THE great number of customers who have so far attended this sale proves that the public still appreciates an honest sale by an honest house. We are now selling every stitch in our house without one single reserve (excepting plain worsteds), at 33 1-3 per cent. discount from marked prices. Every Man's Overcoat and Ulster (including the plain Blue and Black Pooles)—every Man's Suit (including the plain Blue and Black Cheviots)—every Boy's Suit—Overcoat—and Ulster—every Child's Suit—Ulster—and Reefer—and all Men's—Boy's—and Children's separate pants—are subject to the discount.

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$3.50 Child's Overcoats $2.33.
$4.50 Child's Suits $3.
$4.50 Child's Overcoats $3.00.
$5.00 Child's Suits $3.35
$5.00 Child's Overcoats $3.35
$6.50 Child's Suits $4.35
$6.50 Child's Overcoats $4.35
$7.50 Child's Suits $5.
$7.50 Child's Overcoats $5.00.
$10 Child's Suits $6.67.
$10 Child's Overcoats $6.67.

There's a reason for everything. The reason of this sale is that we're so near stock-taking time. Before then we want to sell every possible dollar's worth of clothing—and a few more days like the preceding ones—and there'll be nothing left but empty shelves and tables to tell the tale. Expect great things when you come—you won't be disappointed—because we're selling our entire up-to-date stock—not a few tablefuls of broken and undesirable lots.

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PYTHIAN PRINCIPLES NOT ANTI-CHRISTIAN

Bishop Messmer Asked to Show the Objectionable Points.

HIGHER DEGREES INNOCENT

Public Protest From a Grand Chancellor of the Knights.

Reply of the Head of the Order in Minnesota to the Statement That the Order in the Higher Branches Is Against the Prevailing Belief in Principles and Teachings, and Thus Merits Church Condemnation.

ST. PAUL, MINN., JAN. 1.—The following letter has been mailed in this city:

ST. PAUL, MINN., Dec. 31, 1894.

RIGHT REVEREND S. G. MESSMER, Green Bay, Wis.

RIGHT REVEREND SIR: Your interview dated Green Bay, Wis., December 19, and reported in the Chicago Tribune, in regard to the Roman Church putting the ban on the Odd Fellows and the Knights of Pythias, is entitled to special consideration from the fact that you offer an argument in justification of the ban.

Your argument is stated as follows: There never has been any objection to Catholics belonging to the lower degrees of any of these secret societies, as in these degrees men are only banded together for mutual benefit and pleasure. But in the higher degrees the principles and teachings of these societies are

DISTINCTLY ANTI-CHRISTIAN

and contrary to the principles of the Catholic Church.

If the lower lodges were separated from the higher circles of these orders no objection would be made to them, but as all are a part of the same organization they must all come under the ban.

Your words, right reverend sir, are clear and explicit and if your argument can be sustained, they explain fully the ban placed on these societies by the Pope. But I deny the argument against the Knights of Pythias, and publicly challenge you to prove your assertion. You owe this to the American public, to your own church, and in a special manner, to the societies on whom your accusation falls.

My demands, made with the greatest respect are:

1. That you prove that a radical difference exists as to principles and purposes, between the lower and higher degrees of the Knights of Pythias, a difference such as to make the higher degrees worthy of condemnation, while

THE LOWER ARE INNOCENT.

2. That you prove in those higher degrees "the principles and teachings of these societies are distinctly anti-Christian and contrary to the principles of the Catholic Church."

I may add that, though begging a reply to to all these points, I hope you will give especial attention to your charge that the higher degrees are anti-Christian—a charge which certainly should not be made lightly.

As your interview was given to the public press, I consider it my privilege and duty to give this reply the same publicity. Respectfully,

J. F. HILCHER,
Grand Chancellor K. of P., of Minnesota.

Canada Also Under the Ban.

OTTAWA, Ontario, Jan. 1—The Department of Agriculture has ascertained that the term "America" in Germany's decree prohibiting the entry of live cattle from America also includes Canada. The government has, therefore, asked the imperial authorities to make overtures to the German government to have Canada dissociated in interpretation with the term "America," since the Minister of Agriculture reports Texas fever unknown in Canada.

Held for the Grand Jury—Fred Boston, the watch-snatching thief who stole the gold timepiece of Miss Simmons last June, as described in yesterday's TIMES, has been held for the grand jury in $1,000 bonds by Judge Miller.

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CURRENCY PROBLEM THE ABSORBING TOPIC

Will It Be the Carlisle-Springer Bill or a Big Bond Issue.

THE CAUCUS MUST DECIDE

Republicans Playing a Waiting Game as to the Whole Question.

