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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

TRANSMITTING,

*In compliance with law, an inventory of property in the Department.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
*Washington, April 26, 1886.*

SIR: In accordance with the requirements of the act of Congress entitled "An act to provide for inventories and accounts of the property of the United States in the buildings and grounds belonging to the United States in the District of Columbia," approved July 15, 1870, I have the honor to transmit herewith a "full and complete inventory of all property belonging to the United States in the buildings, rooms, offices, and grounds" occupied by this Department and under its charge.

The inventory consists of a table, A, showing the number of the various articles of property in each of the Bureaus of the Department, and the same aggregated; a list, B, of the articles of property purchased for the use of the Department during the year ending the 30th of November, 1885, and C, a list of such property as was sold during the same period.

Very respectfully,

L. Q. C. LAMAR,  
*Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE.

## A.—Inventory of property in the Department of the Interior.

## OFFICE.

Articles of property.	Secretary's.	Patent.	Pension.	Land.	Indian.	Education.	Railroad.	Survey.	Labor Bu- rean.	Total.
Anvils.....	1		1					2		4
Awning.....	55	98	109		45	44	6	60		417
Axes.....	2	3	2	5		1		6		19
Axes, pick.....								1		1
Book-cases.....	38	155	12	27	50	21	2		5	310
Book-rests.....	3	11	57		4	6				81
Book-racks.....	24	44	61	18	11					153
Blotter-baths.....				3	1	2	1	3	1	11
Box-openers.....	2									2
Blowers.....		26					1	16	3	46
Call-bells.....	1	11	22			5				34
Cabinets.....								82		87
Carpets.....	33	81	42	50	13	11	4	10	4	254
Carriages.....			1					1		2
Chandeliers.....						3	2			5
Chairs.....	215	659	1,318	451	132	78	17	305	34	3,209
Clocks.....	37	64	74	26	6	12	2	2	6	239
Carpenter's bench.....	1		3			1				5
Crayon portraits.....	13							23		13
Coal-hods.....	13	59		66	3	4	3			171
Copy-holders.....	10	16		43	3	2	2	5		81
Chests.....								1		1
Curtains.....			109	99	28		8			244
Caligraphs.....			3			1	1	8		10
Cyclostyles.....						1		6	1	11
Desks.....	114	336	299	389	74	39	8	70	17	1,316
Desk-covers.....	3	15	9	2				8	5	42
Dictionary-holders.....	13	39	903		2					957
Desk-tops.....	2	5				10		8		25
Drawing-boards.....		33		12			2	42		89
Drawing-tables.....					2					2
Droplights.....	2	9	7	5		1	2	5		31
Engravings.....	2		8	27						37
Engines.....	1									1
Eyelet-machines.....		18								18
File-cases.....	50	66	236	327	6	6	4	6	1	702
File-holders.....	1,127	13,962	1,712	5,074	1,778	883		100		24,636
File, Burlington.....			3			36				36
Fire-extinguishers.....	2		3			18				23
Fire-buckets.....	20		17							37
Foot-lathe.....	1							1		1
Foot-rasts.....	41	259	551	250	32	5	2	2		1,142
Forges.....	1	1	2					1		5
Force-pumps.....	2							1		3
Flags.....	5		4		1	1	1	3	2	17
Grindstones.....	2	2	1			1				6
Hand-stamps.....	17	91	87	25	5	4	1	63	9	300
Hammers.....			5				1	163	1	170
Harnesses.....	3		3					8		14
Hat-racks.....	1	12	11	12		3	1			40
Hatchets.....	2		6	4			1	17		30
Hektographs.....		1	6					8		15
Horses.....	3		2					5		10
Hose (feet).....	400		500			350				1,250
Hose-carriage.....	1									1
Ice-pitchers.....	21	8	13	7	2	7	2	6	2	68
Iron safes.....	4	4	3	3	1	1			1	17
Lamps.....	4	20	43	6	3	1		1		78
Letter-presses.....	12	40	15	23	7	1	1	5	1	105
Letter-press stands.....	10	25	9	18	7	1	1	5	1	77
Lawn-mowers.....	3									3
Linoleum (yards).....		5	7					331		343
Lounges.....	5	4	6	6	2	3				26
Map-racks.....	1		4	1	1		1	2		10
Magnifying glasses.....	10							38		48
Mats.....	5	6	62	13		2		15	4	107
Mattings.....	23	11	10	17	5	5	4	6	1	82
Mail-bags.....	2	5			1	2		1		11
Mirrors.....	36	63	40	56	15	8	3	3	7	233
Numbering machines.....	1	3		1						5
Paper-cutting machines.....	1		1							2
Pigeon-hole cases.....			59	207	24	1		2		293
Pipe-tongs.....	7		6					2		15
Plumbers' vise.....	1		2							3
Pipe-cutting machine.....	1	2	3							6

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY IN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Inventory of property in the Department of the Interior—Continued.

