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SECRETARY OF STATE OLNEY.

As foreshadowed in the Washington dispatches for a week past the successor of the late Secretary Gresham is Hon. Richard Olney.

Mr. Olney was born in the same spirit, and began to make preparations accordingly. Premier Ribot was willing enough to show the traditional antagonist of his country this courtesy, and had the support of the president and cabinet in his intention.

According to what seems to be trustworthy information the insurgent troops number not less than 14,000, all well armed, and their force is constantly increasing. The available Spanish force is not much, if any, larger than this, and it is being reduced by the hardships of campaigning and by disease.

When the Fire and Police Commission adopted resolutions directing the attention of the council to the necessity of an improved water supply through the laying of larger water mains in certain parts of the city it was expected that the proposed conference would take the most direct road to accomplish the desired object.

Resolved That it is the sense of this joint committee that the city of Omaha should own the water works and that necessary steps should be taken as speedily as possible by the mayor and city council to acquire title thereto.

That the city should acquire the water works as soon as possible is doubtless the universal demand of our citizens. But we can not confiscate the property nor can we annul the contract at will.

What does Mr. Kohlman mean? Are we to infer that the late attorney general of the United States is like necessity that proverbially knows no law?

building whose foundations have been undermined bears no necessary relation to the cost of rebuilding. The Union Pacific bridge at Omaha was planned by one of the ablest bridge engineers in the world.

The extension of Thirteenth street south of Missouri avenue is one of the important needed improvements which the county commissioners should if possible carry out this season. There has already been so much expended by the city and county to make this one of the great thoroughfares southward that its completion would be a matter only of time.

Are not those secretarieships of the State Board of Transportation almost past due? Have the present incumbents secured vested rights in their offices through their promptness in drawing their salaries every time pay day rolls in sight?

The eight states called the silver states—Colorado, California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Wyoming and Washington—have a total of thirty electoral votes.

The republican party in this state will at the next election go before the people less closely bound to party ties than at any time since the Civil war.

Minneapolis Times: A combination of politics and raw liquor crushed an Iowa hawkeye, single-handed and alone, would have equal to the job.

Incassant opposition has been made to a teacher of the public schools—a Protentant, by the way—who gave a bouquet to one of her pupils, a little girl of Catholic parentage.

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Business has been bid at Monte Carlo for the last year or two, and the stockholders of the gambling institution there have recently held a conference to see what is to be done about it.

Chicago Times-Herald: Democrats of Nebraska met in Omaha and formed an honest money league and the World-Herald has had at least one double-headed conviction every day since then.

Chicago Times-Herald: The silver states are again in the news. The silverites are waging war upon the houses that sell gold marked sterling or coin silver that consist of alloys containing little or none of the white metal itself.

Philadelphia Press: The decision of the supreme court of Iowa as to the legality of signatures on petitions of consent to opening saloons in that state may result in stopping the legal selling of liquor. The law in Iowa, known as the "mild" law, provides that over one-half of the voters on the latest election must give their consent before a saloon can be opened and that then, by the payment of a license, the saloon is secured from prosecution for a year.

Chicago Times-Herald: The "Republic of Formosa"—it had a beautiful name—it blazed like a Bengal light in the oriental sky for an instant. Alas! the lovely vision of a "republic" among a people scarcely yet escaped from a condition of barbarism suddenly blossomed into a bubble and has already vanished.

OTHER LANDS THAN OURS.

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It will aggravate the situation from the European point of view, it turns out that there is a misunderstanding between China and Russia, for Great Britain can hardly tolerate such an understanding with her interests in China ignored, and even Germany will object to having obstacles put in the way of her trade with that newly opened land.

Anti-Semitism as applied to the political upheaval in Austria is a misnomer, for the movement is not directed merely against the Jewish subjects of the Hebrew faith, but has been encouraged on the one hand by appeals to the class hatred of the socialistic proletariat, and on the other hand by the spirit of intolerance against all religious sects other than the officially recognized State religion.

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PREMIER OLNEY.

New York Sun: Olney for secretary of state? Oh, no! His place is in the treasury if any change is to be made, for the ambition of his declining years and the masterpieces of his semi-sociological career is to be an income tax law that will stand the constitutional test.

Denver Republican: The appointment of Attorney General Olney to succeed Mr. Gresham at the head of the State department would not improve matters over what they were during Mr. Gresham's administration.

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TWELVE LEADING FEATURES.

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- MEN OF THE MOSS HAGS: Current chapters of S. R. Crockett's interesting aerial story, with attractive illustrations. THE ART OF CIRCUIT RIDING: Interviews with famous circuit riders—They tell of the hardships of circuit life and how their most difficult feats are accomplished. LINCOLN AND THE NEGRO UPRISING: History of the proposed inscription of the blacks during the war of the rebellion—An incident that shows the safe judgment of the martyr president. WHY INSURANCE COMES HIGH: Cost of fire insurance analyzed by a man who has made a thorough study of the subject—A plan proposed for saving what is now wasted by a poor system of insurance. NATIONAL MUNICIPAL LEAGUE: Rev. Gregory J. Powell, who went to Cleveland as the delegate of the Municipal League of Omaha, makes a report of the proceedings of the convention. IN BERMUDA THE BLEST: Scenes and sentiment in the fairland of the tropics. A letter by Caroline Childs crowded out of The May Day Bee, but too good to be suppressed. RELICS OF THE ANCIENTS: Wonderful museum of northern antiquities at Copenhagen—A description of its treasures—Queer contents of a quaint structure. SOCIAL HAPPENINGS OF THE WEEK: Society is said to be dull just now, but all that is going on in the social world will be recorded in our society columns. RECENT EDUCATIONAL PROGRESS: Growth of the summer school idea—The golden jubilee of the University of Notre Dame to be celebrated the coming week. IN WOMAN'S DOMAIN: Instructive illustrated article on summer bargains—How the shrewd shopper can secure the season's fancies in military, dress goods and notions at reasonable prices—Notes about famous women and their doings. SPORTS OF THE DAY: All the live sporting gossip told in the brightest manner—Special attention paid to the news of the bicycle riders who are so rapidly increasing in number—Outlook of the new University club. THE COMING GENERATION: Maurice Thompson, known the whole country over as a popular writer for young folks, furnishes a story of rabbit shooting adventures—Other bright things for the youthful mind. CABLE AND TELEGRAPHIC SERVICE: In addition to its special features, The Bee prides itself on its cable and telegraphic service—It is unequaled in the West—The Sunday Bee will have all the news of the old world and of the United States, as well as of Nebraska and Omaha.

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