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A SPEEDY RESUMPTION OF SPECIE PAYMENTS finds no favor with Western Congressmen, who, as fast as they arrive in Washington, are reported to pronounce against any and every scheme for premature resumption, with remarkable unanimity. It is also said that the President has become convinced of the impracticability of immediate resumption. With the President and the Secretary of the Treasury and the united Western delegation in Congress on the right track, there is little or no cause to fear mischievous legislation at the approaching session of Congress. Many business interests have already been disastrously affected by the unauthorized and unfounded resumption rumors. The stagnation existing in some directions, the fears of a crash in others, and the general feeling of doubt and distrust in regard to the future, may all be traced to this source. The sooner these doubts are dissipated the better will it be for all concerned. There is no serious cause for apprehension, and the only possible basis for alarm consists in the fact that a few leading men desire to hasten resumption. They do not, however, wield a controlling influence on this subject, and despite their most vigorous efforts, the period that must necessarily elapse before specie payments can be prudently resumed is to be counted by years rather than by months.

ANOTHER bewildering legal warfare, involving the control of the Erie Railway, is being prosecuted in the New York city and State courts. There is even more than the usual medley of suits and counter-suits, orders and counter orders, injunctions and counter-injunctions, and the real meaning of the whole struggle is as mysterious as ever. Whatever be the issue, there is little doubt that honest stockholders will still be swindled, and that some of the New York judges will be as ready as ever to shield unscrupulous and swindling speculators.

FOLLOWING A BAD EXAMPLE.—The example set by the Rebel members of the Georgia Legislature has become contagious, and the radical members of the Alabama Legislature have set about the task of rooting out their so-called Democratic colleagues. It is the old story over again of the chicken and the curse that came home to roost.

ONE HUNDRED AND TEN APOSTLES OF MORMONISM have just been let loose upon the country by Brigham Young, and soon the whole horde will be at their proselyting task. It is about time that this Mormon iniquity had received the serious attention of the country. Congress cannot better employ its odd moments during the approaching session than in making an effort to put a quietus on the polygamous saints.

AN INSTRUCTIVE LESSON in railway management is afforded by the developments in the suit now pending in Ohio between the Erie and Atlantic and Great Western Railway Companies. The indebtedness of the latter company is shown to be \$91,373,207, only \$30,000,000 of which is credited to the stock account, while it is contended that the road would not sell for \$15,000,000, if put into the market.

NAPOLEON'S DESIRE FOR LIBERTY. A cable despatch this morning, with that delightful vagueness for which cable despatches are noted, states that it is reported that the Emperor Napoleon, in giving commands for the preparation of his speech for the opening of the Chambers, said:—"I desire the widest and most absolute affirmation of liberty." It is very probable that Napoleon said this or something resembling it, for it sounds like him. He has never hesitated to affirm the most liberal principles ever since the coup d'etat by which he obtained possession of the throne, but unfortunately his principles and his practices have generally been directly opposed to each other. It is evident, however, that the situation of affairs is such at the present time that he sees the absolute necessity for yielding something, or at least for appearing to yield to the liberal ideas of the age. He is still stronger than his opponents, but with the example of some of his predecessors before him, he is probably shrewd enough to see that the time has come when it is necessary to relax a little the despotism of his system if he expects to retain his hold of power for the balance of his life, or to give his son even a reasonable chance to succeed him. The French people are not to be relied upon, especially by a man who has played the tyrant, and any untoward accident may precipitate a collision between the people and the Government, and unite all the now disorganized factions of the opposition for the overthrow of the empire. A mere affirmation of the widest and most absolute liberty, however, will not be enough of itself, and the recent performances of the Emperor, such as the postponement of the constitutional day of assemblage of the Corps Legislatif, are not calculated to inspire much confidence in his professions.

THE COAL QUESTION. At the last monthly trade sales of coal by the Delaware, Lackawanna, and Western Railroad Company, which occurred on the 24th inst., there was a decline in prices, as compared with the sales of October 27, which averaged more than one dollar a ton on the various qualities, and the price paid for the

see no good reason why Philadelphia purchasers should not enjoy the benefits of a similar decline. It appears by the reports of the Reading Railroad that it brought to market, up to the 25th inst., more than 600,000 tons in excess of the amount transported during the same period last year; and although the Schuylkill Canal transported 300,000 tons less in 1869 than in 1868, there is still an aggregate increase from the Schuylkill region of more than 300,000 tons. The operators and retail dealers can best explain why higher prices should be demanded here than in New York, but it seems evident that extortionate rates can only be maintained here, if at all, by artificial and oppressive combinations.

BRADWELL AND BRIGHAM.—"Judge" Bradwell, who hails from Chicago, and whose sole claim to notice appears to be founded on the fact that he is the wife—we should, perhaps, have said the husband—of Mrs. Bradwell, has been so completely befogged by the old ladies that he has gone over to the enemy. In a speech delivered at the Female Suffrage Convention now in session at Cleveland, he said that "he felt like taking to his arms everybody who had fought under this banner"—that is to say, the woman's banner—and Mrs. Bradwell, who does not permit the "Judge" to go out of her sight, sat by without rebuking the utterance of such polygamous sentiments. There are a few of the female oracles which we would advise the "Judge" to keep at a distance, Lucy Stone and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, and some others who are already wedded and contrive to keep their husbands in leading strings. Since they manage one husband so readily, the chances are that they would be equally successful in manipulating a brace of such trivial appendages. But with Susan B. Anthony and Anna Elizabeth Dickinson and some others whom we might mention if we had the time, the case is vastly different. The "Judge" is at liberty to take the whole crowd "to his arms," and if he is satisfied with his bargain, he will doubtless find them even more than content with the arrangement.

HORACE GREELEY, although great as a philosopher, is not much as a penman. In short, he writes about the most execrable hand that was ever written by mortal man, not even excepting the late Rufus Choate, whose writing neither himself nor the Evil One could decipher. Two or three good anecdotes concerning the philosopher's chirography, which we have not seen in print, are told by Tribune men. On one occasion the great editorial genius wrote the words, "Save your money and buy land," and when the compositor, who had been familiar with the peculiar scratches of the philosopher from early youth, had puzzled himself over it for a half-hour or so, he made it out to be "save your money, Benjamin Wood," and to Greeley's indignation, thus set it up. On another occasion the philosopher indulged in the familiar Shakespearean quotation, "Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis 'tis true." But, as Horace seldom quotes poetry, and seldom writes an article without dabbling more or less in figures, the anxious typesetter interpreted the quotation in this wise, "'Tis two, 'tis fifty; 'tis two, 'tis fifty-two!" The philosopher, on this occasion, indulged in a little profanity when he received his proof.

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