Articles of property.	Office.									Total.
	Secretary's.	Patent.	Pension.	Land.	Indian.	Education.	Railroad.	Survey.	Labor Bu. recon.	
Portfolio drawers.....		4,054								4,054
Push-carts.....		7								7
Paintings (oil).....	4		2							6
Photographs.....	9	243	13		11					276
Presses, job.....	2									2
Robes.....	3		3					2		8
Rugs.....	5	4	11	11	1	6		13	8	59
Refrigerators.....		1	1							2
Settees.....	8	6	2	10				3		29
Sealing presses.....	1	1		3						5
Screens.....	31	116	102	138	14	9	4	13	8	425
Scales.....	13	6	5	4		2	1	9		40
Soap-dishes.....	24	60	17	57		13	2	6		121
Shades.....	49	63		103	43	53		450	26	787
Shovels.....	12	5	12							39
Shovels and tongs.....	9	14		18						41
Step-ladders.....	10	68	14	61	8	7	1	6	4	179
Stools.....	12	465	72							549
Stoves.....	8	7		15	2					22
Stoves, gas.....		1		3						4
Spittoons.....	63	426	517	227	21	16	5	101	18	1,404
Sofas.....	5		4	5	1		1	2	3	20
Slop-jars.....	2	2	9	67	2		2	1	5	80
Salvers.....	1		2					1	2	5
Tables.....	41	322	1,060	117	35	12	3	124	7	1,721
Tents.....								5		5
Trucks.....	6	17	12	4		2		1		42
Type-writers.....	15	30	12	11	7	2	1	9	2	80
Type-writers stands.....	15	30	12	11	7	2	1	2	2	80
Trestles.....			325							325
Trunks, spl. ex.....			5	4	1	11	2	3	6	40
Towel-racks.....	5	12	5	2		14		177	4	204
Thermometers.....	5	19	23	2		3				52
Trays.....			20	3	6	3		5	5	74
Umbrella-stands.....	6	26	1							33
Vises.....			1							1
Wash-stands.....	3	17	25	35	5		3	4	5	95
Wash-pitchers.....	3	8	27	37	3	6	3	4	5	95
Wash-bowls.....	3	12	28	37	3		2	4	5	94
Water-coolers.....	8	54	36	21	9	3	1	6	3	127
Water-stands.....	6	32	38		9	3		6	3	97
Water-buckets.....	15	78	15	42	9	4		26	2	161
Wagons.....								3		3
Wardrobes.....	10	20	21	11	2	6	1	8	4	63
Walnut cases.....			8							8
Wagons, delivery.....	3		1							4
Wheelbarrows.....	7	5	2			1		1		14
Yokes.....				8						8