Growing Belief That the Pending Measure Cannot Pass—Eastern Men Pressing for Bonds—Possible That the South and West May Make No Opposition if the State Banks Can Possibly Be Taken Care Of.

The prospects of the currency bill in the House and the Nicaraguan Canal bill in the Senate are discussed with a good deal of interest by the few members who have returned from their holiday outing at home. The Southern members, especially, report a strong feeling in favor of the Nicaragua Canal bill, while the lack of interest in the pending financial measure among the masses is reported as strongly marked.

It is among the financial people of the Eastern cities that there is the strongest feeling in reference to this measure.

The general feeling among the members is that the bill will have a hard fight in the House. There will be a sharp attack upon it this week. Representative Haugen, of Wisconsin, who is a strong member of the Banking and Currency Committee, is preparing to make a speech in opposition to the bill. Mr. Haugen is a thorough student of the financial question, and his speech is looked for with much interest by members on both sides of the House.

There is a growing feeling among members, especially those from the North and East, in favor of substituting a bill authorizing a sufficient issue of bonds to take up all the gold-bearing notes. A good many Democrats are now favoring this. It is understood that the President himself has strongly intimated a belief that this plan might be advantageous.

The Republicans are playing a waiting game on the bond issue question. They are not talking much about it. They will make their fight against the Springer-Carlisle bill, and beat it if they can. They believe they can do so. The Democrats are so much divided on this measure that the Republicans believe they can defeat the bill in the House, or if not, at least in the Senate.

What would be done with a proposition to issue $500,000,000 worth of 2½ per cent. bonds with which to take up the Treasury notes and United States notes is not quite so clear. There are some reasons to believe the Republicans would quietly support it, or, at least, would not oppose it. They recognize the fact that the passage of such a bill will give the national banking system a new lease of life; and the national banking system is so much a favorite with the Republicans that they are not likely to oppose anything which will give it a half century more of life and prosperity.

There is reason, too, to believe that the Southern members might, many of them, favor the bond proposition if there is coupled with it a provision that the State banks may use the bonds, as a basis of circulation on something like the same terms that national banks use them. It is suggested that a bill which would permit State and national banks to issue $120 of circulation on every $100 bond deposited, would prove popular, provide a safe circulation, and might get a very strong vote from the friends of State banks.

All these matters will probably be discussed in caucus. There are not enough Democratic members here to call a caucus at present, but it is likely that one will be called for Friday or Saturday evening. Meantime the Republicans will wait and watch. If they can see the Democrats pass a measure which will settle the financial troubles and make the national banks an assured fact for a half century, they will not oppose it. They know that if this Congress does not do something the next one must, and they would not be unwilling to be released of this delicate and difficult duty.

He Works in the Highways and Byways.

Mr. W. C. McMichael, missionary of "Progressive Christianity," which embraces house-to-house and hospital visiting, street and alley preaching and cottage meetings, has made his report of work accomplished during the past six months. During that period 453 homes were visited; 34 visits made to hospitals; meetings held indoors, 200; in the open air, 100. Mr. McMichael has charge also of the southeast branch of the Central Union Mission.

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PRESIDENT CLEVELAND RECEIVES THE WORLD

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with point lace and sable; Miss Mary Sanders in old rose silk, Miss Ethel Sanders in blue bengaline; Mrs. Adee, wife of the chief clerk of the State Department, in white moire antique with crystal passementeries; Miss Kennedy, niece of Mrs. Harriet Lane Johnston, in black satin brocaded in color; Miss Nanie Leiter, in old blue cloth with bodice of white flowered satin brocade; Mrs. William K. Carlisle, in light blue satin brocade; Mrs. Kilbourn, mother of Mrs. Schofield, in black silk and sable; Miss Helm, of Kentucky, in black and white striped silk; Mrs. Whiteside, of Atlanta, Ga., sister of the Secretary of the Interior, in black satin; Miss Hall, of Atlanta, Ga., niece of Mrs. Hoke Smith, in light blue brocade satin; Miss Jackson, of Atlanta, Ga., niece of Mrs. Hoke Smith, black and white silk; Miss Helen Carroll, daughter of ex-Governor Carroll, of Maryland, in old blue bengaline; Mrs. Milburn, of Buffalo, guest of Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissell, in black satin; Mrs. Carey, of Buffalo, guest of Postmaster General and Mrs. Bissell, white brocade with corise velvet collar.

Among the other ladies back of the line were Mrs. Oscar Strauss, of New York; Mrs. Casey, Mrs. Ramsay, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Haywood, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. and Miss Crisp, Miss Inez Felder, Mrs. Ubl, Mrs. Bradbeer, Mrs. Catchings, Mrs. Eckles, Miss Curtis, Miss Murphy, of New York; Miss Queen, of Kentucky; Mrs. Daniels, and Mrs. Hendrix.

