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## GOSSIP ABOUT COWIN

Nebraska Man Mentioned as Possible Timber for the Cabinet.

## GRIGGS TO STEP INTO ALGER'S SHOES

Omaha Lawyer Then to Be Offered the Attorney Generalship.

## RECENT COMBINATION BEING FEATURED

Cowin and President McKinley Old-Time Acquaintances in Ohio.

## EXECUTIVE FRIENDLY TO THE NEBRASKAN

Antelope State Attorney Said Once to Have Declined a Cabinet Position, but Will Accept It Again Favored.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—(Special Telegram)—An evening speaking of the different combinations that are being featured on the street, made possible by the resignation of Secretary Alger, has this day of a well known Nebraskan.

"Attorney General Griggs for secretary of war and John C. Cowin for Nebraska for attorney general is one of the combinations talked about. It is said that General Griggs is already familiar with War Department matters, especially many intricate questions which have arisen in relation to the administration of the island government, for such questions have been referred to him for opinions and several are still pending before him. In addition to this, he has been long enough in the cabinet to be aware of the intentions and views of the president relative to military appointments as well as the administration of the War Department.

"Mr. Cowin is known as one of the able lawyers of the west. He was employed in the settlement of the Union Pacific debt, and his ability was prominently shown in Nebraska, and while active in politics has never sought a position."

## Revenue Stamp Printing.

Senator Thurston today had a long interview with Commissioner of Internal Revenue Wilson in relation to the Klapp & Bartlett Printing company of Omaha, who are the recognized agents of the government for printing revenue stamps. The firm has refused to accept an absolute rule that two commissions are required in every place in the United States where stamps are to be printed and he positively refuses to make any deviation from the rule and in this position he is supported by Secretary Bliss. A rival of the Klapp & Bartlett, that a mistake has been made in allowing these stamps to be printed all over the country without proper supervision. He believes that not more than four places should be designated for printing stamps and that persons receiving the contract should be in no other business than that of printing stamps and that this, with a government inspectorship, rigid and severe, would fully protect the United States from any possible violation of the law or regulations. As to appointing any one at the instance of the printing company, Commissioner Wilson absolutely refused to consider the question for a moment and nothing can change him in this regard. I am very sorry that such conditions have arisen. I have done my best to adjust matters, but with small success. On a week or so ago Nebraska and then go to the mountains for a rest.

## Honor for Peter Jansen.

Peter Jansen, one of the best known republicans of Nebraska, is to be one of twelve commissioners to represent the government of the United States at the Paris exposition. Senator Thurston has secured the nomination of Peter Jansen, who has indicated to Secretary Hay that when the list of commissioners is appointed Mr. Jansen's name be one of the twelve. It is expected the list will go to congress shortly after its convening in December.

## Antiquated Ordnance a Burden.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The Bureau of Ordnance has taken steps to relieve the coast forts of the country from the large accumulation of obsolete ordnance that has been piling up ever since the change in ordnance construction from cast iron to steel guns. It is worth less as junk than the cost of removing it and breaking it up. The secretary has been asking authority to collect it and sell it and if no bids are received the guns and carriages will have to be destroyed at government expense. There are also large quantities of obsolete ordnance stores, which it is hoped to dispose of at the same time.

## More Overcoats Than Needed.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Investigation of the complaint that the Oregon troops were not properly clothed brings out the fact that the quartermaster of that regiment turned into the quartermaster at San Francisco a considerable amount of clothing, including more than 200 great coats, a number of blankets and heavy underclothing. This clothing, when received by the United States, is not charged to the regiment and is accepted if it has not been used.

## Horses for the Philippines.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—In response to the recently called request of General Otis for 4,000 horses for use in the Philippines during the fall campaign, the quartermaster's department has chartered three vessels, capable of carrying half that number, the first of which will probably leave Seattle on August 10. The vessels are the Garonne, the Fort Albert and the Victoria. The Garonne will also be able to take about 150 first class passengers.

## Refrigerator Plant at Manila.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—Secretary Alger today approved plans for a building for the refrigerator plant at Manila. The building will cost \$250,000 and the plant \$400,000.

## Recruits Come In Rapidly.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The number of enlistments yesterday was 451, making a total of 3,129. The Thirty-first regiment still leads with 600 men.

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