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FOR PRESIDENT,
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OF OHIO.
FOR VICE PRESIDENT,
JOHN TYLER,
OF VIRGINIA.

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This being NEW YEAR'S DAY, no paper will be issued from the office of the Bee on Thursday.

NEW YEAR'S DAY.

It is customary for the Journalist on occasions, like the present, to indulge in very serious strains, in a brain semi-lugubrious, semi-thoughtful; to take a brief retrospective view of the past, and a sort of prophetic insight into the future; to call to remembrance the heavy calamities which an inscrutable providence may have dispensed or the even flow of prosperity which it may have bountifully awarded; to discourse learnedly about the state of the nation; to talk of its greatness and its glory; the excellence of the government, and the abundant subjects of thankfulness and congratulation; and to wind up with an earnest appeal to every body to forget the old year, and enjoy heartily the new one. Now we have no doubt that many of our contemporaries will perform this annual task with their usual felicity of style and fertility of fancy. If, therefore, we spare ourselves the labor of stressing up old ideas in new garments, and of repeating the thrice hackneyed, reflecting, which the coming of another year rarely fails to elicit, our readers will not ungratefully forgive the omission, but very possibly thank us for appealing us through a topic, about which, most likely, receive and reciprocate with sincerity, our heartiest hope that they may spend a happy new year, and consider the Sunday, longer than usual, old more appropriate, than a whole column of cant and common place. Once more then to one and all "A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

☞ We are indebted to Mr. Dorman for a copy of the "system of penmanship," which we have examined with some care, and believe that it contains a sufficient amount of useful, practical information to render the very worst penmanship neat and flowing. If the writer diligently expand copiously follow out precepts. This little volume embodies the results of many years experience, acquired by the author, as teacher, in their exercise as teachers of ornamental writing. The extraordinary success that has attended their acquisition in this city, is a conclusive evidence of excellence of their method. It is certainly a most desirable object to acquire a neat, bold and rapid style of penmanship, combining beauty of character with rapidity of execution. This may be accomplished with little labor, by pursuing the system inculcated in the Messrs. Dolbear. We have seen the most scribbled, cramped and almost illegible hands, converted by this process, in a few months, into a flowing, well shaped and regular character. To the merchant and to book keeper such an acquisition is invaluable.

THE RAVENEL.—The letters of this distinguished—and their name is Legion—will be gratified to learn that it will be produced at the French theatre on Thursday evening, with a most powerful cast. They manufacturing the Union on MONDAY. Of the merits of Mr. Ravenel and Madam Jacomple the Manager could not have supported by an efficient corps de ballet, a large and well organized chorus, and the full orchestra of the establishment.

MR. HUNTER.

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OPINIONS OF GEN. HARRISON

The following extract from Gen. Harrison's letter to a distinguished gentleman of Pennsylvania, contain his views of the principles upon which the National Government should be administered. That he will carry out these opinions, in case of his election, no one who knows the man can doubt; and to see them established as fundamental rules of action for the Executive, every one must desire. They go to the root of the evils under which we have suffered. They would confine the administration to constitutional bounds, and restrain the various departments within proper limits. The overweening power of the President would be reduced to a rational and safe standard, and the people would repose in it more confidence and security under its administration, than they have for [illegible] from executive influence or disturbing their domestic relations.

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Governor Shannon (of Ohio) has been formally announced by the great democratic party of Ohio, (the second state sensible and important opinions in favor of [illegible] of that state. The governor, it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]