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Clearance Sale Boots and Shoes

Boys' Lace Shoes, all solid sizes, 3 to 6, \$1.50.....Sale Price, .85
Youth's Lace Shoes, all solid sizes, 13 to 2, \$1.25.....Sale Price, .85
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Youth's Lace Shoes, Grain solid sizes, 13 to 2, \$1.50.....Sale Price, 1.05
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Served to Order or Sold at Retail

W. W. WHIPPLE
THE PALACE

HERBERT CREATES A SENSATION

His Report on the Cost of Armor
for United States War Ships.

COLLUSION MADE IN PRICES

Manufacturers of Plate Combine on
High Prices Against the Interests
of the People.

Washington, January 5.—Secretary Herbert today transmitted to congress his reply to the provision in the last naval appropriation bill directing him to examine into the actual cost of armor plate and report to congress before January 1, 1897, and to make no contract for armor plate for vessels authorized by that act until after the report was made to congress.

This provision of the bill grew out of a heated debate in the house and senate in which the contention was that the government was paying too much for armor plates. The report is very important and in many respects is a sensational document.

The present cost of armor is \$583 per ton. Herbert's conclusion is that the cost of material and labor is \$198.70, and allowing for the cost of maintenance of the plant and the nickel now furnished by the government, and 50 per cent profit to the companies, the net cost to the government would be, in round numbers, 400 per ton. The Carnegie and Bethlehem Companies have both expressed a desire to sell out their plants to the government. Mr. Herbert calls attention to the fact that the company made no statement until he had returned from Europe where he had procured estimates of the cost of plate.

"An inspection of prices paid by the American companies," he says, "will indicate that they agreed with each other as to prices. They divided the contracts of this government between themselves, each bidding lower on one half of the armor required by the government."

He speaks of the armor furnished by the companies to Russia at \$249 per ton, and latterly at about \$250 per ton, and concludes, from comparison of prices, that there is at least "a friendly understanding, or agreement, among the largest armor manufacturers of the world to maintain prices."

The government is now paying \$583 per ton for armor, and with the nickel added, \$583. At the prices suggested by Herbert, \$500,000 would be saved on each battleship. Unless the present law is changed the secretary could not obtain the armor for the battleships already under contract if the companies refuse to bid within the limit congress might fix. To eliminate this difficulty Herbert recommends that upon fixing the price for armor congress also authorize the secretary to erect, or buy, or lease an armor plant, or gunplant, if necessary. If this is done, better results, he believes, could be obtained.

FIGURES IN DETAIL.

How the Tax Payers' Money Was Spent by the City Authorities Last Year.

The following detailed figures of the receipts and expenditures by the city government, and the condition of the bonded and floating indebtedness of the city which were included in the annual report of City Auditor Nelson, read at the meeting of the council Monday afternoon, will be found of interest:

By cash on hand Jan. 1, 1896.....	\$10,689 58
Received during the year for—	
Liquor licenses.....	\$18,000 00
Town licenses.....	1,630 00
Pool table license.....	160 00
Billiard table license.....	10 00
Theater license.....	265 00
Pawnbroker license.....	175 00
Hotel runners' license.....	90 00
Livery stable license.....	50 00
Wharfingers' license.....	150 00
Dog license.....	215 00
Laundry license.....	350 00
Shooting gallery license.....	20 00
Circus license.....	75 00
Merry-go-round.....	50 00
Peddlers.....	10 00
Street car license.....	120 00—\$21,370 00
City taxes for—	
Year 1895.....	\$ 9,005 23
Year 1894.....	964 85
Year 1893-7-9.....	4 99
Year 1892.....	2,118 52—\$12,093 59
For fines and forfeitures.....	
Police court 1896.....	\$ 8,281 00
Road tax—	
From Clatsop county.....	\$ 3,201 29
From delinquent sewer assessment, 1896.....	
From C. W. Loughery.....	\$ 116 48
For sale of old hook and ladder truck—	
From Bremner & Holmes.....	\$ 20 00
For interest and cost—	
Street and sewer assessments.....	179 22
For K. Osburn.....	
Balance due.....	17 90
From Clatsop Mill Co.....	
Balance due 1895.....	1 73
From street and sewer assessments—for	
37th street fund.....	\$ 71 50
Duane street fund (Adair's).....	19 87