PRESENTATION OF THE DIPLOMATS.

Brilliant Spectacle Furnished by the Foreigners in Full Court Costume.

Every one who could get within eyeshot of the middle or one of the side doors of the Blue Room crowned around when the Presidential party, having taken up its position in the Blue Room, the Secretary of State, assisted by Mr. Adee, chief clerk of the State Department, passed from the Red Room in advance of the diplomatic corps and stood ready to make the formal presentations to the President and Mrs. Cleveland.

There is but one other reception in the list of the state entertainments ever given within the walls of the White House that ever equals in brilliancy the New Year reception, and that is the evening reception given in honor of the diplomatic corps. On both occasions the diplomats attend in full court costume. The evening reception takes that of New Year morning, inasmuch as at the latter the ladies of the corps omit their court costume, which is only appropriate to an evening entertainment, and wear elegant visiting costumes. The gorgeousness of the gold-laced coats is something that has to be seen to be realized. Many of the diplomats have their coats so encrusted with gold lace that the original texture of the garment is almost a matter of conjecture. When to this is added the gorgeousness of the brilliantly colored sashes worn across the breast glittering and flashing from end to end with jeweled orders some faint idea of the sight can be conjured up in the mind.

LED BY THE BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

The brilliant cortege was led by the British ambassador, with Lady Pauncefote and the ladies of the British embassy. Accompanying the Ambassador and Lady Pauncefote were Sir George and Lady Errington, of England, who are now in this country for the purpose of traveling. Miss Jessie Howard, daughter of Hon. Henry Howard, of the British embassy in St. Petersburg, now in this country visiting her aunts, the Misses Biggs, also accompanied the British ambassador's party, which included Lady Georgina Gough, wife of the first secretary of embassy, who yesterday made her first visit to the White House.

Immediately in the wake of the British ambassador came the French ambassador and Madam Patenotre, followed by the members of the French embassy. The Italian ambassador and Baroness Fava followed the French ambassador, with the secretaries and members of embassy.

The showy uniform of the German ambassador attracted general attention when, accompanied by his young daughter, Baron von Saurma Jeltsch made his appearance at the head of the members of his embassy.

The Mexican minister and Mme. Romero led the secretaries and attaches of the Mexican legation. Then came the Netherlands minister, followed by the Turkish minister, who from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet was gorgeous with colors that contradicted each other at every turn. The Colombian minister being absent, his country was represented for the occasion by the secretary of legation, Senor Don Julio Enagifo.

The Belgian minister, accompanied by his son, Mr. Raymond Le Ghait, and his counsellor of legation, who produces in the phenomenally long name, Mr. Conrad de Baisseret Steenbecque de Blereughien, paid his respects in due order to the President.

The Swedish minister, Mr. Grip, with his two secretaries of legation followed next in line, and then came the Brazilian minister and Madam de Mendonca followed by the members of the Brazilian legation.

PRINCE CANTACUZENE'S APPEARANCE.

The Russian minister, Prince Cantacuzene, made his appearance at any public gathering of a social nature for the first time since the death of the Czar. Across his breast the Russian minister wore a scarlet sash jeweled with orders. The gold lace on his coat had an additional decoration in the shape of a large golden mitre set in a rosette of gold lace. This took the place of one of the buttons at the back of his coat.

The Haitien legation was followed by the Spanish minister and members of the legation, after which came the Costa Rican, Guatemalan, and Hawaiian legations. The Chilian minister and Madame Gana led the members of that legation, the minister wearing an exquisite sash of pink bordered with white and ornamented with the Order of the Rose.

When the Chinese minister came through the doorway from the Red Room, his face beaming with celestial smiles, there was a very perceptible movement on the part of Mrs. Cleveland and the ladies of the Cabinet to infuse an additional amount of cordiality into the hand-shaking that is part of the New Year greeting. Mr. Yang Yu's face was a study, and his scarlet cap, surmounted with the button of the mandarins, nearly lost its equilibrium under the pressure of the

VIGOROUS BOWING HE INDULGED IN.

Madame Yang Yu almost trod upon the heels of her liege lord and master, and several times came near wrecking the glory of her own festive head-gear in her efforts to accomplish intermediate bows with those in which her husband was indulging. For the New Year reception of '95 she had floral horns of plenty that fastened tightly beneath her cap, stuck out on either side of her head like the horn of a unicorn. To these brightly colored flowers a finishing and unusual touch had been given by the addition of two fat and prosperous-looking blue jays perched in each bunch of flowers. From the back of the scarlet cap, that fitted her head after the manner of an extinguisher, floated down long red satin streamers. The outer garment worn over a blue skirt of native cut was of white satin embroidered in color.

