

UNCLE SAM'S WAY OF DOING IT.

How He Wishes All the World a Happy New Year.

At midnight Uncle Sam wishes all the world a happy New Year. The tick of the time signal instrument in the United States naval observatory at Washington flashes America's greeting to the nations of the world.

This sending forth of a New Year greeting is sentimental in its nature perhaps, but it is practical in its illustration of the accurate time service that has been organized by the United States and the adoption of a standard time schedule in this country, which it is hoped some day will extend throughout the world. So these New Year greetings of Uncle Sam's, which have become an annual feature of the national observatory, give an object lesson to the nations that may lead to as great a reform in a universal time system as Pope Gregory instituted in the correction of the Julian calendar. The first of these New Year messages was sent out in 1903, the telegraph companies entering into the project with great interest and energy. The signals were transmitted at midnight and 1, 2 and 3 a. m., so that each great section of the country received its own midnight signal direct from the naval observatory. So successfully was the plan carried out and so general was the interest in it that it was decided to make it a feature thereafter.

Some of the messages sent out on these occasions are received in an incredibly short time. For instance, the time signal last year was received at Sydney, Australia, in two and one-fourth seconds; at Madras, India, in a fraction more than fifty-three seconds; at Cape Town, Africa, in two minutes and thirty-five seconds; at Madrid, Spain, in two and one-half minutes; at Lick observatory, Mount Hamilton, California, in twenty-four one-hundredths of a second, and at Harvard observatory, Cambridge, in one-tenth of a second.

The importance of this time service is evidenced by the fact that it furnishes absolute standard time for not only navigators at all the chief seaports of the United States, but for the entire country except the Pacific coast, which receives a similar service from the naval observatory at the Mare Island yard. When it is understood that the service is rendered at no expense what-so-ever to the government, being merely incidental to the work required for the rating of chronometers for naval vessels, the results attained will appear all the more acceptable. The time signal is sent out daily at noon on seventy-fifth meridian time, with an average error for the year of only fifteen hundredths of a second. The signal goes over the wires of the various telegraph and telephone companies, regulating eighteen government time balls and 60,000 public and private clocks throughout the country.

The accuracy required in the operation may be appreciated when it is known that the minutest fractions of seconds are shaved into infinitesimal quantities that almost rival the twinkling of the hair splitting timekeeper of ancient India.—New York Times.

DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION

The reception at the house of the secretary of state on New Year's day is by all odds the most spectacular function of the year in Washington. All the diplomats are in full uniform, with much gold embroidery and glittering decorations, barring a few from the Latin American republics, who appear in plain evening dress, though it is the noon hour. It is a scene of brilliancy and glitter. One recognizes the members of the German embassy by their costumes of white broadcloth and silver. The Chinese, a numerous staff, are gaudy in silk gowns. The British ambassador, Mr. Bryce, is easily identified by his coat of blue cloth and gold, with white knee breeches, white silk stockings, gold shoe buckles, silk shoulder belt, gold mounted sword and cocked hat of ulack beaver with a white ostrich feather.

Nobody is asked to sit down. When all the guests have arrived, Mr. Knox will offer his arm to Mme. des Planches, Mrs. Knox will take the arm of the ambassador and they will lead the way into the dining room, where an elaborate luncheon—or breakfast, if one prefers—is spread. There will be unlimited champagne, with salads, loaves and whatever else may gratify the appetite.

When the function is over, at about 1 p. m., the wives of the diplomats will go to their own homes and spend the rest of the day receiving. The ambassadors, ministers and smaller fry of male sex will call on the vice president, the members of the cabinet, the senators, the speaker of the house, the justices of the supreme court and the members of the committee of foreign relations of the house. They will also call on the wives of one another. It will be a tremendously busy day for them—a continual dashing about from place to place in a multitude of cabs—and the social task, which is to them as a necessary official duty, will not come to an end until nearly midnight, when they will be glad to crawl into bed, exhausted, but delighted that New Year's will not arrive again for another twelvemonth.

War With Japan.

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DIARY OF A RESOLUTION.

JAN. 1.—I was born today. Of course my impressions as to the world into which I have just made by debut are somewhat fragmentary, but of one thing I am certain—my father is a very pleasant sort of chap. I confess that he is a bit awkward about holding me, and he seems rather ridiculously proud of me, but I dare say both will pass away with increased familiarity.

Jan. 2.—Well, I have met her. At least I suppose the very charming girl we called on last evening is my mother, though I was surprised to hear my father call her "Miss Alice." No doubt there are manners in this world to which I must be accustomed. My proud parent exhibited me to my other parent, who was really charmingly enthusiastic over me. She promised to go to the theater with us and have a little supper afterward.

Jan. 3.—My father exhibited me at his club today and seemed as proud as Punch over my accomplishments. Perhaps I should say "accomplishment," for the only one I have had time to acquire is saying, "No, thank you."

Jan. 4.—I don't feel well today. My father was quite rude to me today. **Jan. 5.**—My father left me at home all day, and I feel rather neglected.

Jan. 6.—I think it's all over with me. One of my father's friends came to call on us this evening, and my father put us to bed and promised me, but oh, I could feel that he wasn't sincere! His friend examined me closely and finally remarked that there was something wrong with my backbone. He must be a doctor. I am very unhappy.

Jan. 8.—It is all over with me. We went to the theater tonight with my mother, and neither of my parents paid a bit of attention to me or to the play. I was right about the fashionable restaurant, but it has changed its name. We have taken a table, and three of us are very jolly. I don't feel well. There is an elderly woman with us. She must be my grandmother. Oh, dear! My father is ordering supper, and I feel worse and worse. Wait. My mother says something about me. But my mother is laughing, and he answers, "Never mind that. (That) It has served its purpose, and we simply must celebrate the engagement." Heartless man! And they are all sniggering. Oh, dear! I feel so bad—(Pop!) Gurgie, gurgie, gurgie! There, now, see what he's done! I'm dead.—New York Times.

