

IMPROVE MONITORS.

Changes to Be Made in Construction of Four New Defenders.

Secretary Long has sent a letter to each of the four firms that secured contracts to build the single turret monitors...

The estimated cost of the armor for the original design was \$130,000. It is calculated that this will be increased to \$187,000 for the larger vessel...

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SECRET OUT WITH THE WINE.

Society Girl's Heroism Saves Her Host from Discomfiture—An Amazing Denouement.

If Miss Eleanor Sedley, one of the best-known society girls of New York, could have pulled a champagne cork with a corkscrew, only three persons would ever have known that she played the role of colored waitress at a stag dinner to save D. Ogden Fowler from discomfiture.

Miss Sedley was the guest of the Fowlers in their Staten Island home, and Mr. Fowler was giving a "little dinner" to a few of his friends.

Two guests had already arrived, and Mrs. Fowler was at her wits' end. "Never mind," said Miss Sedley, "you cook the dinner and I'll wait on the table."

The guests arrived and seated themselves at the table. No one suspected that "Mary," the beautiful "colored" girl, who so admirably administered to their wants, was the society girl they so well knew.

Miss Sedley was recognized, matters explained, a hearty laugh indulged in, and the dinner wound up with "Mary" as the guest of honor.

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INDIANS ARE RICH.

Members of the Osage Tribe Occupy Soft Berths.

Are Aristocrats and Scorn Manual Labor—Crowd Creek Indians Are Spoiled by Too Much Visiting.

The Osage Indians are probably the wealthiest people per capita on earth, are aristocrats and scorn manual labor, according to Gen. Pollock's annual report to the interior department.

They own over 800 acres of land for each man, woman and child, each receiving an annuity of over \$200 in cash.

As an illustration, an Indian and his wife have eight children, the annual cash income of the family is over \$2,000.

Rather than leading his white brother in this respect, he prefers the conveniences, luxuries and dissipation of village life to agricultural avocation.

Indian Agent Stephens, of the Crow Creek, reports that a serious nuisance and detriment to progress, to correct which agents would have to cooperate, is intertribal visiting, demoralizing to the Indians, encouraging idleness and nomadic habits, abandonment of the crops, reckless distribution of property as presents and neglect of stock.

Capt. Cornish, of the Uintah and Ouray agency in Utah, complains in his report that there never has been any settlement of the claim of the Uncompahgre, White river and Southern Utes on account of the cession of about 8,000 acres of land to the United States under a treaty of 1850 in consideration of certain benefits.

It does not appear that the United States has ceded them any lands outside of their reservation.

Uncompahgre reservation. If the last to have been so ceded it has practically again been absorbed by the United States. I believe the government has appropriated from the Colorado land a large timber reserve, for which it seems to me the Indians are justly entitled to pay.

The denial of the rights of the Indians to hunt in their old reservation, in accordance with the Colorado game laws, is complained of as an injustice and violation of their treaty rights, and the agent recommends securing through congress some compensation for loss of the right.

TO GET MODERN ARMS. Troops in the Philippines to Be Equipped with the Krag-Jorgensen Rifles.

It has been decided by the war department to equip the troops now at Manila with the best arms obtainable, and the St. Paul was ordered to take 18,000 Krag-Jorgensen rifles there.

Nearly all of the troops under command of Gen. Otis are armed with Springfield rifles, in which smoke-producing ammunition is used, and it has been determined to replace them with the superior rifles and smokeless powder.

Much activity is noticed at the war department, and there is a well-grounded belief that the government is preparing to send reinforcements to Otis, although it is given out that the troops which are to be sent are for the purpose of relieving the volunteers.

Disputing reports have been received from the commanding general at Manila and the government is determined to be prepared for any emergency.

It has been contended all along that neither this government nor that of Spain would be permitted to send reinforcements to the Philippines, because it would be a violation of the armistice, but it is now contended that as this government has demanded the cessation of Spain's sovereignty over the Philippines and will not debate the question any further it has a perfect right to send reinforcements as it may see fit.

VOLUNTEER BUYS A WIFE. Makes a Bargain by Which He Takes the Pretty Bride of His Bosom Friend.

William Arthur Devey, of Newark, a member of company D, First New Jersey volunteers, home from the war, took a fancy to the pretty little bride of his bosom friend, Harry S. Van Htz.

"You like my wife a heap, don't you?" asked the young husband.

"Yes, I do," was the volunteer's prompt and frank reply.

"Do you want her?" asked Van Htz. "Sure, I do," replied Devey.

"Well you can have her if you will pay what she's worth. She ought to be worth as much to you as she is to me," said Van Htz, with a commercial eye.

"How much will you take?" cautiously bargained the aspiring veteran.

"She ought to be worth \$5, anyway," Van Htz put out, tentatively.

"All right," said Devey. "I've got \$3 with me to-day, but when I'm mustered out I'll draw \$47 from the government, and then I'll pay the other \$2."

The young wife, who was a bride in April, when she was married to Van Htz by Justice Murano, was a compliant witness to this bargain day transaction and gave her consent readily.

"Speak Easy." A Philadelphia policeman the other day received a letter informing him that a "speak easy" by which term an unlicensed saloon is designated, was in operation near Franklin and Spring Garden streets.

His detective instinct was at once aroused, and he made an investigation, only to discover that he was the victim of some practical joker.

The place referred to proved to be an Episcopal church for the deaf.

Bulletin Financier.

Mardi, 27 décembre 1898.

COMPTOIR D'EGANONS (OLYMPIAN HOUSE) DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLEANS.

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