ws no nor desire any contributions whatever of a literary or poetical character; and we rill not undertake to preserve, or to return he same, in any once whatever. Our Staff

is sufficiently large to more than supply on limited space in that direction. TAL HAME OF WESTER, in full, must in each tion of what nature soover. This is not in aded for publication, but for our own as ties and as proof of good faith.

COUNTRY FRIENDS TO Will always ed to hear from, on all matters conn planed to hear from, on all matters connected with crops, country politics, and on any subject whatever if general interest to the people of our State. Any information connected with the election and relating to floods, accidents etc., will be gladly received. All puch communications, however, must be beind as passible; and they must, in all cases, he written upon one side of the sheet only.

ther made by self or friends, and

Pacific land tax injunction case. This decision affirms the right of any State or county to tax the lands for which patents have been issued to the company. On the other hand, Judge Dillion decrees that lands for which no patents have

Branch and all applications for the Postmaster-Generalship must be forwarded to that place. Down the valley of death march-

ed the six hundred. We mean the six hundred heroic clerks who have just been discharged by the Depart- deferred owing to pressure of other ments at Washington.

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

local and State Treasuries in Neworking up the legal bearings of the case are due to Judge Briggs, whose cuit Court are commended on all through the Missouri river. It is urday he killed the chicken and

WHILE Henry Ward Beecher Omaha renown has let loose her tongue to tell the people of Boston of grain barges between Omaha about Beecher's bad habits, and and St. Louis, they will encounter state with the egg before the chick how all the first society of "Plyno difficulty in procuring all the
mouth" are doing ditto, and then
grain they can carry during the 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 mpolitic. That custom was inaugurated by the Democracy, and it is but proper that Democrats should be the first to repudiate it.

very emphatic in relation to paying rational debt, not only according to was incurred. They declare that the absence of any expressed provision to the contrary, the obligations of the government, when issued and placed npon the markets of the world, are payable in the world's currency, to wit, specie.

cantile fallures are to be taken as an index to its condition. It is a fact, as surprising as it is gratifying that within the past six months, there have absolutely been fewer failures in number, and certainly fewer in prominence, than for the same period in the average of years. On the contrary

THIRTY THOUSAND of the smaller fry postmasters, who heretofore had o wait a whole year for the adjustment of their salaries, will henceforth receive their pay quarterly If, during the year, the income their offices increases, they ponding advance in salary. If the business diminishes the Government gets the benefit of it, as it

ACCORDING to the Washington ed for a week past, every member of the Cabinet giving his entire-time to Senators and members of gress, who have had something to my, before they return home, on every conceivable subject, more especially the one of retentions fee of their constituents, which is ather difficult to handle, in view of

Twe Grand Island Times whose editor has access to prominent railway many departments has been very marked. Many a trader is, there-fore, poorer to-day than it was a year ago. Should the restricted bu-siness be continued, disasters may follow, and failures be frequent; authorities, predicts the early dissolution of the Iowa pool. According in progress which look toward ending the transfer business at Omaha. It is confidently expected that the but it is surely a reasonable expec-tation that the autumn trale will 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 mend a verntious annoyance to magers and, avoid delays to all ight which may be shipped into through this State.

years would be taken as a basis for this hope are presented now. An unusually abundant crop of almost every production is promised in almost all sections of the country. Prices for these products are maintained at remunerative figures, and the steady gain in the value of our exports, which the past six months has shown, is almost certain of repetition in the next half year. The importations show a large decrease: importations show a large decrease; the stocks of all kinds of merchandise trunk lines that connect the dise are confessedly low in all retail and consumptive quarters and we Ohio, Mississippi and Mis-ren. The reduction varies have already been issued are not advised whether this otion will be made to apply on ghts and passengers in both didections will stimulate travel and tage to the regreantile and produ-

Over five million dollars in curency surrendered by suspended national banks, is now available to bankers who wish to establish banks of circulation. Providing always that they have the necessary U.S.

bonds to deposit as security.

ACCORDING to the Iowa State mouth College, will shortly receive from New Zealand two skeletons Register, the Iowa Republican Convention, held at Des Moines, Wed, of the extinct bird, the dinornis, the first ever brought to this counnesday, was one of the largest and most enthusiastic conventions held in that State for many years. "There was a full and crowded attendance. nearly twice as many delegates being present as in the State Convention of last year, and fully three times as many as there were in the

States Circuit Court, has finally

been issued to the company are ex-

empt from local or State taxation,

This is a very important decision,

ten-mile limit of the Union Pacific

land grant. A more extended re-

view of this decision is, however,

As will be seen by an article on

Missouri River Barges," repub-

lished in another column, from the

St. Louis Democrat, there is a good

prospect that the barge experiment

will be tried during the present sca-

son. The cheapest transportation

route for the great grain region in

we have every reason to an-

ticipate, the bulk of our wheat

BUSINESS.

crisis of last autumn, the commer

cial fabric of the country has not

shown serious signs of disorder, if

average of years. On the contrary, we have had abundant opportunity for observing a very remarkable re-

for observing a very remarkable re-duction of indebtedness in all classes, and in almost all sections of the

the country to-day is not more than two-thirds what it was at this time

last year. Indeed, so great has the tendency been toward liquidation, that it alone has been as much a

cause of restricted business and

in September has had its effect, and

the very prominence of the failures that immediately followed impress-

ed deeply a lesson that has been

lars where last year three were due

the future does not wear as gloomy

country have the machinery of com-erce is in running order, no violent sock has been given to the curren-by legislation, and there is noth-reasonable activity

will be a fair one.