*Inventory of property in the Department of the Interior—Continued.*

## TOOLS, INSTRUMENTS, &amp;c.

Articles.	Number.	Articles.	Number.
Alidades, sight .....	22	Gasometers .....	2
Alidades, telescope .....	8	Gradienters .....	18
Artazimuths .....	2	Heliotropes .....	12
Anemometers .....	2	Hydrometers .....	1
Aneroids .....	77	Hygrometers .....	1
Apparatus, draughting .....	1	Lenses .....	4
Apparatus, plane-table .....	2	Levels .....	57
Apparatus, 4-meter base .....	1	Locomotives, Bunsen .....	6
Apparatus, drying .....	3	Machines, vertical .....	3
Apparatus, copper .....	1	Microscopes .....	5
Apparatus, blow-pipe .....	1	Microscopic objectives .....	7
Apparatus, polarization .....	1	Odometers .....	49
Apparatus, universal .....	1	Odometers, vehicles .....	6
Areameter .....	1	Pantographs .....	2
Aspirator .....	1	Pedometers .....	1
Balances .....	1	Pipettes .....	1
Barometer .....	53	Picks, geologic .....	12
Barometer repair-boxes .....	35	Plane-tables .....	33
Backgrounds, photograph .....	4	Plate-holders .....	93
Balances, laboratory .....	7	Plate-lifters .....	21
Battery, dipping .....	1	Platform .....	1
Baths, photograph .....	2	Pliers, German .....	9
Baths, case .....	1	Pliers, Hall .....	1
Baths, various .....	30	Plumbbobs .....	1
Boilers, Q. H. P. .....	1	Polariscope .....	1
Boilers, copper .....	1	Protractors, assorted .....	111
Boat, porcelain .....	2	Pumps and heater .....	1
Boxes, microscopic .....	2	Psychrometer .....	20
Boxes, negative .....	64	Rules, steel metric .....	8
Boxes, photograph .....	1	Rods, leveling .....	24
Blowers, buff pres .....	14	Saws, Kerr's .....	2
Burettes, swimmers .....	6	Saws, diamond .....	24
Burettes .....	2	Stand and camera .....	1
Camera and box .....	1	Spacer, steel .....	1
Calameters, Schable's .....	1	Spectroscopes .....	2
Cameras .....	20	Squares .....	2
Cameras, lucida .....	3	Spliners .....	25
Cases for cameras .....	16	Stoves, M. & F .....	2
Cart, odometer .....	2	Standards, P. table .....	2
Cart, Clarkson .....	1	Stands, laboratory .....	10
Copper, evaporating .....	1	Still, copper .....	1
Compasses, pairs .....	22	Tapelines .....	49
Compasses, asst'd .....	91	Tables, L. & M. .....	35
Chronographs .....	1	Telemeters .....	2
Climometers .....	2	Tanks, tin .....	1
Chairs, surveyors .....	2	Telescopes .....	1
Condensers, bull's eye .....	1	Tanks, lead-lined .....	5
Condensers, Liebig .....	6	Theodolites .....	11
Crucibles, assorted .....	149	Thermopile, Clemond's .....	1
Cups, deep-sea .....	1	Transits .....	11
Cylinders, various .....	12	Triangles, assorted .....	125
Desiccators and essicators .....	20	Tripods .....	38
Dishes, evaporating .....	24	Tracks for camera .....	1
Dishes, sand-bath .....	1	Vessels, copper .....	2
Dividers, pairs .....	72	Vulcanizers .....	2
Engine, Q. H. P. .....	2	Watches, nickel .....	4
Furnaces .....	75	Sextant and horizon .....	1
Glasses, field .....	45		

INVENTORY OF PROPERTY IN INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

B.—A list of property purchased for the use of the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1885.

Articles.	Number.	Articles.	Number.
Awnings .....	111	Mail-bags .....	7
Axes .....	2	Mirrors .....	6
Book cases .....	7	Portfolio drawers .....	392
Black walnut cases .....	13	Pigeon-hole cases .....	7
Book trucks .....	9	Portraits .....	1
Blotter baths .....	24	Reading glasses .....	23
Boiler .....	1	Rugs .....	20
Buckets, galvanized, iron .....	117	Revolving book-racks .....	22
Call-bells .....	4	Spittoons .....	362
Caligraphs .....	7	Scales .....	7
Caligraph stands .....	5	Saddlebags .....	21
Carpet .....	yards.. 12,307	Screws .....	5
Copy holders .....	31	Stoves .....	2
Clocks .....	71	Stools .....	107
Chairs .....	400	Settees .....	3
Cyclostyles .....	6	Stamps, steel .....	2
Desks .....	108	Step-ladders .....	6
Desk washstands .....	8	Sofas .....	3
Desk screens .....	22	Tables .....	93
Dictionary stands .....	4	Thermometers .....	108
Drop-lights .....	9	Typewriters .....	28
Engines .....	3	Typewriters, cabinets .....	7
Eyelet machines .....	4	Vises .....	2
Flags .....	19	Wardrobes .....	17
File holders .....	3,164	Water-coolers .....	45
File cabinets .....	7	Pipe-cutter .....	1
File cases .....	21	Hammers .....	34
Hektographs .....	14	Lamps, student .....	13
Hand stamps .....	214	Racks, coat, &c .....	2
Ice-pitchers .....	13	Window shades .....	88
Iron safes .....	1	Harness, double .....	2
Letter presses .....	19	Harness, single .....	2
Letter-press stands .....	7	Hatchets .....	7
Lamps, park .....	2	Anvils .....	2
Lounges .....	2	Tents .....	1
Matting, straw .....	yards.. 869	Wagons .....	2
Matting, napier .....	4,180	Washstands .....	12
Mats .....	10	Wheelbarrow .....	1
Map rollers .....	611	Water-cooler stands .....	45

TOOLS, INSTRUMENTS, ETC.

