

The Great Calve's Opinion

Emma Calve, the wonderful prima donna, whose success in "Carmen" will be remembered for a generation to come in speaking of the Washington instruments, says: "I have never, in all my travels, found anything that seemed to me as near perfection in the way of a mandolin as the Washburn. This is high praise indeed, but the Washburn deserves it, as you will agree if you test one of the new 138 Washburn instruments that we have recently received. We are sole agents for these instruments. Come and examine. Rough Riders is just out. It's a two step."

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138 WYOMING AVENUE.

DR. H. B. WARE, SPECIALIST.
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat
Office Hours—9 a. m. to 12:30 p. m.; 2 to 4. Williams Building, Opp. Postoffice.



CITY NOTES

OFFICES CLOSED.—All the offices in the city hall and the offices of the central ward adjourned were closed yesterday.

NEWSBOYS DINNER.—E. H. Davis, the architect, gave a dinner to a number of newsboys at his home in North Park yesterday afternoon.

POLICE CAPS.—The members of the police force yesterday appeared for the first time in the recently adopted winter cap. The old blue and scarlet cap are distinguished by a straight visor.

AGE INCORRECT.—In yesterday's Tribune it was stated that Anthony Kilduff, of Decatur, who was killed at the Delaware and Hudson crossing in that place, was 69 years of age. Mr. Kilduff was 57.

FUNERAL OF MRS. 'CARMOODY.—The funeral of Mrs. Mary 'Carmony, of 917 South Wyoming avenue, will be held to-morrow morning. A high mass will be celebrated in St. John's church at 10 a. m. and interment will be made in Catholic cemetery.

PROGRESSIVE RECREE FAIRY.—The Christian Doctrine association of Holy Cross church will conduct a progressive recree party at St. Peter's hall on Wednesday evening. Playing will be begun at 8 o'clock and end at 10. Refreshments will be served in church basement. There will also be a musical program.

Scranton Business College Opening Day.
Lay and evening sessions of the Scranton Business College will reopen on Tuesday, Jan. 2. For the accommodation of those who wish to make inquiries, the office will be open every day and evening this week.

DIED.

DECKER.—In West Scranton, Dec. 26, 1898, George Decker, 81 years of age, at the residence, 112 Lafayette street. Funeral Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services at the Simpson Methodist church. Interment at the Washburn street cemetery.

KILLEN.—In Scranton, Dec. 25, 1898, Levon, son of Mr. John Kilduff, aged 3 months and 17 days.

MARTELLA.—In Scranton, Pa., Dec. 25, 1898, the 6-month-old child of Tony Martella, of 315 Scranton street. Funeral Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

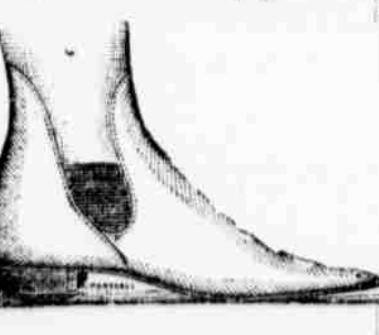
MONAGHAN.—In Scranton, Pa., Dec. 25, 1898, 7-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Monaghan, of Exton street. Funeral from the residence of Mrs. Hill, Herity, Tuesday at 2:30 p. m. Interment in Catholic cemetery.

MULLIN.—In Scranton, Pa., Dec. 25, 1898, Mrs. Mary Mullen, wife of Anthony Mullen, of the Anthony street, age 70 years. Funeral announcement later.

PENSWARDEEN.—In West Scranton, Dec. 25, 1898, Mrs. Anne Penwarden, 64 years of age, at the residence, 112 Washburn street. Funeral Thursday morning at 1 o'clock. Interment will be made at Homestead.

PLATE.—In New York, Dec. 25, 1898, William H. Plate, age 77 years, at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Milburn. Funeral services at the residence of Miss Mattie, 81 Jefferson avenue, Wednesday at 3 p. m. Interment in Dunmore cemetery.

Men's Romeo Slippers



Don't be out of slippers. Romans are becoming more and more popular and you cannot afford not to have a good pair.

Men's Black Kid Ro \$1.50

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Men's Russia Calf Ro 2.00

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All the newest styles. All sizes. It's no right your money returned.

Schank & Spencer,
410 Spruce Street.

THE DEFENSE OF A FREE PEOPLE

INTERESTING ARTICLE BY COL. H. M. BOIES.

It Will Appear in the Leading Military Journal of the Country—Lesson That Has Been Taught by the Recent Conflict with Spain, with Reference to Our Military Forces and the Way They Should Be Organized.

The January number of the Journal of Military Service Institution will contain a highly interesting article on "The Defense of a Free People, in the Light of the Spanish War," from the pen of Colonel H. M. Boies, of this city.

Through the courtesy of the Journal in furnishing advance sheets the Tribune is enabled to print the article in full. It is worthy of careful perusal. The article is as follows:

Our brief war with Spain is remarkable and unique among the conflicts between great nations in several of its grander and more important aspects, as well as in many of its minor details. The lessons which our military history affords are instructive and ought to be profitable to the American student. The latter observing the rapid progress of our military commanders to high civil authority after conquest, the former taught again the fearful sorrow, suffering and cost caused by needless neglect of proper preparation before the conflict, may both find in their inspiration and guidance to a higher plane of patriotic service.

