

THE NEW SECRETARY

WALTER WELLMAN DESCRIBES MR. BLAINE'S SUCCESSOR.

The Man from Pike County, Ind., is the Most Experienced Diplomat in the United States—He Has a Pleasant Home and an Accomplished Wife.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Our new secretary of state is a man worth writing about. I know him well, his weak points as well as his strong ones, and I find very little in him that is not thoroughly admirable.



JOHN W. FOSTER.

In America there has been little incentive to the practice of such a profession. Our diplomatic agents are selected for political reasons, and, expecting to be displaced with the first change of administration, take their missions as a sort of holiday.

The rise of a man like this, through studiousness, application, development of usefulness and genuine ability to the highest place in the American cabinet is an event noteworthy and encouraging.

The thirty-first secretary of state was born in Pike county, Ind., that county which has long been the butt of the rude wit of the west as a region that can produce nothing but hoopoles and malaria.

Between the lad and the girl an affection sprang up, and after the former had gone away to Harvard, studied law for a time at Cincinnati and begun his practice at Evansville, whither his father had removed from Pike county, he made Miss McPherson, now a grown woman, his bride.

Shortly after the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Foster the war broke out. Foster was then twenty-four, pale and delicate, a student who was just beginning to practice law. His young wife made him promise he would not go to war, because he was not strong enough to walk in the infantry, and there seemed to be no chance to get an officer's commission and a horse to ride upon.

Few men looked less like a soldier than he, or proved to be better soldiers.

Coming out of the war a colonel, Foster settled down at Evansville to the practice law. For a time he edited the Evansville Courier, and having attracted the attention of Governor Morton, was made chairman of the Republican state committee.

When he left Mexico to go to Russia as minister to St. Petersburg, under Hayes, it was with the regret of all the leading men of the former country.

After spending seven years in Mexico, a year and a half in Russia and two years and a half in Spain, Colonel Foster settled in Washington to practice as an international lawyer.

For more than two years he has been virtually the secretary of state, specially representing the president in that department, and at the same time assisting Mr. Blaine, in full possession of the latter's esteem and confidence.



MRS. JOHN W. FOSTER.

It is easy to see why he has been so successful. His character is that of straightforwardness, simplicity, frankness mixed with admirable caution.

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No More Lawyers in His. "No, sir," said the justice, "I won't have any more lawyers in my court. Hereafter every man must plead his own case."



Photographer—Look pleasant, please.



Sitter—Certainly.—From the German.

The Hypothetical Moonlighter. They were crooning under the great oak tree with the moonlight shimmering through the leaves.

They All Thought. All the boarders were sitting out on the porch last evening fanning themselves and formulating plans of campaign against the mosquitoes.

Counting the Enemy. In the old days of impetuous warfare caution was not regarded as so much a virtue on the part of a military commander as it is at present.

A Compound Conundrum. This "compound conundrum" business is spreading. There is a hotel man in New Hampshire named Gale.

More Restful. "Don't you think this suit is more becoming than my last?" he asked.

The Age of Enterprise. "I'm going to work," said the tramp. "Go 'way!" exclaimed his partner.

A Free Will Offering. Dashaway—Seems to me, uncle, that's a pretty nice suit of clothes you are wearing.

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Helena and Return—One Fare for Round Trip. For the accommodation of those desiring a visit at points in the vicinity of or at Helena in June during the session of the convention of the supreme lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen, the Union Pacific will sell tickets to Helena and return at one fare for the round trip.

A. O. U. W. The supreme lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen convenes at Helena, Montana, June 15th, 1892.

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SHERIFF SALE. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an execution issued by the clerk of the district court of the Second judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein The State National Bank is plaintiff, and Theodore F. Barnes, et al., are defendants, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 12th day of July, A. D. 1892, at the east door of the court house in city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described real estate to wit: All of lot two (2) and the west one-half of lot one (1) of block four (4) of McMurtry's addition to Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska.

NOTICE. R. B. Lewis will take notice that on the 7th day of June, 1892, Charles H. Foxworthy, justice of the peace of Lincoln precinct, Lancaster county, Nebraska, issued an order of attachment for the sum of \$185 in an action then pending before him, wherein the Clarkson company is plaintiff and R. B. Lewis, defendant, that the property of the defendant consisting of one trunk, one coat and vest, one pair pants and vest, one suit glass, underwear, books and sundry articles has been attached under said order.

LEGAL NOTICE. G. M. Arnold, defendant, do take notice that on the 30th day of March, 1892, James D. Cook, plaintiff herein, filed his petition in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against said defendant and Wallace Melville and John Caton, the object and prayer of which are to correct a mistake in six certain promissory notes made by the defendants Melville and Caton and delivered to the Pletcher & Baldwin Company for the use of plaintiff, also to correct a mistake in the mortgages securing said notes, and upon lots four and five in block twenty-six, lot twenty in block thirty-seven, lot five in block thirty-eight, lots thirteen and fourteen in block thirty-seven and lots two, three and six in block twenty-six in Pletcher & Baldwin's second addition to Lincoln, Nebraska, to cancel said notes and mortgages and to compel said defendants to execute and deliver new notes and mortgages in the sum of \$125,000 upon said property, or in default thereof, that the decree of the court stand as a lien upon the property for said amount.

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