The diplomats next presented were those representing the Argentine Republic, Nicaragua, Denmark, Venezuela, Siam, Korea, Japan, Peru, Switzerland, and Portugal. The last in line of the diplomats was the newly arrived Austrian minister and wife, Baron and Baroness von Hengelmueller. The baron's costume was a decided innovation in the costumes of the other diplomats, as in addition to the regulation gold laced coat the Austrian minister wore slung across his shoulders a large coat of crimson velvet lined with white silk and bordered with sable.

The greater number of the diplomats after remaining a short time in the Blue Room passed out to the East Room and the corridor from where not a few made their way to the conservatory in order to enjoy a little conversation with some of their members or acquaintances.

At noon they left the White House in a body for the diplomatic breakfast given by the Secretary of State and Mrs. Gresham at the Arlington. Upon their arrival at that hotel they again went through the formality of a presentation to the host and hostess, Mr. Hubbard T. Smith made the presentations at the diplomatic breakfast.

JUDGES AND CONGRESSMEN.

Led by Chief Justice Fuller They Followed the Diplomats.

After the brilliant line of the diplomatic corps had passed through the Blue Room "our own people" filed in, the first received being the judiciary, which was led by Chief Justice Fuller. With him were Justices Brewer, Field, Brown, Harlan, Shiras, and Judges Bancroft, Davis, Chief Justice Richardson, Knott, Hagner, Weldon, ex-Judge Schofield, McComas, Hopkins, and Bradley. Marshal Wilson was also in attendance.

It took but a very few minutes for the passing of the judiciary, and then came the Senators and Representatives. As usual, the number of these was very small. Among the Senators were Sherman, Wolcott, George, Manderson, McPherson, Dubois, Teller, Blanchard, Hawley, Hale, Call, Lodge and Peffer. Among the Congressmen were Speaker Crisp, Lynch, McCrary, Caruth, Hudson, Hainer, Ellis, Johnson, Culberson, Price, Morton, Wilson, of West Virginia, Lacey, Haugen, Babcock, Bynum, Hayes, Coombs, Tarsney, McMillin, Mr. Smith, of Arizona, Strauss, Brosius, Dalzell and Kilgore.

Col. Richard Bright, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate, Solicitor General Maxwell, District Commissioners Ross and Truesdell, Librarian Spofford, Gen. Horatio King, Postmaster Willett were received just after the members of Congress.

SPLENDID MILITARY SPECTACLE.

Army and Navy Officials Resplendent in Gold Lace.

The Army and Navy were the only official bodies which came in solid lines, and they were the finest part of the exhibition from a spectacular view, with their gold lace glittering through the corridors and their swords clanking martially. There was a notably large gathering of Army officers, no less than three department commanders marching with their staffs. Several of the higher officials were making their last New Year's round in active service, as they will be relegated to the retired list in the course of the year.

The head of the military column, each in the panoply of his branch of the service, was Major Gen. Schofield. Near him was Major Gen. A. McD. Cook. Then followed Brig. Gen. T. H. Ruger and Brig. Gen. E. S. Otis. Staff officers came next in the line, being Adjt. Gen. Ruggles, Gen. T. M. Vincent, Col. H. C. Corbin, Major A. W. Babcock, Major L. Hall, Gen. Breckinridge, Major J. P. Sanger, Col. G. N. Lieber, Col. William Winthrop, Major George B. Davis, Gen. D. S. Batchelder, Gen. M. R. Morgan, Surg. Gen. G. M. Sternberg, Gen. William Smith, Gen. Thomas L. Casey, Major Adams, Major Davis, Capt. Knight, Capt. Gosthals, Mills, Burr, Beach, and Lieut. Sewell; Gen. D. W. Flagler, Capt. Shafter, Capt. Birnie, Capt. McNally, Gen. A. W. Greely, representing the Signal Corps; Col. David S. Gordon and Col. Closson.

These officers represented the engineer, ordnance, quartermaster and inspector general departments.

The Navy then shook hands with the Executive and the first lady of the land. The column of this branch was very long. There were among the chiefs Admiral Ramsay, Commodore Mathews, Commander Chadwick, Commodore Hichborn, Commodore Newell, Paymaster Stewart, Surgeon Gen. Tryon. Among the officers of lower rank were Capt. Dewey, Surgeon Boyd, Capt. Howell, Lieut. Mulligan, Lieut. Conner, Chief Engineer Such, Lieut. Southerland, Lieut. Schenck, Commander Sigsbee, Capt. Watson, Lieut. Singer, Lieut. Commander Heald, Prof. Alger, Lieut. Ackerman and others.