Pittsburg has an alligator from the Red river not six inches long, and to make the animal profitable it is proposed to put him in the park in order that the children may be kept Anti-Monop State Convention of last week. The proceedings were

an ovarian tumor was performed in Sacramento last Sunday by Dr. Cluness and other physicians, upon Mrs. George Fawcett, of Colfax, Nev., who had gone to Sacramento enthusiastic and spirited in all of their features, while in not a single instance or incident was there the for treatment. The tumor removed weighed 35 pounds, but the opera-tion was so successful that the paeast evidence of discord or want of tient is doing well. Jupge Dillon, of the United

NATURAL CURIOSITIES.

Austin is invested with myriads of minute insects of the gnat family, The Reveille says they are so small as to be invisible to the naked eye, endered a decision in the Union and persons attacked are unaware of the fact until they discover an eruption on their cuticle, which auses them to imagine that they have broken out with the small-

A panther recently visited the residence of W. Hudson, near Port Gamble, W. T., and carried off a a little three-year old girl who was playing at the door. The girl's ther gave the alarm, and together especially to the counties within the with his mother, succeeded in making such a noise that the beast drop-

A white child has been born to a negro couple living in Wilmington, N.O. Its form and features are perfeet up to the bridge of the nose, the chin, mouth, and nasal organ being not only well formed, but really handsome in their symmetry and general appearance; but, commer ing with the eyes, the face and head has the appearance of an animal more resembling a white bear than

anything else of the animal species. A strange freak of nature has come to light in Beadford, Wis. John Laird, of that place, owned a hen which had a swelling at the the Missouri Valley, will always be the all water route. If the barge ex- right side of its head, just below and a little back of its ear. It increased and corn for export, will find its way to the seabcard market pearance of a carbuncle. Last Satgratifying to observe that St. Louis the side of the head. On cutting it is awakening to the importance of open he found it was identical the early solution of the barge problem. If the Star steamboat line is difficult to account for this strange

the albumen, etc., from the sur-rounding parts of the body from the head, similar to the way other yolks form in their normal condition and place. This would imply a strange change of the functions of the body where the yolk was located. Prospects for a Lively Fall Trade. (From R. G. Dunn & Co's Reference Book for July.)

The circumstances of the past six post have not been found nths have not been favorable to a sheet of water of about 2,500 acres rade. The effects of the panic of in extent, lying partly in Winchendon, and partly in Ringe, N. J. It formerly claimed a residence in Winchendon, but toward the latter than was anticipated by many; but these effects have been more apparent in restricting trade than

end of May the little island was, one morning; discovered to have changed its place and moved about two miles up the lake beyond the State line; then it floated back nearly to its own place, only a day or two after, to sail north again. Its winds probably assisted the Island

in its wanderings, and the unusually high water in the lake perhaps par-

ted it from its ancient moorings. The largest black rhinoceros ever xhibited in the world was added to the collection of wild beasts in Barnum,s Hippodrome, last week The enormous mountain of flesh overlaps at the joints, making folds nearly two inches thick. His legs are short and stumpy, and his tail resembles the black snakes used by sters in the Western country. His head is covered with the same thick hide which envelopes his body, and about his eyes and ears it is piled up like plates. The animal had a large, sharp horn, which projected from his snout just above his nostrils, but the monster's head was chained down, and in spite of his angry snorts and en-

—the six months of dull times which have been experienced are not without some compensation. With this consideration in mind, a look as might be anticipated, in view of the almost universally dedeavors to get away, his horn was sawed off close to his snout. A cage view of the almost universally de-pressed tone of public sentiment regarding the condition of business. It would be idle to deny that the the dull trade of the past six months has made some inroads upon the surplus capital of not a few, for ex-penses have not been reduced in proportion to the decline of profits, while the depreciation of values in many departments has been very marked. Many a trader is thereupon wheels was made on purpose It is heavily barred to a stout beam, and heavy oak planks prevent his backing. There is barely room for the rhinoceros to stand and lie in. If he was given more space his immense strength would enable him to break from al restraint, and the havoc he would restraint, and the havor he would make if loose may be imagined but cannot be estimated. His immense weight may be realized from the fact that when the cage containing him was drawn into the hippodrome the wheels crushed through the concrete flooring in many places to the depth of from two to three inches. ars would be taken as a basis for

## MATRIMONIALTIES.

And now it is stated that Lieut. Col. Fred. D. Grant is to be married in October.

necked waists and long sleeves. Excessive modesty at the eleventh It is reported that the novelist "Ouida," will go to New Zealand, to marry a gentleman at Canter-

Oregon comes proudly to the front with a girl who refused eight offers of marriage in two days, and would have done even better than that

had there been time. The warden of the Utah prison is said to have five wives, with children by four of them. He has a written contract with two of these wives, binding them to support themselves and their children.

