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Free banking based on specie resumption is the motto of Iowa Republicans, and that will be the motto of Nebraska Republicans when they speak through their convention in August.

The decision rendered by Judge Dillon in the two railway land tax cases, will put at least a quarter of a million of dollars in cash into the local and State treasuries in Nebraska. Much of the credit for working up the legal bearings of the case are due to Judge Briggs, whose elaborate arguments before the Circuit Court are commended on all hands.

While Henry Ward Beecher keeps mute as the harp on Tara's walls Miss Laura Cuppy Smith of Omaha remains as let loose her tongue to tell the people of Boston about Beecher's bad habits, and how all the first society of "fly-mouth" are doing ditto, and then she points a moral to this tale by an appeal in behalf of the ennobling practice of "free love."

The spirit of reform is abroad. The Georgia Democracy, in State Convention assembled, declare in their address to the people, that the presence and participation of political aspirants, at primaries and nominating conventions, is unwise and impolitic. That custom was inaugurated by the Democracy, and it is but proper that Democrats should be the first to repudiate it.

The Iowa Republican platform is very emphatic in relation to paying national debt, not only according to the letter but also according to the spirit of the laws under which debt was incurred. They declare that the absence of any expressed provision to the contrary, the obligations of the government, when issued and placed upon the markets of the world, are payable in the world's currency, to wit, specie.

Thirty thousand of the smaller fry postmarkers, who heretofore had to wait a whole year for the adjustment of their salaries, will henceforth receive their pay quarterly. If, during the year, the income of their offices increases, they will be entitled to a corresponding advance in salary. If the business diminishes the Government gets the benefit of it, as it very properly should.

According to the Washington Chronicle public business has suffered for a week past, every member of the Cabinet giving his entire time to Senators and members of Congress, who have had something to say before they return home, on every conceivable subject, more especially the one of retention in office of their constituents, which is rather difficult to handle, in view of the fact that the said members have insisted that everybody must be discharged.

Turn Grand Island Times whose editor has access to prominent railway authorities, predicts the early dissolution of the Iowa pool. According to the Times negotiations are now in progress which look toward ending the transfer business at Omaha. It is confidently expected that the Iowa roads which have heretofore conspired together to the great injury of Omaha and the entire State, will, in a short time, run their trains across the bridge into Omaha, and thus end a vexatious annoyance to passengers and avoid delays to all freight which may be shipped into or through this State.

A very marked reduction of freight and passenger rates has been agreed upon by the managers of the great trunk lines that connect the seaboard cities of the east with the principal cities on the great lakes and the Ohio, Mississippi and Missouri rivers. The reduction varies from twenty-five to fifty per cent, and orders have already been issued to agents to have it put in force. We are not advised whether this reduction will be made to apply on freight and passengers in both directions, but we presume each is the intention. At all events these reductions will stimulate travel and trade between the east and west, and prove of very material advantage to the mercantile and production classes.

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**EDUCATIONAL NOTES.**

Encampment at West Point has begun.

Forty-five young ladies were graduated last week at the Cincinnati Normal School for teachers.

The Rolla School of Mines has just graduated three young engineers at its first annual commencement.

Gov. Beveridge officially proclaims that the Southern Illinois Normal University will be formally opened on the 1st of July.

Children who attend Boston schools average half a pint more brains per head than children who attend school in other parts of the world.

The Convention of Indiana County School Superintendents laid on the table resolutions protesting against the educational provisions of the civil rights bill.

The Philadelphia school authorities have under serious consideration the practicability of establishing an art and industrial school in that city.

The superintendent of the Connecticut State Reform School makes a statement to the effect that out of 182 boys under his charge 180 are liars.

He parted his name in the middle, and graduated at the tail-end of his class—J. Hancock French, French Point, class of '74.—Chicago Times.

Mr. Edwards Pierpont said at the Yale law-school-centennial: "No government can prosperously endure while in the main, is administered by the higher intellect and the higher moral sentiments of the people."

The directors of a Ohio district in Preble county, Ohio, recently directed that the names of the graduates of the law school be inscribed on the building in the following verse:

*Over this hill a great way we  
Soil is firm, and many good  
The great girl I ever saw  
Was seeking glory through a straw.*

At the meeting of the Tennessee Teachers' Association the other day a delegate said that while he believed in the co-education of boys and girls before the war, his opinion was now somewhat changed. He thought that boys now as a rule, were less fit to associate with girls than they were then.

A Connecticut paper says that the Compulsory Attendance Law has been attended by an increase of the number of pupils in the schools by about 3,500, of whom one-fifth represent the natural increase from population. The law has therefore reduced about 2,900 from the ranks of ignorance to instruction, and still leaves out about 1,900 by reason of paternal neglect and 5,608 in employment.

A committee of the Board of Regents of the Nebraska State University has made an exchange of land by which they got possession of the Culver farm for the use of the Agricultural College. This is one of the best farms in Lancaster county, and admirably adapted to the use intended to be made of it. The college expects to be able to board students on the farm at about three dollars per week, and to furnish wood to students at a low rate. There is no reason why industrious, careful students should not earn a considerable part of their necessary expenses. We believe that the attendance of all students of agriculture to board on the farm, and recite at the university in the city.

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