Col. Charles Heywood led the Marine Corps, in his contingent being Major Reid, Major Goodloe, Capt. Murphy, Capt. Denny, Lieut. Harmony, and Lieut. Barnett.

There were also in line with the Army and and Navy Gen. Curtis, Gen. Moore, Col. Parker, Gen. Gibbon, Gen. Hammond, Admiral Irvin, and Admiral Russell, all of these being on the retired list.

The Home Guard, the District militia, was well represented by the handsome familiar faces of Brig. Gen. Ordway, Lieut. Col. T. Mosher, Major Tierney, Major McIntyre, Major Smithmeyer, Major Harries, and Capt. Harlan.

The chiefs of bureaus and divisions next in line were Civil Commissioners Proctor and Roosevelt, Capt. [illegible], Commander Chadwick, Commodore [illegible], Dr. A. C. Gorgas, John S. Seymour, [illegible] S. Wilson, William T. Harris, Charles D. Wolcott, Carroll D. Wright, William Lochran, D. E. Salmon, Mark W. Harrington, S. B. Hodges, H. T. Rican, George A. Tracey, Marshall McDonald, C. E. Kemper, S. P. Langley, F. W. True, John W. Powell, G. Brown Goode, F. H. C. Lentze, R. E. Preston, W. W. Duffield, S. I. Kimball, Claude M. Johnson, J. Foster Talbman, and B. B. Bowler.

ORGANIZATIONS AND CITIZENS.

They Were the Last to Pass the Presidential Party.

The crowd at the west gate was augmented at 12:15 by the arrival of the military and other veterans, the organizations attending in a body.

The first admitted were the Associated Veterans of the War of 1846. There were not many in this section, as may naturally be inferred, but considering that in the lapse of time there has been a thinning of the ranks the representation was creditable. There were present among others:

Col. A. M. Kensday, the secretary of the organization; Gen. James Oakes, Col. W. P. Wood, Gen. T. T. Crittenden, Col. Johnson, Rev. John C. Tennent, Charles Vermillion, Joshua Clark, and Judge S. W. Johnston. The insignia of the Associated Veterans is a neat medallion badge, of gold, silver, or bronze, bearing on its face the names of "Scott," "Taylor," and "Perry," "Mexico," "1846," and other inscriptions, including a list of the principal battles in which the Americans engaged the Mexicans.

The Grand Army of the Republic came next full two hundred strong, with Commander Bickford at its head. Accompanying him were: Past Department Commander Etunge, Asst. Adjt. Gen. Israel W. Stone, Asst. Qrm. Gen. Chris Storm, Senior Vice Commander M. T. Anderson, Junior Vice Commander J. H. Hewitt, Medical Director Robert Reyburn, Rev. J. O. Smith, chaplain; Inspector Abraham Hart, Chief Mustering Officer John P. Lothrop, Senior Aide-de-Camp James E. McCabe, Col. B. F. Hawkes, B. F. Chase, and C. T. Yoder, of the council of administration; Past Representatives T. B. Senior and J. H. Dewees, Comrade Arthur Goins, Commander S. W. Tuley, of Rawlins' Post, No. 1; C. F. Garrette, James E. De Jester, and William A. Moore, Commander Walter Middleton, of Morton Post, No. 4, Thomas B. Turnbull, W. T. Catheart, Clinton Vermillion, Senior Vice Commander John M. Keogh, of Rawlins Post, No. 1; Commander W. H. Doolittle, of Kit Carson Post, No. 2, and a full list of officials of same post; Commander Holmes, of Lincoln, No. 3; Commander John F. Quander, of Charles Sumner Post, No. 9; Commander Wood, of Farragut Post, No. 10; Commander Benjamin, of Lafayette, No. 20; Commander Grumley, of George E. Meade Post, No. 5, and numerous others of the rank and file, every post in the department being represented. The line was formed at headquarters, No. 1410 Pennsylvania avenue.

THEN CAME THE OLD GUARD.

