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ROCK-ROOTED OLNEY.

Richard Olney, former attorney general and secretary of state in the cabinet of Grover Cleveland, is the typical representative of rock-rooted democracy that cannot be moved from its ancient moorings and refuses to adjust itself to twentieth century conditions.

While admitting that "the railroads are the arteries of commerce, that determine very largely the outcome of all private enterprises and upon which hinges too often the material well-being, if not the very existence of towns, cities, seaports and large sections of country."

Mr. Olney plants himself squarely in opposition to supervision and regulation of railroads by the national legislature. He asserts that the railroads are private property and do not come within the scope and jurisdiction of rate regulation by congress or by any administrative body created by congress.

"The railroad," declares Mr. Olney, "is only one species of highways, and what is true of railways must be true of ordinary highways. The jurisdiction of the national government must be the same in both cases."

Mr. Olney cannot be ignorant of the fact that in the District of Columbia congress has for nearly a century exercised the rate making power for all vehicles used for hire that traverse the public highways and streets of the national capital.

Mr. Olney brushes aside all precedent and turns his face against the irresistible march of progress by pointing backward to the exploded state rights doctrine that would subdivide the railroad systems of America and establish terminals at every state line.

proper understanding and appreciation of the conditions referred to by the president of Columbia. The leading educators of the land can be most influential in doing this and it is quite within the sphere of their duty as instructors.

CITY SALARIES IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Invidious comparisons are frequently made in this country between the efficient, economic and incorruptible administration of municipal government in Great Britain and the fast and loose, inefficient and corruption-ridden administrations of American cities.

Only four weeks ago a mass meeting of taxpayers was held in Edinburgh, Scotland, to oppose and denounce a salary grab by the city council and a proposed increase of salaries of city officials.

Another speaker said in seconding the resolution protesting against the salary grab that thousands of taxpayers of Edinburgh were in many cases seriously affected by the high rates, and he thought his audience would agree with him when he said that the town council of Edinburgh had not the slightest idea of economy.

As a counter comparison it was stated that the city of Manchester, with a population of about 625,000 and a municipal debt of \$112,500,000, pays the city auditor \$5,000 per annum; Liverpool, 710,000 population and \$70,000,000 of debt, pays its auditor \$7,500; Birmingham, with 500,000 population and \$75,000,000 of debt, pays \$7,000 per annum; Leigh, 450,000 population and \$60,000,000 of debt, pays \$5,000; Sheffield, with a population of 433,000 and \$42,500,000 debt, pays \$4,250; Glasgow, 782,000 population and \$80,000,000 of debt, pays \$5,500, while Edinburgh, with 333,000 population and \$20,000,000 of debt, pays \$5,000.

When it is borne in mind that the purchasing power of money is fully 30 per cent greater in England than in America, these municipal salaries would seem to be fully as high as those paid in American cities of equal population with very rare exceptions.

Already the Chinese government is taking steps to become a military power. A standing army is to be created and its organization will be modeled upon that of the Japanese army.

This movement on the part of China to prepare for self-defense and to administer its affairs with the protection of its own army is the natural outcome of the war. When that conflict came China was in an utterly helpless condition. Her territory was completely at the mercy of the belligerents.

There will be some to see in this movement a menace to the western world. It will be regarded as a phase of the "yellow peril," as to which Emperor William and some others profess to be apprehensive.

ride on horseback or on a railroad pass. It may be safely predicted, however, that the next legislature will be besieged for back pay by the horse doctors.

Last week Wednesday John D. Rockefeller declared to his admiring friends that there are better things than amassing wealth. Last week Friday the price of crude petroleum was raised several notches, which would seem to indicate that benevolent plutocrats do not always practice what they preach.

It is hardly worth while for the United States court of appeals to wrestle with the problem whether the funds from the sale of Indian lands are subject to state and county taxation so long as the grantees get the bulk of the funds and the Indian gets his pay in bootlegger whisky.

Japanese officials show themselves still but half-civilized or they would not have stopped the war on account of a shortage of cash as long as loans could be floated.

According to President Ripley of the Santa Fe railroad, freight charges are not based upon cost of service, but upon the value of the service to the patrons.

As usual the democracy of Maryland will put up black face straw men just for the fun of knocking them down.

Destiny has turned many a man down while he was waiting for something to turn up.

Big Dividends in Sight. Philadelphia Press.

If all the statesmen out west get into the habit of throwing away their railroad passes there is likely to be a considerable increase of dividends on railroad stock.

A Mysterious Mystery. New York Mail.

Among the unaccountable contradictions in the news announcements of the day we notice the statement that "12,000,000 frankfurters were eaten at Coney Island this summer" and that "more bench shows than ever will be held this fall and winter."

Is it Worth Whistle? Boston Transcript.

Think of the fine battleship Oregon, whose run from ocean to ocean seems but an achievement of yesterday, being spoken of as "antiquated"—as needing to be rebuilt if it is to be of further service to the country!

Railroad Claims Discredited. Springfield Republican.

And now we have a railroad president admitting that against such combinations of capital as are found in the dressed meat industry the shippers and not the roads fix the rates.

Wasteful Ways in Public Office. Indianapolis News.

It is a positive fact and more than that, a fact, that our public business is conducted in a manner that would make a man in private business raise his hands in horror.

Honors are even in the Twin Cities. One newspaper in each town has given up the weary struggle.

The Jif Shampoo of Tokio has been rubbed down and the staff reduced to a peace footing in jail.

The question, "What shall we do with our ex-presidents?" is respectfully passed up to woman suffragists.

The fossil remains of hogs ten feet long were found in Oregon. This tallies with the end seat variety, supposed to be a modern breed.

Chicago's majestic postoffice, completed after ten years of exhausting labor, is now pronounced a "booth." The way it absorbed appropriations, however, demonstrated the skill of master minding.

Two boys pulled off roots by kites and a fisherman towed to sea by a shark were features of the exciting finish of the season at Coney Island. Life at Coney would be stale without the unexpected.

President Stuckey's remarks on the making of freight rates has set all the freight agents guessing. The railroad literary bureau do not, however, have as choice morsels fit for general circulation.

Eighteen thousand members of a society paraded in Brooklyn one day last week as a protest against profanity in speech. Brooklyn nestles up to Coney Island and does not realize that its playmate has been regenerated.

SECULAR SHOTS AT THE PULPIT. Portland Oregonian: The Albany Methodist conference is making trouble because it appropriated church cash to his prayers.

Boston Transcript: "Churches get no more of my money," declares "Standard Oil" Rogers. Perhaps he regards them as a client of the late George M. Stearns, whom he was defending on a charge of illegal liquor selling.

Baltimore American: A showed minister to Jersey City appealed to the women of his church not to attend barbed on the ground that her hair being woman's crowning glory, she was more apt with its full attraction exposed to distract the men with admiration of her charms from their prayers.

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