14th street sewer fund.....	230 75
Bond street fund.....	1,922 70
42d street fund.....	3 50
Drainage fund.....	368 80
Irvine ave. fund.....	768 26
Duane street fund (McClure's).....	2,929 02
14th street fund.....	2,156 88
45th street fund.....	292 43
18th street fund.....	885 05
Exchange st. fund.....	2,269 72
19th street fund.....	742 91
Franklin ave. fund.....	654 47
Grand ave. fund.....	298 26
Lafayette street sewer fund.....	102 90
18th street sewer fund.....	42 76
Wall street fund.....	297 85—\$14,467 54
Total.....	\$70,448 50

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrants paid during the year on—	
General fund.....	\$ 8,669 50
Bond int. fund.....	4,100 00
Cemetery fund.....	254 00
Police fund.....	4,566 90
Road fund.....	15 25
Street fund.....	3,512 22
Road and crossing fund.....	3,512 13
35th street fund.....	32 00
37th street fund.....	128 00
Duane street fund (Adair's).....	23 24
Alley-way fund.....	8 00
Bond street fund.....	1,083 74
14th street fund.....	120 00
18th street fund.....	206 65
19th street fund.....	59 21
Exchange st. fund.....	421 84
Franklin ave. fund.....	70 65
Chenamus st. fund.....	5,183 96
4th street fund.....	3,001 90
Genevieve st. fund.....	4,317 23
12th st sewer fund.....	228 90
14th st sewer fund.....	365 00
West 8th street.....	261 28
Lafayette st. fund.....	669 00
West 9th st. fund.....	50 00—\$52,822 96
Street bonds paid—	
18th street fund.....	540 00
19th street fund.....	668 92
Exchange st. fund.....	1,792 47
Grand ave. fund.....	291 48
Franklin ave. fund.....	584 15—2,877 32
Paid interest on warrants.....	7,676 94
Paid interest on street bonds.....	69 21
Balance—cash on hand.....	5,992 17
Total.....	\$70,848 69

REGISTRATION OF ACCOUNTS—OF WARRANTS DRAWN FOR YEAR 1896.

Auditor and assistants—	
Auditor's salary '96.....	\$ 1,500 00
Asst.'s salary, 1896.....	722 83—\$ 2,222 83
City Treasurer—	
Salary 1896.....	600 00
City Attorney—	
Salary 1896.....	1,030 00
Superintendent of Streets—	
Salary 1896.....	960 00
Janitor—	
Salary 1896.....	240 00
Public Library—	
Allowance 1896.....	480 00
Police Department	
Salaries reg. 1896.....	\$ 6,635 50
Specials.....	171 00
Levy on prop.....	25 00—\$ 5,831 50
Fire Department—	
Allow. Co. No. 1, 1896.....	\$ 1,800 00
Allow. Co. No. 2, 1896.....	2,190 00
Allow. Co. No. 3, 1896.....	1,800 00
Allow. Hook and Ladder, 1896.....	1,200 00
Supplies and expense—	
alarm system.....	531 57
Two hose wagons.....	1,100 00
New hose.....	1,950 00
Supplies, repairs and incidentals.....	515 29
Salary chief engineer.....	300 00
Allow. board of delegates.....	60 00—\$11,446 80
Pound.....	
Rent and killing dogs, 11 months.....	129 65
Street lights—	
For 11 months.....	\$ 5,785 25
Street crossings and roads—	
Labor—per payrolls.....	1,684 43
Lumber, nails etc.....	600 91
Surveyor and assessors—	
80-3.....	191 00
Advertising.....	21 05
Contractors, for new crossings.....	4,235 47
Dead horse—killed while in use.....	80 00—6,812 58
Cemetery—	
Salary, sexton, and sundries.....	439 29
Surveys.....	867 20
Maps and plans.....	238 88—1,665 37
Public property—	
Lights and repairs, city hall.....	137 02
Repairs, roofs engine houses.....	206 50
Improvement to city cemetery.....	70 00—413 52
Surveyor and assistants—	
Payroll, 11 months.....	2,248 75
Stationery.....	32 50—2,281 25
Printing and miscellaneous—	
Printing charters.....	560 25
Sundry printing and miscellaneous.....	251 72—811 97
Stationery, blanks and books—	
For 11 months.....	141 62
Police court and jail—	
Board prisoners, fuel etc., 11 months.....	417 23

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DEATH PENALTY IS ABOLISHED

In Many Federal Cases by the United States Senate Yesterday.