I AM VERY UNHAPPY.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

New Year's is the hardest day in the twelvemonth for the diplomats in Washington. It is not too much to say that they look forward to it with dread. And no wonder, inasmuch as it is the only day in the year on which they are really obliged to work. The trouble begins at the White House, where they are expected to present themselves at 11 a. m. sharp in all their most elaborate and gorgeous togs, for at that hour the president's New Year's reception begins, and after the vice president and the members of the cabinet have shaken hands with Mr. Taft it is the diplomats' next turn.

For the common people, who will follow in thousands, a number of ceremonies—the president's chief military aid, Captain Butt—will act as introducer. But for the purpose of presenting the members of the diplomatic corps this function is performed by the secretary of state, Mr. Knox.

In earlier days there was a great struggle among the diplomats at Washington for precedence, and many bickerings arose. All such annoyances were happily done away with, however, by the laying down of a rule to the effect that representatives of foreign powers should take rank in the order of the dates of their credentials. Thus on New Year's day the first member of the corps to greet the president will be the dean of the diplomatic colony at the capital.

At exactly 11:15 of the clock this official, in gorgeous array, the entire front of his coat covered with gold lace and a cocked hat under his left arm, will be introduced to the president by Mr. Knox. He is dean of the diplomatic corps by reason of the fact that he is the ambassador of longest service in Washington. Following him will come his wife and then the subordinates.

Administrator's Notice

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of S. W. Simmons, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to the undersigned, with proper vouchers at the office of H. H. Kiddell, 735 Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Oregon, within six months of the date hereof.

G. W. SIMMONS, Administrator of the estate of S. W. Simmons, deceased. Dated Nov. 26—31

RESOLUTION

It is resolved by the City of St. Johns That:

WHEREAS, the St. Johns Lumber Company, a private corporation, organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Oregon, is now occupying the foot of Burlington Street from a line which marks the Northernly side line of certain cement piers in said street, at its intersection with Bradford Street to the harbor line of the Willamette River, and

WHEREAS, it is deemed expedient and necessary to permanently determine and establish the rights and privileges of the City of St. Johns in and to the said portion of said street and

WHEREAS, the City of St. Johns does not need said portion of said street nor is the same needed at the present time for public use, and

WHEREAS, The St. Johns Lumber Company wishes to lease said street for a period of five (5) years at an annual rental of One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$150), and the Council having fully considered the leasing of said portion of Burlington Street to the St. Johns Lumber Company for a period of Five (5) years upon the following conditions, limitations and restrictions, to-wit: For the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750) payable as follows: \$75.00 on the 31st of December 1909; and \$75.00 on each of said dates of each year during said term; said lease to commence on the 17th of December, 1909 and to terminate on the 17th of December 1914; the said City of St. Johns to receive the right in and to said portion of said street to lay water mains and water pipes, gas mains and gas pipes, sewer mains and sewer pipes; and to grant any franchise over said Street to any railway company or bridge company or transportation company or other public service franchise, and if public access or commands the use of said portion of said street for a public highway or other public purposes, to, at its option, upon sixty (60) days notice to said company, terminate said lease, and in that event the said company to remove, at its own cost, any and all obstructions therefrom within sixty (60) days from the date of notice and surrender to said City the quiet and peaceable possession thereof within said time.

That said lease shall prohibit the City of St. Johns hereby approve the leasing of said portion of said Burlington Street to the St. Johns Lumber Company for a period of Five (5) years upon the following conditions, limitations and restrictions, to-wit: For the sum of Seven Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$750) payable as follows: \$75.00 on the 31st of December 1909; and \$75.00 on each of said dates of each year during said term; said lease to commence on the 17th of December, 1909 and to terminate on the 17th of December 1914; the said City of St. Johns to receive the right in and to said portion of said street to lay water mains and water pipes, gas mains and gas pipes, sewer mains and sewer pipes; and to grant any franchise over said Street to any railway company or bridge company or transportation company or other public service franchise, and if public access or commands the use of said portion of said street for a public highway or other public purposes, to, at its option, upon sixty (60) days notice to said company, terminate said lease, and in that event the said company to remove, at its own cost, any and all obstructions therefrom within sixty (60) days from the date of notice and surrender to said City the quiet and peaceable possession thereof within said time.

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Adopted this 7th day of December, 1909.

A. M. ESSON, Recorder.

Published in the St. Johns Review, Dec. 24th and 31st 1909.

RESOLUTION

IT IS RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF ST. JOHNS that it deems it expedient and necessary to lease to the St. Johns Lumber Company that portion of Bradford Street between Salem Street and north line of John St. in said City from railroad track in said street to the Southernly side line thereof, being that portion of said Street that is now used by said Company in connection with its mill, and the Mayor of said City is hereby authorized to enter into a lease with said Company to terminate on the 15th day of April, 1910, for that portion of said street, said lease to contain such restrictions and limitations as may seem to said Mayor equitable and just.

Adopted this 7th day of December, 1909.

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6.05	1.00	7.10
6.25	1.18	7.30
6.40	1.35	7.40
6.48	1.54	8.00
6.56	2.12	8.15
7.05	2.30	8.30
7.20	2.50	9.10
7.35	3.08	9.30
7.55	3.30	9.50
8.15	3.44	10.10
8.35	4.02	10.30
9.00	4.30	10.50
9.22	4.40	11.10
9.44	5.00	11.30
10.06	5.15	12.00
10.26	5.30	
10.50	5.45	
11.12	6.00	
11.34	6.20	
11.56	6.40	
12.18 p. m.	6.50	

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