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BATTLES WE WON.

It is unique in that its battles were fought and its victories won by the men in military uniform rather than the officers, whose leadership is above criticism. Never since the days of the Pythian phalanx and the Roman short sword have individual endurance, valor, and skill so decisively won the laurels of glory and fame as in the battles of this war, in which the men in military uniform, and not the officers, were the heroes of the hour.

WHAT GUNS MUST HAVE.

The guns are as useless without ammunition as the men are useless without training and without guns. Our extensive coasts and numerous ports require not only an ample supply of guns, but a larger force of trained officers and men than has heretofore been considered sufficient for protection. Every hundred feet square of possible approach within range, of the coast, must be guarded and mapped; the direction, elevation and charge of the gun and time-fuse of the shell calculated and tested for the distance to be covered. The gun must be in a place, and the men trained to handle the machinery to do this work. They are liable to be called upon to do this on a week's notice, at any time. Such service cannot be expected from hastily recruited levies; it can only be rendered by regular soldiers who make it their profession and business of life.

Although the war with Spain has been declared, and the conclusion of our commission has been made known, it is evident that one of the results of the war has been to develop in the public mind a new interest in the defense of our coasts and ports. The people are beginning to realize that the present force of our coast-guard is inadequate for protection, and that the present force of our coast-guard is inadequate for protection, and that the present force of our coast-guard is inadequate for protection.

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MR. MELVIN'S PLAN FOR CITY LIGHTING

ESTIMATES SHOWING THAT COST COULD BE REDUCED.

It is Mr. Melvin's Purpose to Have a Special Bond Ordinance Providing for a Special Election, When the People May Be Given an Opportunity to Vote on the Issue of Bonds—He Says His Plan Would Save the City Several Thousand Dollars Per Year.

Select Councilman T. C. Melvin, of the 12th ward, has gone to considerable lengths to make estimates of the cost of installing and operating a municipal electric light plant capable of furnishing 750 arc lights and 1,000 incandescents. He finds that a plant can be operated, including interest on bonds and with a liberal allowance made for depreciation, for several thousand dollars less than the city is now paying.

Mr. Melvin at first proposed to offer his plan as an amendment to the general bond ordinance, but it is now his purpose to bring it before the people later in the shape of a special bond measure. He will have a resolution introduced directing the light and water committee to procure facts and figures in relation to municipal lighting and will then proceed to get estimates in addition to those already in his possession. This, he says, he will introduce a special bond ordinance providing for a special election late in the spring.

LETTER OF EXPLANATION.

Accompanying one of the estimates was an explanatory letter, in part as follows:

I have endeavored to make a plain statement. * * * This, you will note, provides for the constant use of 600 arc lights and 1,000 incandescent lights. The figures we give as to cost are conservative. It could be reduced, but it would be at the expense of the plant. I believe it to be true that, if the plant is completed, and you take advantage of the most modern and efficient machinery, you would learn the figures given are not much, if any, beyond the actual expenditures.

Regarding the cost of operating: We have had reports where municipalities claimed the cost of light is not much more than the cost of the plant, and I have given you the items and you can figure it. We have heard figures named as low as \$10 per lamp per year, and from that up.

Approximate cost of municipal arc and incandescent lighting plant, as described, for the city of Scranton, Pa., the figures given cover the entire cost of the installation complete ready for operation.

A building to provide for the 600 arc light apparatus and 1,000 incandescents will appear on the estimate, boiler, etc., allowing for some prospective increase in the future, would require approximately 15 feet long by 75 feet wide, this, however, would at present extend the entire length of the building, but would be 80 feet in depth, with a frontage of 75 feet, but 75 feet frontage would be required for a depth of about 15 feet as per plans. Being irregular with the cost of ground, we have named the figure \$20,000 for the lot and building. It might exceed that a few thousand dollars. In the building, we provide for office, store room, and repair shop, which is a necessity.

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AMPUTATION MAY RESULT.

Doctors Not Certain They Can Save Miss Bryant's Foot.

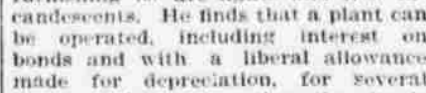
It may be necessary to amputate the foot of Ida Bryant, of Theodore street, the young woman who was so badly injured in the Carbon street crossing accident. She rested very comfortably yesterday and many of her wounds were redressed.

How badly her right arm was torn may be inferred from the fact that thirty stitches have been taken in it.

Smoke the Pocono cigar, 5c.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of



Lamp Chimney

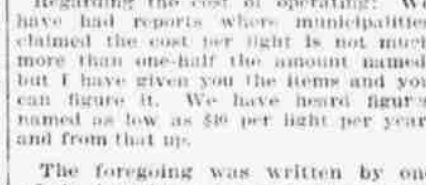
That stands the heat is a source of comfort. It is the cheapest in the end.