000 silk worms, at his place on Sheri-dan street, where the curious may A young fellow of Redwood Falls, see them in their various stages, from the smallest worm to the fin-Minn., last week, prevailed upon a damsel there to marry him on the sly. The young man went to his home, and the young lady to hers, and there she declares she will stay, Professor Hitchcock, of Dart-

having repeuted of her folly. It is well that the heart-strings can relax and contract. There's Mrs. Weaver, of Peoria. She tried to throw herself, into her husband's to throw herself, into her husband's grave, fainted away, and went wild. That was five month's ago, and the other day she married a red-eyed lightning-rod man.

The wedding presents to Mrs. Sartoris, or Miss Nellie, as she is still called by the attaches of the White House, have been packed and sent to New York, and will be forwarded to England by the next steamer, in care of Hon. Robert C. Schenck, our Minister to England.

And what if the English swells do refuse to recognize the wife of a civil engineer, and the door of the Queen's drawing room be closed upon her. She did not marry the awells, neither did she cleave unto the door-knob of a royal reception-room. Let her be happy with her husband, and what boots it to Mrs. Sartoris whether the snobs patronize or ignore her? Damn snobs, any-way.—Chicago Times.

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Normal University will be formally opened on the 1st of July. Children who attend Boston

against the educational provisions

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

The superintendent of the Con-necticut State Reform School makes a statement to the effect that out of 182 boys under his charge 180 are He parted his name in the mid-

Mr. Edwards Pierrepoint said at

The dedication of Harvard College Memorial Hall, erected to commemorate the names of the graduates who perished in the war, and also the services of those who have otherwise won distinction in the

The directors of a school district in Preble county, Ohio, recently discharged their teacher, in the midst of his term, for repeating to one of the pupils the following verse: Over the hills a great way of,

cough;
The prettiest girl I ever saw
Was sucking eider through a straw.

At the meeting of the Tennessee

A Connecticut paper says that the Compulsory Attendance law has been attended by an increase of the weighs 9,500 pounds. This is 2,200 population. The law has therefore pounds more than the largestrhinoceros in the Zoological Gardens in London. His body is encased in a heavy leather-like hide, which of paternal neglect and 5,608 in

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EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Forty-five young ladies were grad-uated last week at the Cincinnati Normal School for teachers. The Rolla School of Mines has just graduated three young engi-neers at its first annual commeace-

Gov. Beveridge officially pre-claims that the Southern Illinois

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

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

dle, and graduated at the tail-end of his class—J. Hansell French, West Pointer, class of '74. - Chicago

"No government can prosperously endure which in the main is not administered by the higher intellect and the higher moral sentiments of

service of the country, took place yesterday. Charles Francis Adams delivered the oration, and Oliver Wendell Homes read a poem. The cost of the building in about \$300,-

Teachers' Association the other day 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.

number of pupils in the schools by about 3,500, of whom one-fifth represnt the natural increase from

gents of the Nebraska State University has made an exchange of lands by which they get possession of the Culver farm for the use of the Agricultural College. This is one of the best farms in Lancaster The college expects to be able to board students on the farm at about

three dollars per week, and to fur-nish work to all students who desire it. There is no reason why industries, careful students should not earn a considerable part of their necessary expenses. We believe that the arrangement is for all students of agriculture to board on the farm, and recite at the university in the

Missouri River Barges. It is said that the Star Line of

It is said that the Star Line of steamers will put on a number of barges in the Missouri River trade this season. We hope this is true, for there will be a world of grain to come out of Kansas, Nebraska, and that portion of Missouri that skirts the river. We furthermore hope that the Star Line will have the good sense to make a loss rate. that the Star Line will have the good sense to make a low rate. Wheat and corn are both sure to be plenty and cheap during the coming fall and winter, and consequently every care must be taken not to add to the farmers' burden by levying too high a transportation tax. St. Louis wants all the grain she can swing this year, and we appeal to our boats and railways to give us a hard pan rate for the next tweive months and make up in big loads what is lacked in rate. It will be better for the Star Line to carry full barges down at a low rate than onebarges down at a low rate than one-fourth of a load at a high rate, for the success of this line is in the fu-ture; and if the newspapers suc-ceed in convincing the public that the Star Line's barges are bringing enormous quantities of grain in bulk out of the Missouri, the line will be sure to get enormous quan-tities to carry, and if the rate is kept low no competition will be invited. low no competition will be invited. We might further suggest with propriety that if it is the intention of the Star Line to tow barges and vigorously solicit bulk grain to fill them, the sconer that fact is advertised all through the regions tributary to the river the better it will be for the business of the line,—M. Louis Democrat.



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