WITHOUT CAPITAL PENALTY

Hard Labor for Life Is Made the Maximum Punishment in Many Heretofore Capital Cases.

Washington, January 5.—The senate today passed the house bill abolishing the death penalty in a large number of cases. The measure is in line with the recent state laws abolishing capital punishment and applies the same principle to federal offenses, although the change is not extended to the total abolition of the death penalty.

The present laws, which have come down from colonial times, have a sanguinary aspect and prescribe death for offenses of various characters. The bill passed today reduces the offenses to five, viz.: Treason, rape, murder, and two offenses applicable to the army and navy. In all other offenses hard labor for life is substituted as the maximum punishment, and even in cases of murder and rape hard labor may be substituted if the jury states in its verdict "without capital punishment."

As the bill has passed the house after the long crusade by Representative Curtis, of New York, and is amended slightly by the senate, it is likely to go to the president, when minor disagreements are arranged in conference.

McKINLEY ON CUBA.

Has a Conference in Cleveland with a Member of the Junta.

Cleveland, January 5.—It developed today that Senator Pierra, of the Cuban junta, had a conference with President-elect McKinley at the home of M. A. Hanna Sunday, at which the entire Cuban situation was thoroughly discussed.

Major McKinley did not indicate what he would make of the information, nor what stand he would take when his time should come. It is understood, however, that he will treat the Cuban difficulties at some length in his message to the extra session of congress.

Major McKinley, when seen today concerning the matter, said: "Yes, Senator Pierra called upon me here and we had a very pleasant chat. He explained at some length the claim of the friends of the insurgents in regard to the war there. No, there is nothing further I can say regarding the call."

NEW STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, January 5.—The Mining Stock Exchange, situated at No. 40 New street, was formally opened for business today. After the opening address by President W. C. Dornin, and others, the call was made and trading began. About twenty-seven stocks were called. The membership is about 100 and many of the members are connected with the New York Exchange. Applications have been made from abroad to have the Kaffir South Africa mines listed in the near future. None of the stocks that will be traded in are dealt in on the New York Stock Exchange.

POPS IN COLORADO.

Denver, Col., January 5.—The Populists tonight claim to have captured the organization of both houses of the legislature by agreements with the national silver and McKinley Republican members. In the house the agreement was signed by twenty-five Populists, nine national silver and three McKinley Republicans and in the senate a similar agreement was reached. Edwin W. Hurlbut, of Cripple Creek, is to be chairman of the house. He is a silverite. The Populists have all of the most important committees.

HIGH PRICED LAND.

New York, January 5.—George Crocker, the California millionaire, has purchased property Nos. 70, 72 and 74, Broadway, and 9, 11 and 13, New street, from Peter, Marie and William Alexander Smith for \$1,600,000. He proposes to erect a modern fire-proof office building in place of the four and five story brown stone buildings on the plot. The price per square foot is \$228.57, which has only twice been exceeded in sales in this city.

PORTLAND GETS IT.

Washington, January 5.—The secretary of the treasury today awarded the contract for building a vessel for the light-house service to Wolff & Zwickler, Portland, Oregon, at \$12,000. The vessel will be finished within ten months. The vessel will be stationed at San Francisco.

PUGILISTS ON THE STAGE.

San Francisco, January 5.—Thomas Sharkey and Jack McAuliffe have decided to emulate the example of other distinguished pugilists and will endeavor to accumulate dollars by exhibiting

themselves as stars on the stage. Dan Lynch has ordered a tank drama that will provide a part for each of the fighters. Between acts the two will give a boxing exhibition. The tour will include the coast from San Diego to Seattle.

DUBOIS BEATEN.