The "Old Guard," as escort to the department commander and staff, was represented by Capt. J. M. Edgar, Second Lieutenants A. J. Gunning and R. Emmett Smith, Willis B. Pomeroy, chief of staff; Judge Advocate A. F. Dinsmore, Qmr. G. Y. Hansell, Inspector A. Hendricks, Surgeon F. Donohue, Commissary Thomas W. Stewart, Paymaster W. W. Hoover, Rev. Levi H. York, chaplain; Qmr. Sergt. A. W. Bogis, First Sergt. W. H. Funn, Second Sergt. F. H. Moores, Corp. Charles L. Patten, Fourth Sergt. George W. Scheerer, Corp. Albert Brown, and of the "One-arm Color Guard," the following: Philip W. Coleman, J. E. Engle, J. M. Miller, John Johnson, William H. O'Neil, and James M. Pipes, besides Comrades Julian G. Baker, Albert G. Brent, Archibald Burgess, Thomas Calver, Orlando E. Caruana, William E. Chauncey, John B. Gifillan, Frank T. Hopkins, Joseph H. Lawrence, Benjamin Leech, J. A. Edson, N. H. Merrill, A. Thompson, Vincent W. Rower, David M. Proctor, W. C. McEuen, and William W. McDonald.

The Union Veterans Legion also turned out well, there being more than one hundred to "fall in" at headquarters, No. 910 Pennsylvania avenue, at the word of command from Assistant Adjutant General Troutman.

National Commander Tanner, who is also colonel of Encampment No. 92, was unable to attend, owing to his troublesome wounds, and Gen. M. B. C. Wright had charge of the U. V. L.

The following comrades appeared in line: T. B. Jackson, L. H. Stands, William Howard Miles, John L. Heupel, Col. F. J. Shannon, of Encampment No. 11; Dr. J. W. F. Williams, G. C. Kniffen, W. H. Maxwell, H. Hunterson, J. A. McDonald, J. C. Caves, C. E. Hook, W. H. Hickman, Felix McGloin, Charles Smith, Charles Waltuyer, C. F. Garrett, Joseph Hickman, M. Dougherty, J. C. Stafford (a visiting comrade), A. H. Beck, Adj. O. D. Thatcher, of Encampment No. 23; Col. Fletcher White, of Encampment No. 23; A. C. Bradley, Lieut. Col. George Grindley, of Encampment No. 69; C. W. Filer, James Mulhery, William H. Norton, Peter Hager, A. B. Sweeney, A. P. Whitney, J. B. Compton, John L. Nichols, Chaplain E. B. Thompson, J. F. Stewart, J. I. Thompson, Luke Kelley, Herbert C. Peck, Louis Schutter, James Breman, D. Pane Leech, S. P. Whitney, L. Adams, D. E. Buckingham, T. G. Allen, A. E. Duell, Charles Barnarth, H. G. Burlingham, James M. Brown, W. C. Allen, J. M. Churchill, T. T. Whitcomb, Dr. J. W. F. Williams, H. Perls, editor German Press; Michael E. Burke, W. A. Roberts, Daniel O'Connell, John Finn, editor Loyal Legion; W. H. Livermore, W. H. Myers, C. N. Warren, B. F. Entriken, H. H. Specht, M. Barringer, Dennis O'Connor and M. M. Whitney.

OLDEST INHABITANTS.

The Association of Oldest Inhabitants came in a body, with President J. Marbury, jr., in command. There were present: J. W. Clark, William Becon, J. Pilling, N. D. Larner, C. W. Bennett, J. D. Hendly, G. E. B. French, Joseph Prather, B. C. Wright, and G. H. Langley, of the vice presidents; Treasurer R. Ball, Recording Secretary J. M. Cutts, Corresponding Secretary J. T. Howard, and Marshal J. A. Wineberger, besides the following of the membership: W. Bradley, C. W. Bennett, B. F. Lawson, A. Barbour, W. W. Kirby, James Kelliher, J. T. Baiseau, T. H. Langley, J. W. Clark, Dr. S. A. H. McKim, T. F. McGuire, W. D. Crumpsey, C. Dickson, A. Sailor, Morris Murphy, R. Eichhorn, H. H. Ragan, T. W. Fowler, J. D. Hendley, Dr. J. R. Reily, T. V. Noonan, J. S. Topham, S. W. Handy, Dr. J. T. Howard, John Humphrey, F. S. Kerns, Thomas B. Turner, J. B. Walling, T. Williams, J. Veihmeyer, W. H. Williams, and J. R. Wright.

After these organizations several hundred people, who had been shivering on the sidewalks in a long line, poured through the the White House gates and two by two were marshaled up the Avenue. There were all conditions of society, all ages, and not a few colored people composing this composite array. Several infants were carried through for the Presidential benediction.

Promptly at the appointed hour of 2, Mrs. Cleveland shook hands with the last person and the doors were closed. Those already in the mansion lingered, hoping to see the Presidential party pass upstairs, but the President led the way through a side door and thus eluded his admirers.

LAMONT AND THE "COP."

Secretary of War Barred from the Blue Room by an Overzealous Policeman.

