

To Our Friends and Patrons.

Toward the close of the year every correct business man feels it a duty to order his affairs that he may, in a pecuniary point of view, start squarely with the new year.

Those of our subscribers who have promptly liquidated their indebtedness, (thus proving themselves patrons in deed), have our hearty thanks, and we hope our other friends will see the propriety of doing likewise.

The mail from Central America brings the news of the overthrow of the lawful Government of Costa Rica. The reasons assigned by the revolutionists for this sudden and unexpected revolution are, as usual, of the most frivolous kind.

New York City Election.—The municipal election for Mayor and other officers in New York, took place on Tuesday last week.

The Pennsylvania Central Railroad has at last effected the actual consolidation with it of its two main Western connecting routes.

THE Republican Governors of the Southern States are certainly more liberal than some of the persons who govern them.

IT IS NOT ENOUGH for the Republicans to make Gen. Grant's Cabinet for him, but it is too bad that the Democrats should claim the same right.

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The New Administration.

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Gen. Grant's wisdom in the selection of Gen. Sherman as his war minister is almost a foregone conclusion that his choice of Cabinet officers will be of the very best character.

Gen. Grant and Schuyler Colfax, having once been sworn into office, and the Cabinet having been chosen, the country will again start on the broad and cheerful way to a permanent peace and a lasting prosperity.

ENGLAND.—Sooner than was anticipated, the resignation of the Tory Ministry follows the close of the elections.

THE change of Government in England is now complete. Mr. Gladstone, on Thursday, the 3d inst, had an audience with the Queen at Windsor, and formally received appointment as Chief of the Ministry.

Truth in a Nut Shell.

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PERSONAL.

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REPORT OF THE FEMALE BENEVOLENT SOCIETY OF CARLETON FOR 1868.

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS.—Our enterprising townsmen, Mr. L. W. GREENE, has just opened out, at his cheap Dry Goods Store, No. 4 East High street, an immense stock of goods, suitable for the Holidays, and for all seasons as well. His stock has been selected with great care, was purchased in the Eastern markets at reduced prices, and will be disposed of at rates to suit the times.

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MONUMENTAL COINCIDENCES.—Engaged in trying to get a monument to Leigh Hunt, Northampton was a monument to Hunt Sells, her post-mortem, who died two centuries ago; Scotland is still trying to erect a monument to Wallace, and America vainly strives to raise a pile to the memory of her valorous Washington!

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