Ask your dealer for the M. & P. Top, and insist on having it. Don't let him palm off something said to be just as good.

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310 Lacka. Ave.
JOHN H. LADWIG, Prop.

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Diamonds, Watches and Novelties.

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A Few Christmas Novelties

in handsomely ornamented small

String Instruments.

Musical Sundries and Holiday Publications

Still remain in stock and prices have been slaughtered to insure an immediate clearance.

Guernsey Hall,
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Christmas Attractions

We guarantee the finest display of diamonds in the city. Beautiful goods at low prices.

Jewelry, silverware, watches, scarf pins, rings of every description, silver novelties, opera glasses, etc. Our stock embraces everything in the way of desirable and appropriate Christmas gifts for young and old. We can supply you with an elegant art cle at little cost. Call and examine our stock and you will see that we have just what you want.

E. SCHIMPF,
Diamond Merchant, 317 Lackawanna Avenue;

Oil and waste, per annum 1,300
Insurance per annum 500
Wear and tear and depreciation on the building, at 10 per cent 12,000
Water, gas, and other incidentals, per annum 1,500
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\$18,300

We would deduct from the total cost of operating, the approximate cost of the 1,000 incandescent lights. You report the amount paid for lights of twenty-five cents per lamp, for houses and police precinct houses, \$1,776

Leaving for the cost of operating the 600 arc lights per annum, \$16,524. This amount, \$16,524 divided by 60 arc lights, would make the approximate cost, covering all expenses, wear and tear, depreciation and interest, \$27.50 per lamp per annum.

ESTIMATE TOO HIGH.

As in the estimate of installing, Mr. Melvin says the operation estimate is too great. He says the interest rate is too high by 14 per cent, and that the principal would not be over \$130,000, and that the water and insurance items and the amount charged to "freight, expressage, incidentals," etc., are not low enough.

On that basis, he argues that the cost per lamp per year would positively not be more than \$20 and would probably be nearer \$15. In support of this he shows a letter from a source other than that from which the foregoing estimates were obtained and which is in part as follows:

"We have gone over the estimate pretty carefully, with the exception of cost of pole line, which we assume to be about right.

Referring to the matter of fuel and water, I suggest that the estimates are high. The water will probably cost about one hundred dollars per month, and from what you told me in regard to the probable location of the plant, I would suppose that the fuel would cost at about rate of twenty dollars per month, and as it is contemplated that culm will be used, we estimate that the plant complete will cost one hundred and twenty thousand (\$120,000) dollars without "padding."

As to the matter of interest on the investment, you will undoubtedly be able to find a bank at a rate of 2 1/2 to 4 per cent interest. The depreciation, I consider, will not average 10 per cent, per annum.

I consider that the labor account in estimating is little large. However, you will be best prepared to determine that point, as you are more familiar with prices paid for labor in your vicinity.

PRESENT COST.

Beginning Jan. 1, arc lights are to be furnished the city for \$80.20 per lamp per year. There are now erected 600 arc lights, while there are enough more provided for by ordinance which will make the total 600 next year. At \$80.20 each the 600 lights would cost \$48,120. It is claimed that a city plant would provide the lights at not more than \$23 each and probably not more than \$25, or from \$33,000 to \$45,000 for the 600 lights. With one 100-watt incandescent dynamo, the city hall, fire department house and police precinct houses could be lighted cheaper. It is claimed, than under the present contract of 5 per cent per hour per lamp, of 2 1/2 cents per 1,000 Watts, with the usual discount.

Reports of the Bay City, Michigan, and Little Rock, Arkansas, municipal electric light plants show that the cost of each is less than \$60 per lamp on an all night basis, although in those cities the total burning period is about 150 hours above the moonlight schedule.

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Are Apparatus—625 light bulbs, 100 double carbon lamps, with hooks, hanger boards, etc. We provide an electric boiler, etc. We provide an electric boiler, etc. We provide an electric boiler, etc.

Cost of above, installed, \$3,200.

Steam Plant—250 horse power boiler, etc.; 250 horse power engine, etc.

Cost of steam plant, as noted, installed complete, \$5,600.

Low and Building, with Space for apparatus, including boiler, etc., approximately, \$20,000.

Pole Line—80 miles pole set, with cross arms, pins, insulators, etc., \$15,200.

Are electric street lights, etc. for the are circuit, attached to poles, \$7,500.

Incomplete Circuit—22 miles of wire for incandescent lighting attached to poles, \$2,600.

Hanging wires, etc. for the street intersections, with apparatus, \$600.

Foundations, foundations, engineering, superintendence and incidentals, \$300.

Contingencies, \$1,000.

Total, \$52,000.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

[Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied by publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune will not be responsible for opinions here expressed.]

That Van Horn Case.

Editor of The Tribune:

Sir: Having received many inquiries recently in regard to the "Van Horn case," as to whether the attorneys had charge of the defense, were no longer connected with the efforts to save him from the death penalty; I wish you would give me this information. I am sure you would do so. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
L. P. Weidman.

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