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THE REPUBLICAN REPLY.

The republican side of the tariff debate was opened by Representative Burrows of Michigan, one of the best informed exponents and champions of the protective policy in congress.

Mr. Burrows ascribes the decline in the public revenues and the general derangement and prostration of business to the ascendancy of the democratic party.

After all the Jacksonian banquet was not altogether devoid of practical results. The president observed the day by appointing a democratic postmaster for the city of Aurora, Neb.

A FEW Nebraska counties have profited by the enforcement of the depository law during the past year, but the banks and county treasurers have profited more in those counties where the law was not enforced.

IOWA'S prohibitory liquor law is scrupulously observed by the railroad lobbyists at Des Moines. No liquor is sold by them contrary to law.

THE new school board will have to wrestle with a \$50,000 deficit in its income and a \$10,000 increase in its outgo. Like the telegraph builder who has to splice a broken wire the board is puzzled how to make the two ends meet without putting in another length of wire.

SECRETARY MORTON ought to be given leave to print the remarks which failed to materialize from his lips at the Jacksonian jamboree. It would be a pity to leave unsaid the noble thoughts which must have been inspired by that grandiloquent and alliterative subject—'Truths Out of the Proper Path in Politics: Right is Always Expedient.'

GO AWAY from home to learn the news. The Lincoln Journal intimates that some heavy failures may soon be respected in Omaha. This is the same C. S. Wickhorst rumor that has seen five months of hard service, yet the commercial situation in Omaha is gradually but slowly improving.

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to be no doubt that the legislature will apply the needed remedy. The governor recommends a revision of the laws regulating the formation of private corporations, saying that they are too often used by designing men for fraudulent purposes.

On the subject of prohibition the message discusses the various propositions that have been made for regulating the liquor traffic and urges that it is "a plain duty of the lawmaking power to provide for the control of the liquor traffic in Iowa by general statutes and to frame these upon the theory that their provisions, whatever they may be, are to be equally applicable to, and equally faithfully enforced in, every part of the state."

POSTAL STATIONS FOR OMAHA. His dispatches from Washington tell us that the suggestion of THE BEE that Omaha needs several postal stations in the suburban districts to supplement the work of the general postoffice is already bearing fruit.

Two or three postal stations convenient to the residents of the outlying districts would at once relieve the general postoffice and improve the service to all concerned.

DIRECT AND INDIRECT TAXATION. The distinction between direct and indirect taxation is important to the people of the United States chiefly because the federal constitution requires all direct taxes levied by congress to be apportioned among the several states according to their population.

As an economic distinction, however, the classification of taxes into direct and indirect taxes is one whose usefulness has been greatly overrated, and one that has on the whole resulted rather in confusion than in simplification.

THE report that two of the secretaries of the State Board of Transportation are soon to be retired is hardly worthy of credence. In the first place the executive officers who comprise the state board are not in a position to vote their convictions if they really desire a change of secretaries, and in the second place they have not sufficient moral courage to shake off the two barnacles, even if the latter had no railroad backing.

SOME fellow who signs himself Giltener-Prendergast has written a letter to Mayor Bemis in which he threatens him with a terrible fate if he does not mend his ways in making offensive appointments. This may be an idiotic hoax or it may be an anarchic bluster.

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THREE days more and the Iowa senatorial agony will be over. The quartet of interested congressmen may then return to their duties at Washington.

the democrats of this state, Dr. Miller rose and for ten minutes turned all the other pictures to the wall. He declared there was no harmony in the party, whose leaders were today, as formerly, carrying knives in their sleeves seeking the destruction of one another.

ON EVERY ton of coal shipped into Omaha the transportation charges are from one and a half to four times the price of the coal at the mines.

AN Economic Suggestion. What is the use of the Pennsylvania democrats nominating anybody to run against Mr. Grow for congressman at large? Pennsylvania's sentiments were shown decisively at the November election.

THE country is gradually recovering from the effects of a long and disastrous panic, but the crisis of the disease was passed months ago. The progress of national convalescence is justly encouraging.

THE question of providing for the destitute unemployed in this country is getting to be a serious one. Mayor Bemis of Omaha is commended for the attitude he assumes on the question.

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body by which the tax is imposed. Not to mention the possibility that the legislature might omit to express its intention or that the intentions of different members voting for the same proposition might be totally at variance, it is clear that the expectations of the legislative body may be utterly without foundation.

One way alone leads out of the difficulty and that was early seized by the supreme court when the question came before it at the close of the last century. The terms direct and indirect taxation as used in the constitution have been construed in a strictly technical sense as referring to such taxes as the framers of the constitution imagined could not be shifted.

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ORD Coal: THE OMAHA BEE has been giving some rather startling figures about the cost of heating the state institutions of Nebraska, as compared with the cost of heating other large buildings.

THE Right of States to Coin Money. As a matter of constitutional law there can be no doubt that the concurrent right of the national government to make legal tender does not in any way affect the right of a state to make gold and silver coins.

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