of the university of Alabama, 42 years old today.

Major General William B. Otter, inspector general of Canadian militia, 69 years old today.

Rt. Rev. Lemuel H. Wells, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Spokane, 71 years old today.

Cleveland Abbe, the distinguished meteorologist, who was the first to establish a system of daily weather maps of the United States, 74 years old today.

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The Dutch Pond is frozen
The River is freezing
And the big fun is on.

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of money accumulated by residents of La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley.

We Now Have Loaned
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to business men, farmers and others in this community. The money deposited here is not "laid away" as some of it might be if its owners had not deposited it, but it is industriously at work all about us, doing good. By depositing your income here on open account and paying it out by check, you will safeguard your interests, build your credit and cultivate an acquaintance at a strong financial institution, which can and will help you when you need help. Don't delay, you can begin with a small deposit at the

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SATURDAY, NOV. 23rd

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THE GIFT QUESTION

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You will find here the
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GORDON FUR SETS
INDIAN ROBES
SILK HOSIERY
EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS
KEISER NECKWEAR
FOWNES GLOVES
HOUSE SLIPPERS
HAND BAGS
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KNIT GOODS
FANCY SCARFS
FANCY HAIR COMBS

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Men and Boys

BATH ROBES, SMOKING JACKETS, SILK
HOUSE SLIPPERS, FANCY SETS,
LEATHER GOODS, SWEATERS, MANHATTAN SHIRTS.

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We've just received a large shipment of the famous unbreakable
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Special School Meeting.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of school district No. One of Union county, state of Oregon, that a special school meeting of said district will be held at the auditorium of new high school building in said district on the 7th day of December, 1912, at two o'clock in the afternoon for the following objects:
To vote on the proposition of levying a tax for the maintenance; and for the payment of interest on the bonded debt of the district and for the payment of bonds of the district and for the payment of the debt of the district.
Dated this 25th day of November, 1912.
S. N. BOLTON,
Chairman Board of Directors.
Attest:
ARTHUR C. WILLIAMS,
District Clerk.

Notice to the Public.

I have sold my half in the grocery business located at 1316 Adams avenue to C. J. Black and the firm will henceforth be known as Cummings & Black. All accounts owing to Cummings & French should be paid to the new firm, and all outstanding obligations of Cummings & French, as a firm, will be paid by the successors.
T. E. FRENCH.
TO THE VOTERS.
I am an independent candidate for the office of chief of police and if elected will give everybody a square deal.
W. A. STANLEY.
Patrick J. Doyle is seeking a 16th term as mayor of Newport, R. I.