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ARE THEY ACTING IN GOOD FAITH? They say that the unexpected always happens. But nothing that the Omaha council does can create any surprise.

A BETTER OUTLOOK FOR OMAHA. All the indications point to a gradual, steady and unimpeded improvement in business for Omaha. The consensus of opinion among our most experienced and far-sighted business men is that Omaha has not only reached bottom...

IN THE GUBERNATORIAL FIELD. Fullerton Journal (rep.): Mayor Broatch's candidacy for governor seems to have fallen in hard lines. Grand Island Republican (rep.): Not even Omaha, if indications to date count, will favor Mayor Broatch's candidacy for governor.

STILL WAITING FOR THE COIN. Wallace Tub (rep.): It is rumored that Mr. Harvey of Omaha, who got going by a Bee during his recent visit to Omaha...

THE BOLIN VERDICT. Norfolk News (rep.): Ex-City Treasurer Bolin of Omaha has been convicted of embezzling \$105,500 of city funds. Bolin must have been a high roller.

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Blair Pilot (rep.): Congressman Meiklejohn is now back at Nebraska looking after his prospects for nomination as a candidate for governor. He is without doubt a too sanguine in expecting the completion of many needed improvements as a necessary adjunct of the depot, as well as of the exposition.

Chicago Courier (dem.): The last election in Maryland suggested his stay-at-home policy. General Benjamin F. Tracy, secretary of the navy under Harrison, is New York's favorite for the republican nomination for vice president.

PHILADELPHIA RECORD: A pension can never drive a bargain. It's always getting stuck. Detroit Tribune: Magistrate—Why did you take the case?

Major Handy has not a promise of Major McKinley's private secretaryship, he ought to have it. Who is to be the next member of the Board of Public Works? Don't all who had promises before election speak at once.

The water works has been in the hands of receivers several years. The foreclosure sale was ordered months ago and has been more than once postponed. Mr. Connell was city attorney when Benis was mayor. He knew as much then about the contract rights of the city and the franchise as he does now.

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Senator Morgan of Alabama is of the opinion that congress ought to force the president to an expression on the Cuban situation. He advocates the adoption by congress of a joint resolution favoring the granting of belligerent rights to the insurgents, saying that congress owes it to its own honor to develop upon the president the responsibility of declaring whether a state of war exists in Cuba. There will probably be no one, outside of Spain, to dispute the proposition that there is war in Cuba and that some of the features of the war are deplorable and shocking, but the question for this government to determine before it can properly and consistently with its past policy accord belligerent rights, is whether the insurgents are in a condition to entitle them to such recognition. Something more is necessary, as our government held during the preceding insurrection, to give them a claim to belligerent rights than the fact that they are in a position of warfare against Spanish authority and that they have maintained this position for more than a year. If they have no actual governmental organization, no established responsible authority which all recognize and submit to our government might not find it easy to justify itself for according them belligerence, except upon distinctly sentimental grounds. Undoubtedly there are cruelties and atrocities committed by the Spaniards in Cuba which shame the civilization of the age and which all enlightened governments might properly protest against, but it is questionable whether this state of affairs, deplorable as it is, warrants the United States in recognizing the insurgents as belligerents.

PERSONAL AND OTHERWISE. Senator Peffer is satisfied in his own mind that no hostile fleet will ever sail the Kansas prairies. Do not be weary about the scorcher. His day of trouble and perspiration will begin when Old Sol reaches the top of the hill. The nearest living relative of Prof. Robertson is said to be his first cousin, George Robertson, pastor of the First Reformed church of Cleveland. One of the most successful mining men of Colorado is said to be Count James Portales, a member of a famous German noble family who has been in the west about twelve years. He is a skilled metallurgist. Lotta, the actress, is at present living in absolute retirement in northern New Jersey. Despite the fact that she is in her forty-fourth year, she does not look a day over 40, and is just as cheerful and as merry as ever.

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