Boise, Idaho, January 5.—There have been no developments yet in the senatorial situation. Dubois is thought to stand a good chance, but the matter is in control of the Democrats and Populists. The Democrats promised to give the Populists the senatorship, and Dubois must get seven votes from the combination to elect him. The Populists say today that the Democrats will stand by their agreement, but it is believed they may seek to elect one of their own party through the creation of a deadlock.

THE MARKETS.

Portland, January 5.—Wheat—Walla Walla, 54@55; Valley, 56@57.
Liverpool, January 5.—Wheat—spot, firm; demand, moderate; No. 3 red spring, nominal; No. 1 California, 7s 2½d.
Futures, January, 6s 1½d; May, 7s 1¼d.
Hops—At London, Pacific Coast, 23 5s.
San Francisco, January 5.—Hops—89 10 for fair to choice, and 11c for fancy.

STRUGGLE OVER THE COFFIN.

Montreal, January 5.—The funeral service over the late Catholic Archbishop Fabre was the most gorgeous that has been seen here in years. When the body was taken out of its temporary coffin to be placed in the permanent one, a struggle ensued between the priests surrounding the coffin to obtain possession of pieces of the lining as relics. Hardly any of it was left.

PERKINS THE MAN.

Sacramento, January 5.—Geo. C. Perkins was declared the nominee of the joint Republican caucus tonight. Twenty-three senators and thirty-six assemblymen went into the caucus and Perkins received fifty-nine votes and the proxy of Sims, making a vote of sixty. Perkins needs but one vote to elect and that is said to be sure.

CARRIER PIGEON SHOT.

Petaluma, Cal., January 5.—Yesterday some boys, while hunting, shot a pigeon on a tree and the bird dropped with a broken wing. A message found tied to the bird's wing proved that it came from Walla Walla, Wash., four days ago. The note was addressed to Messrs. Carlisle & Son, San Francisco.

PENROSE GETS THERE.

Harrisburg, Pa., January 5.—The Republican joint caucus tonight nominated A. Boise Penrose for United States senator, to succeed Cameron, on the first ballot. The vote was: Penrose, 133; Wanamaker, 75; Cameron, 1; Congressman J. B. Johnson 1; Judge Charles E. Rice 1; absent or not voting, 4.

WATER COMMISSION.

The regular meeting of the water commission was held at the office of the company last evening, there being a full attendance. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The annual reports of the clerk and superintendent were also read, approved, and duly filed. The application of A. V. Allen to be allowed to use water for the purpose of grading down his lot opposite the Tighe Hotel, after some discussion, was granted. On motion, it was provided, however, that hereafter all applications for the use of city water for grading purposes should be charged for at reasonable rates; the determination of the board being adverse to granting the further free use of water under any circumstances for grading purposes. The usual payroll, in the sum of \$584.77, was allowed, as were also sundry other bills in the sum of \$640. This latter account included the sum of \$235, attorney's fees paid for defending the recent suit instituted against the commission by the assignee of Parelli, one of the sub-contractors employed on the new water works construction. This is the suit which was originally brought in the United States court at Portland, and there abated on a plea to the jurisdiction. It is understood that the assignee contemplates the re-institution of this suit in the circuit court of Clatsop county, and the attorney's fees allowed by the board were intended as a general retaining fee for the defense of the whole case. After the transaction of some other minor matters of business the commission then adjourned.

WHY SHE DIDN'T LAUGH.

From Answers.
Little Ethel, who had been sent on an errand, returned rather hurriedly, and called out to her mother: "Oh, mamma, what do you think? A little girl was crying in the street just now, because she had lost some money her mother had given her. Some people laughed, but not me."
"And why did not you laugh, dear?" asked her mother.
"Because, mamma," said the child, with trembling lip—"because the little girl was me."

ENEMIES NOW.

Hortense—"Ah, well, after all old friends are the best."
Beatrice—"Yes, I suppose people come to think that way when they reach the point in life where they can't go with the young folks any more."
The lines of battle were then formed.—Cleveland Leader.

STALE LAMP OIL.

From Hardware.
When lamps have not been used for a week or more, the oil should be poured out, or the stale oil will cause an unpleasant smell when next it is lighted.
The nightingale always begins her song softly, like a well trained orator, and gradually swells to a climax.

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