The man "with wheels in his head," who has been personally commissioned by the Lord to do something ridiculous or dangerous, is the terror of these occasions. He was on hand to-day. Very appropriately he wore long hair, and after he had passed the police he drew from his pocket a document bearing weird symbolic designs in red and blue, but the appearance of the receiving party seemed to dazzle him so that he merely shuffled past without putting it to any use.

The policeman who endeavors to do his duty in compelling the observance of the regulations and approaches some high dignitary of the government in his misguided zeal is always in evidence. To-day he endeavored to bar Secretary Lamont from the Blue Room, but yielded his point when the Secretary good-naturedly revealed his identity.

MADAME SANS GENE RETURNS.

She Will Again Be Seen at Albaugh's Grand Opera House Next Week.

Manager Augustus Pitou's "Madame Sans Gene" Company will play a return engagement at Albaugh's Grand Opera House beginning next Monday, and our theater-going people are to be congratulated upon having the opportunity of again seeing the greatest and most complete production ever given in Washington, being, as it is, historically correct in every particular.

Everyone who saw this company during their last engagement at the Grand must acknowledge that the setting was most magnificent and accurate to a degree. Nothing finer in stage pictures have ever been seen on our local stage.

The cast is the same. To Kathryn Kidder's charming personality is owing much of the enthusiasm with which the characteristics in Sardou's heroine are mightly greeted by the audiences. To Washington was given the honor of having the first production in English and in America of Sardou's masterpiece, "Madame Sans Gene."

The sale of seats for this notable engagement will commence Thursday morning, January 3, at 8:30 a. m. Those living out of the city can engage seats by letter or telegram. Applications for seats will be numbered upon receipt and locations will be given in keeping with the number the order bears.

OLD GUARD'S ELECTION.

Officers Chosen Under the Revised Constitution for Term of Two Years.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Old Guard, held at the headquarters last evening, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term of two years: J. M. Edgar, captain; first lieutenant, R. E. Smith; second lieutenants, A. J. Gunning and W. H. Fuss.

The captain's staff, each with the rank of first lieutenant, was chosen as follows: W. S. Pomeroy, chief of staff, A. F. Dinsmore, judge advocate; Dr. A. E. Johnson, surgeon; L. H. York, chaplain; G. Y. Hansell, quartermaster; T. W. Stewart, commissary; A. Hendrick, ordnance officer; James E. McCabe, inspector, and W. H. Hoover, paymaster.

The subordinate officers named were: Sergts. F. H. Moores, O. E. Caruana, George W. Scheerer, A. Brown, C. L. Patten, J. M. Pipes; Corporals P. M. O'Bryan, W. W. McDonald, W. E. Chauncey, J. F. Collins, J. G. Baker, R. Bennett; Quartermaster Sergt. J. B. Gilfillin, Color Sergts. G. C. Harris, James H. Lawrence; Recording Secretary O. E. Caruana; Financial Secretary C. L. Patten, Treasurer W. H. Hoover.

This election is the first under the revised constitution, which provides a biennial term for the officers.

MURDER AT A BALL.

When the Gaiety Was at Its Height Sanford Was Shot Down.

GRENADA, Miss., Jan. 1.—A terrible tragedy occurred last night at a ball given at Cascilla. When the fun was at its height a shot rang out and George Sanford fell to the floor mortally wounded with a load of buckshot in his breast.

There is a clue, but the name of the suspect will not be divulged until after the coroner's jury investigates. Jealousy is supposed to have been the assassin's motive.

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OUTSIDE THE PORTALS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

Scenes on the Pavement in Front of the Executive Mansion.

THOUSANDS WERE THERE

Line of Callers Extended All the Way Down Seventeenth Street.

Many Had Their Trouble for Their Pains and Failed to See the President—All Classes of People Were in the Crowd—Even the Baby That Wanted to Get a Peep at "Ooth and Ethster Was There."

"I wouldn't stand out here for an hour waiting to get in if the Old Nick himself was in there to see, much less Grover Cleveland."

And the big colored coachman to whom one of the men on duty at the White House grounds yesterday made this remark showed his white teeth.

"No, suh; an' I bin waitin' heah mo'n that fo' some quality white folks that was seein' the city and comed here and fell in wid de res'. It's been so long ago I most forgot 'em wif de freezin'."

"But it ain't such a big thing as it used to be," said a bystander. "See its half past 1 and the line is drawing in—only half way, only at Executive avenue gates, and I've seen it stretched clear around the corner of the War and Navy and 'way down Eighteenth street, this time in the reception."

The walk in front of the White House grounds began to show that it was New Year's before 10 o'clock. The big policemen shivering in white gloves were already standing about the gates, and a squad of mounted police came up to help preserve order.