<b>Apparatus:</b>		<b>Cylinders:</b>	
Drying .....	1	Drying .....	5
Blowpipe .....	1	Fifty-foot gas .....	1
Polarization .....	1	Extra plumbago .....	3
Universal .....	1	Reserve .....	1
Aspirator .....	1	Graduated .....	2
Balances, laboratory .....	4	Desiccators and eaeceators .....	8
<b>Baths:</b>		<b>Dishes:</b>	
Water .....	1	Evaporating .....	7
Chemical .....	4	Sets .....	3
Hot air .....	2	Dividers .....	51
No. 8 stop-cook .....	1	<b>Flasks:</b>	
<b>Boat, porcelain</b> .....	2	Elonger .....	59
<b>Burets</b> .....	2	Liter .....	6
<b>Burners, Bunsen</b> .....	14	Glasses, field .....	14
<b>Bunsen locomotives</b> .....	6	Gradienter .....	1
<b>Barometers:</b>		Heliotrope .....	1
Aneroid .....	21	Lenses, Coddington .....	4
Cistern .....	17	Levels .....	9
Repair-boxes .....	34	Microscopes .....	2
Carts, odometer .....	1	Thermopile, Clemond's .....	1
Calameter, Schubler's .....	1	Microscopic objectives .....	7
Cases, carrying .....	3	Odometers .....	16
Cameras .....	6	Plane tables .....	8
Chains, surveyors' .....	2	Plate-holders .....	48
Compasses .....	15	Pick, geologic .....	1
Pocket .....	1	Protractors .....	72
Cliometer .....	19	Psychrometers .....	6
Prismatic .....	19	Polariscope .....	1
Tripod .....	1	Platform, with attachment .....	1
Copper, Bunsen, evaporating .....	1	Pliers, Hall's .....	1
<b>Crucibles:</b>		Peycommeters .....	2
Platinum .....	7	Rules, steel, metric .....	8
Silver .....	2	Saws, diamond .....	12
Porcelain .....	138	Stands, for laboratory .....	9

*A list of property purchased for the use of the Department of the Interior, &c.—Continued.*

TOOLS, IMPLEMENTS, &c.—Continued.

Articles.	Number.	Articles.	Number.
Still, copper .....	1	Tables—Continued.	
Stoves:		Balance .....	4
Morton's .....	1	Tape-lines .....	15
Fletcher's .....	1	Theodolites .....	2
Squares:		Transits .....	2
Hordstell .....	1	Triangles .....	67
Universal .....	1	Tripods .....	22
Tables:		Vessels, copper .....	2
Laboratory .....	29		

*C. —List of property sold by the Department of the Interior during the year ending November 30, 1885.*

1 lot awnings.	5 large cases.
39 awnings.	1 long table.
1 lot boards.	1 letter-press.
5 bookcases.	7 lots lumber.
2 benches.	3 letter-press stands.
38 boxes, old.	2 lamps.
6 buckets.	41 lots matting.
4 book-racks.	10 lots matting, cocoa.
2 lots curtains.	1 lot mats.
32 lots carpet.	15 model cases.
43 cases.	2 lots pipe.
15 lots chairs.	1 push-cart.
2 cupboards.	1 platform.
29 desks, old.	1 platform-scale.
6 desk-tops,	22 lots pigeon-holes.
9 doors.	1 sofa.
1 lot footstools.	21 stoves.
1 lot files.	2 screens.
1 fender.	2 lots spittoons.
9 frames.	38 shelves.
1 lot flags.	152 tables.
1 gas stove.	8 trucks.
4 gates.	1 lot type.
2 lots glass doors.	13 water-coolers.
2 lots iron.	2 washstand.
1 ice box.	12 water-cooler stands.
1 lot junk.	