

He also planted about a quarter of an acre of yellow locust seed, and the first year some few scattering trees were three feet high, but the winter snow broke them down. He dug up the scattering locusts and put them in one row, and manifold more came up from the roots cut off, and formed a large grove of trees. He sold \$200 worth of trees and used \$100 worth of posts, poles, and wood, after the borers began to kill the trees. One string of fence entirely of poles was about fifty rods long. There are now one hundred feet of shedding made of the posts and poles of these locusts.

He has succeeded in raising about fifty rods of willow fence that will turn cattle. One cotton-wood stock-fence, that the fire ran through, yielded some forty cords of the best wood. Thus much for the confutation of Hall's theory. Osage orange hedge was mostly a failure, although some fifty rods, out of two miles around the farm, grew well. Eighty dollars worth of locust trees were set in the State House yard, now the University campus, and all died by borers.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

WE wish our readers a Happy New Year.

ANY defects in this issue may be set to the want of usual sight to revise copy.

THE article on Forest Tree Planting in our Prairies, is by a practical farmer, and it deserves the attention of all agriculturists.

THE Rock Island railway is extensively advertised and illustrated in this first publication of 1883. Other railroads will be treated in the same manner, when they furnish the Editor similar accommodations and facilities of travel.

THE Editor, being under the care of Prof. Hobby of the State University, for defective sight, and also taking counsel of Dr. Henry Foster, of Clifton Springs, N. Y., is obliged to devolve much labor on his Associate Editor, Judge A. R. FULTON, of Des Moines, as Corresponding Editor. No man in the State is better qualified to aid in this work. He is editing two hundred insides for as many newspapers every week. Already he has contributed several articles that have been widely copied and credited to the ANNALS.

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