When the Diplomatic Corps arrived about 10:30 there was a crowd to see their gorgeous uniforms and their picturesque costumes, and there were plenty of both in the party that was sent into the White House as the nation's first guests on New Year's day in the year of our Lord 1895. Then the people around the outer wall broke up into little groups, and a good many went home. A good many, too, remained to head the column when the gates opened at noon to admit the general public. There were the usual toy balloon men and one or two other street dealers to attract and interest children and country folk, while all were waiting in the bright sunshine that took a little of the edge off the the frosty air and toned down the deadening chill of the

ICY SLABS UNDERFOOT.

The veterans of the Mexican war, a little band, and the Grand Army Corps in bright uniform, a great throng, came and went as did the sober-hued American citizens who constitute the Supreme Court, the heads of departments, and the like. A gay tie or bright flower here and there relieved the neutral colors of the lines as these passed in.

At noon a long line had formed down in front of the War Department. Great throngs poured in from private conveyances, from the cars, and afoot from the streets. The head of the column moved into the grounds and was soon upon the steps and passing in at the door. Outside the line grew rapidly as the first half hour passed, and the rear disappeared from Pennsylvania avenue around the corner of Seventeenth street as it always does at a well-regulated reception. Then it stood with little variation till nearly 1 o'clock, when the end move I slowly up to the Avenue again and down the front of the big War building and across Executive avenue, and at 1:40 o'clock passed within the gates.

A little more carefully it crept up the asphalt and at last stood on the broad stones between the columns of the portico. A little after 2 p. m. the policemen who had been stamping about the entrance trying to keep their feet from freezing were invited in. Parties of twenty and ten kept coming in, and then groups of six, four, three, two, till at last the doorkeepers good-naturedly said: "No, more; it's all over," and closed one door.

Then a half-tipsy grizzled veteran, in light blue army overcoat with navy blue jacket and loosely-adjusted trousers, pushed forward and begged to be admitted. He was refused. "Well, I'll go back and tell the boys you wouldn't let me in," he said, and he moved off slowly and stood on the sidewalk and

EYED THE ENTRANCE RUEFULLY.

Every class was represented in the great procession of the people. The gentleman with silk hat and fashionable overcoat, glistening shoes, and holding lightly a handsome gold-headed cane with a glove in one hand, while he touched his wife's arm with the other and talked gayly with two ladies in front of him, was there. All the ladies of the little group were elegantly and faultlessly attired.

The little colored veteran, wrinkled and bent, with the potent "G. A. R." in gilt letters on the crest of his cap, was there, and with him his little grandchild. The seedy office seeker, the ex-judge from the interior, with his visitor, the stately matron, schoolgirls by twos and threes, the mother in Israel, who by reason of strength had passed the three score and ten, the baby in arms, with proud, well-dressed father and mother, were all there.

All were good-natured and chaffed each other on the folly of it. The vivacious maiden of twenty told how at her first reception in Harrison's day she had marched in the snow for more than an hour one night and had only missed two since. The disgruntled husband, prisoner to the females of the household, insisted that he would never be caught in such a snap again. As the crowd passed occasionally some burly fellow would try to edge in far up the line, but the policeman usually sent him down to the rear with a sharp "Come, none o' that, you can't get in that way."

At the portico the line moved near the steps and a baby in the second story window caught the eye of a dignified, motherly lady. She stopped a moment looking up, the crowd pressed on from the rear and she toppled down the steps, but kept her balance as she stumbled across the roadway. It was a narrow escape, but the officers gently assisted her back to her place and the procession moved on.

Among the last who went in was a broad-shouldered Senegambian with gold rings in his ears, a bright tie, and a plug hat. Ten minutes later the ingoing crowd was met by a counter-stream passing out at the main door.

"Good joke, that," said one.

"What?" was the inquiry.

"Why, they let us in, but the President is gone and the reception is all over."

And disappointed faces were returning for fifteen minutes after. Among them was the baby just learning to talk, and, not to be cheated out of its lesson, cried:

"BY-BY, 'OOTH AND ETHTHER."

As they were passing out some one caught sight of the baby at the window, and a crowd formed to watch it. "Looks like a boy," "Wonder what stuffs that it's dressed in," "Maybe it's Esther," were remarks as they lingered and looked and gossiped. And through this group came out a richly dressed lady, while her carriage was called. As the policeman assisted her into the vehicle and tactfully threw in a bit of finery that came trailing from her skirt as a mark of the crowding and hustling inside, the colored gentleman with gold rings in his ears, having got out alive, stopped on the steps near the carriage and tied his smoothly greased brogan.

Then the police lieutenant comm