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A story is going the rounds to the effect that the promoters of an American charity wrote to Mr. Gladstone asking him to subscribe something.

WATERBORN of the Louisville Courier Journal would have the democratic party of this great country blazon upon all its campaign banners.

THE Dakotans are pretty angry because Mr. Cleveland had nothing to say in his message about their admission or their exclusion from the union.

If a great war in Europe breaks out the United States will not be in condition to occupy the dignified position of "armed neutrality" and will have to slide along on the sea between the belligerents the best she may.

A good deal of a row is being made over Mr. Cleveland's appointment of one Morton of Maine as commissioner of navigation.

"I HAVE just been reading Henry George's book on the land question," said a thoughtful professional man to a Chicago Journal reporter.

To the resident of the states east of the Rockies, who is subject to the extremes of heat and cold in summer and winter, and who lives in constant dread of the playful caprices of the elements.

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TURN over a new leaf for 1887. SWEAR off.

THE NEW YEAR.

The bells tolled the knell of the departing year of 1886 at midnight, and we greet you now on the first morning of the New Year.

The past year has been an eventful one for Salem and generally a prosperous one for this section.

About \$325,000 has been put into buildings and improvements in the limits of Salem during the year 1886.

The STATESMAN has been kindly treated by the old year. Its circulation has grown steadily and its business constantly increased.

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RETROSPECTIVE.

One year ago this morning, January 1st, 1886, the STATESMAN published the following editorial. It will be observed that Salem now has every thing demanded in that article, except the woolen mill.

Salem wants a woolen mill! not a carding machine! not a carpet loom! not a knitting machine; but a good every-day woolen mill, with all the latest machinery and appliances.

Salem wants Willson Avenue and Marion Square taken care of, and preserved and improved for unborn generations.

All these things and many more Salem wants. She wants them soon, and wants them to be consummated or inaugurated with the current year.

NOUNS AND VERBS.

The tendency of American newspapers to take unwarrantable liberties with certain nouns is one of the most unsatisfactory features of contemporary journalism.

It seems to be a characteristic of our people to take the shortest road to the goal of their desires.

As a common country lawyer, a man can sweep out his own office, carry in his coal and wait upon himself like other white men.

On February 1st the Boston navy-yard is to be closed, for the very good reason that there is no necessity for keeping it open.

For a nice plate of oysters, in any style, call at Chas. Heinenbrand's.

MR. MANNING'S CERTIFICATES.

Mr. Manning, our new minister to Mexico, has procured and published certificates that he did not get drunk at a breakfast given to him at that capital.

In a letter accompanying the certificates Mr. Manning explains that it was a midday breakfast of a very serious character.

In proof that he did not misbehave himself at the breakfast Mr. Manning produces the certificate of one of his fellow guests, an American.

But is it not strange that a diplomatic representative should find it necessary to procure such certificates?

THE "KEADY LAW."

It seems that the "Keady liquor law" is to be a source of never ending litigation.

The bill for the law was first introduced in the house, it will be remembered, when it read, section 1, "that no person shall be permitted to sell spirituous, malt, or vinous liquor in this state in quantities less than one gallon."

The law is now before the supreme court, in a case appealed from Astoria, and should the supreme court not concur in the decision of the lower court.

The matter is worthy the consideration of your legislators, and they should fully understand the matter, and in case the above alleged facts are substantiated.

ILLINOIS IN THE SENATE.

Gen. Logan will be remembered as participating in two remarkable contests for a seat in the United States senate.

KANSAS capitalists never tire of building new railroads with an immense amount of capital stock all over the country.

MR. PIERRE LORRIARD advocates "a legacy tax" of 10 per cent. on all fortunes over \$200,000.

WISE SILENCE.

Everybody pitched savagely into the English Gen. Butler who declined to come in and submit himself to the mercy of the court trying the Campbell divorce suits.

It looks to the STATESMAN as though Butler was wise to stay out. If he had appeared and sworn that the charge that he had been too intimate with the lady in the case was untrue.

He would have been dragged by a lot of cheeky and shrewd lawyers on the other side, who would have demanded his public and private history from the time he was three years old and upward.

A fellow mixed up in an English divorce suit has to stand all these things and there is no protection for him in the suggestion that what he did years and years before he met the co-defendant.

It is evident that the attack on Butler for doing the wisest thing in his power and staying away, is quite silly.

WANTED--A ROAD.

The people of Salem and all this section should encourage the construction of a free wagon road over the Cascade mountains by way of the Minto pass.

The legislature will be asked to make an appropriation to build a road through the Minto pass.

THE MAYOR'S ADDRESS.

The address of Mayor Ramsey to the city council is an able document. It shows study and reflects the impression of a clear and well trained mind.

The new mayor makes some very good suggestions, and makes them plain. He also showed himself to be possessed of good executive ability at the first meeting of the council.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE undersigned has filed her final account as executrix of the last will and testament of Herman Rabens.

A NEW PAPER IN PHILADELPHIA IS NAMED THE SOCK.

The state of New Jersey is in trouble. A woman has been sentenced to the state prison, but she is so large that she cannot get into any of the cells.

WANTED--The legislature to pass a law regulating railroad freight charges, and reducing passenger fares to three cents per mile.

OUR SATURDAY NIGHT.

EDITOR STATESMAN:--The old year of 1886 has slid into the rat-hole of eternity, and now we have a brand New Year born to eternity.

A gentleman from the country was in Salem a few days since, when the town clock began to strike.

A young man of Salem says he has discovered perpetual motion. It's easy as falling off a log.

SALEM'S NEEDS.

Salem needs more manufacturing industries. She wants a woolen mill, a canning establishment, and other manufacturing industries that will give employment to labor.

The famous district No. 101, of K. of L., which ran the unsuccessful strikes on the Gould lines, has dissolved.

The Christmas business compels the employment of 700 extra men in the London postoffice.

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