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Clothiers and Furnishers

RICH AND POOR.

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this place vacant in the line today. Secretary of State Knox, president of the cabinet, and Mrs. Knox headed the second division of the party and behind them ranged the rest of the cabinet members, the married ones with their wives all in place strictly according to protocol.

The line turned from the hallway to the Red room, and there the president took his station just inside the door from the East room. Opposite him stood Major Thomas L. Rhoades, his military aide. Archie Butt, the president's favorite aide had the post last year but Archie went down with the Titanic last spring and today it was Major Rhoades who performed the introductions.

Members of the cabinet and their wives took positions next along the line to President and Mrs. Taft—still in strict order of their rank.

The party had hardly reached the Red room before the diplomatic corps appeared, the venerable British Ambassador, James Bryce heading the gold bedecked contingent. Ambassador Bryce acted as dean of the corps in the absence of the Austrian Ambassador, Baron Hengelmueller, who has seen longest service of any of the diplomats at Washington. Behind Bryce came the other ambassadors, in strict order of the length of their services here—the old ones first, the new ones last. After the ambassadors came the ministers and their suites—the same procedure being observed. They formed a medley of flashing gold lace, swords and cocked hats.

There was a brief pause after this glittering array had passed, and then came the members of the Supreme court, garbed in somber frock coats, Chief Justice White at their head, and the other members ranged behind him in the order of their seniority. Other members of the judiciary—the commerce court, court of customs appeals, district courts, etc.—passed after them. Next came former cabinet officials, former American diplomatic officials and ex-officers of the government.

When this array was over the buglers sounded a call. Out in the great east room, senators and representatives had been gathering. At the sound of the bugle they advanced—congressmen and their wives—and gradually passed through the room.

Exactly at noon the white house was again filled with gold lace uniforms and martial splendor. It was the army and navy contingent—every officer of both branches on duty in and around the city, every man in his special full dress, cocked hat and sword. Major General Leonard Wood led this line, probably for the last time, as his place as chief of staff will probably be filled by another a year hence. Rear Admiral Richard Wainwright led the naval officers.

This was the last of the gold lace and swords. When the soldiers and sailors had departed, the department chiefs were received—in the order of the rank of their department. Then came the members of government commissions, ex-officio boards, and honorary officers, winding up with the civic and patriotic societies of the District, Spanish war veterans, Civil war veterans, and the Oldest Inhab-

they weren't too awed by his own smiling presence, and hurried on down the line, most of them never even seeing the rest of those in the party, because they were so nervous at greeting the executive and hearing Major Rhoades shout out their names in such a public way.

At the entrance to the mansion and again just beside the door where the president received there were several unobtrusively active young men—men who with quick glances searched the faces and hands and pockets of all tants' association.

When these had passed there was a long pause. President Taft wiped his brow, took a long breath and settled down for the real ordeal of the day—hand-shaking with the plain people.

Then the gates were thrown open and the long line started weaving into the president's home. Rich and poor, splendidly apparelled and shabby, young and old, fat and slim, men and women—they came on—a heterogeneous cosmopolitan crowd that who with quick glances searched the faces and hands and pockets of all who came in. Occasionally they bumped into people who kept their hands in muffs or pockets, or quietly reminded them that no person is permitted to get to the president whose hands are not kept in plain sight.

They were the secret service operatives.

President Taft showed in a slight tan the effects of the tropical sun at Panama. He returned to Washington only yesterday.

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Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Cove State bank for the purpose of electing directors for the ensuing year will be held at Cove, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913.

Business will be considered as may properly be offered at said meeting.

HUGH McCALL,
 12-26-10t Cashier.

Annual Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the La Grande National Bank will be held at their banking rooms in the city of La Grande, Oregon, on Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m.

At this meeting a board of directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be elected and other business will be transacted as may properly be offered at said meeting.

F. L. MEYERS,
 12-11-30t Cashier.

Notice to Stockholders.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the United States National bank will be held at their banking rooms in the city of La Grande, Tuesday, January 14th, 1913, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors and for transacting any other business that may come before the meeting.

T. J. SCROGGIN, Cashier.
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