

To our patrons and friends, one and all, we wish "a happy and prosperous New Year."

THE Nebraska Legislature meets on Tuesday, January 6th.

THE Chicago Herald declines a "blizzard" as a storm where the snow is three feet deep and all in the air.

THE coal miners at Canou City, Col., have resumed work after months of idleness and waste of both capital and labor.

THEOPHILUS HARRINGTON, who was a justice of the supreme court of Vermont from 1803 to 1813, made himself famous by being the first to officially refuse to return fugitive slaves to their masters, replying to a slave hunter who asked him what proof of ownership he would require: "I want a bill of sale from God Almighty!"

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The fogs of Iowa are now in the hands of the farmers. It is now proposed to erect a monument over his grave in Clarendon, Vermont. The colored people of the United States ought to contribute liberally to this memorial, and no doubt would do so if called upon.

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It is alleged that Governor Sherman, of Iowa, is contemplating a call of an extra session of the legislature this winter. The object of the call is, ostensibly, to see about reducing grain freight rates, which cannot be done by a legislature, since grain rates depend upon the laws of no single state for their magnitude, but the real object is said to be the repeal of the present prohibition law. Now, with all the racket that has been made in Iowa about the prohibition law, would it not be as well to let it have a longer swing? Let it be tested thoroughly while they are about it.

WHY BUSINESS MEN FAIL.

The Reasons as Given by Leading Men of Our Country.

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The Girls at Long Branch.

"Manhattan" in Chicago Journal.

The most slightly and satisfactory things to study at Long Branch are the girls. They are constantly presenting new and curious aspects of femininity.

The increase of apparent intellectuality is astonishing, but I am forced to write that there is a corresponding loss of prettiness. The change is improving to only a small minority.

The expenditure for dress is extravagant or not, according as the indulgence can not or can well afford it.

The New Fog Signal.

The fog-signal apparatus is now constructed in such a manner that in calm weather its sound may be heard twenty miles. This power is gained by means of two slotted cylinders, one fixed and the other revolving in it.

A Sea Cook's Training.

A sea cook is a peculiar character, requiring a special training. He must know how to prepare a sea hash out of salt-horse flavored with onions, incensed with the variegated browns of polished mahogany, and savory enough to tempt an appetite in a stomach that the tossing waves have rendered as sensitive as the needle of a compass.

The Earth as a Projectile.

If, looking at the earth in an arbitrary point of view, and following the principles Helmholtz has laid down, the earth were considered an enormous projectile, and if it were supposed farther the whole energy stored up in gunpowder could be utilized, there would yet be required a charge 150 times greater than its own weight, or 900 times that its volume, to communicate to the earth her orbital motion.

The Secret of Success.

Daniel Webster on one occasion presented, with a brief epistle, a valuable book to a literary society at Harvard. The note, so carefully elegant and graceful, elicited many compliments.

Advice to a Teacher.

"Let me tell ye, young man, git the good will of yer scholars. There ain't nothin' in the world but what they'll do for ye, if they like ye, but if yer git on the wrong side of 'em, they'll thawn (thorn) ye to death."

Some False Theories.

[Edward Eggleston in The Century.]

If the future social historian of America, shall put much trust in the prophecies about the character of the American people to-day that are cur rent in essays, newspaper editors, sermon, and elsewhere, he will miss the mark.

In one breath Old World writers do the people of the United States a nation of 'dollar-hunters,' and in the next breathe them for an excessive liberality that 'spoils travel.'

An Adirondack Romance.

"This here's a great place for people to come hidin' away," continued the talkative guide. "A party came up here years ago and stopped up at the house one day they made ready to go on."

An Ungrateful Beauty.

A bright-looking young woman, who wore low shoes and a tight-fitting corset, made a mistake in getting on the steamboat Centaury on Long Island river, and fell into the water.

Explanation Cards.

The idea of explanation cards to guide the visitor at the electrical exhibition in Philadelphia might be usefully applied to the exhibition of machinery at our industrial fairs.

Buy-Buy.

"By-by, love," he murmured, as he started down to his office in the morning, and she did, to the extent of a \$300 bonus.

California's Cheery.

The cheery crop of California last year was reported to be worth \$1,000,000. It was nearly all sent to the eastern states to use in adulterating coffee.

An Interprising Reliable House.

Johns & Co. having been established in 1858, are now in the 22nd year of their existence. Their business is so popular with the people, that they are constantly receiving orders from all over the country.

HELP.

For working people. Send 10 cents post-office order to the publisher of the following...

An Answer Wanted.

Can any one bring as a case of Kidney or Liver trouble, that Electric Bitters will not speedily cure? We say they can not, as thousands of cases already permanently cured...

Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

THE BEST SALVE in the world for cuts, bruises, sore throats, sore eyes, etc., is Bucklen's Arnica Salve.

A PRIZE.

Send six cents for postage, and receive a copy of a new book of 100 recipes...

ESTRAY NOTICE.

Came to my premises, one-half mile east of McCook, Neb., on Tuesday, 27th, 1884, four head of calves, two cows and two heifer calves...

COMPLAINT NOTICES.

C. S. LAND OFFICE. December 21st, 1884. Complaint having been entered in this office by Amy Lehmann against John F. Swartz...

FINAL PROOF NOTICES.

LAND OFFICE AT McCOOK, NEB., December 20th, 1884. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim...

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