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Hercante and Mandacturing mierests of the State E. A. STOWE, Euitor and Proprielor. Terme 81 a year in advance, postage paid.
Advertising rates made known on application. WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 1884. Subscribers and others, when writing
to advertisers, will confer a favor on the publisher by mentioning that they saw the adver tisement in the columns of this paper
SOME OBJECTIONS TO A FEDERAL BANK. The Detroit Times publishes a series of interviews with prominent business and pro-
fessional men relative to the proposed National bankrupt law, and an extremely no with which the lawyers declare themselve
in favor of the measure, while business me anqualifiedly condemn it. Theo. H. Hinch man, President of the Merchants and Man ufrcturers' Exchange, said that he was op
ticeable feature of the article is the unanimity posed to such legislation because the exper
ience of former laws has showed that such a law tends to unsettle values and generall gives great chances to dishonest debtors.
The Lowell bill, which has been so much discussed, is supposed to cover everything that conld come up in the bankruptey pro be two bills, one to cover the case of bis be two bills, one to cover the case of bi
debtors and one for small. The big men, he said, generally get through all right, but the men who fail for small amounts are en
titled to the same protection. Still anothe titled to the same protection. Still anothe
objection he has to a bankruptey bill is that in our State the bills sold are mostly fo States courtsare so large that a creditor obains nothing out of the estate. In case of federal law being passed the governmen
should proceed in cases of fraud and perjury against a debtor on information of a credito
as in any other case, and not subject he expense and annoyance of finding a bon and giving security. The government in his the case of the small debtor so that the es tate could be left free for the creditors. B. F. Farrington, Vice-President of the
Exchange, declared that such a law would Exchange, declared that such a law would lowing his reason
The men who are making the great elamo
or this bill are the Eastern merchants, th men who, apart from their legitimate busi
ness, are gambling in stocks and wheat, and who, when they get cornered, want a chanc
o unload and start afresh. It is simply premium on dishonesty. There are me
who enet a little bit involved and have not
oot quite enough, energy and backbona got quite enough, energy and backbone;
under a bankruptcy law they come to us and say accept so much or we go into bankruptey ion. On the other hand, if a man is honest,
but yeta a litte unfortunate, there is not
wholesale merchant in town but would extend him a hand, tell him to what he could
turn his attention, and do his best to hely
him along. There is enough generosity year that the bankruptey bill was in opera-
tion we lost five per centit. of the amount of
our sales sine its repea our losses have
been less than one per cent. of course the
times has had something to de with it, but thes has had something to do with it, but
the figures are significant. Under the old
taw the expense of administering a bank law the expense of administering a bank-
rupt's estate was so large that the credito
did not get as much by reeives. It also worked injustiee to the the
honest retailer, as all over the country bank
int stocks were thrown wise the and sold for fifty cents on the dollar market while
the honest merchant had to compete with these prices. It think the best thing would
be for each Saate to have its own good col-
lection laws, and that there should be lection lacks, and to hate there swo good col
preferences allowed to any caeditor. Ye no
no canniot make men honest by laws, but you uuch fraud as possible and not open a back
loor for dishonest men to crawl out by," Chas. Root, the veteran dry goods jobber expressed himself as decidedly opposed to
any bankruptey law, giving as a reason the any bankruptcy law, giving as a reason that
former acts were merely open doors for former acts were merely open doors for
fraud, while under State laws the losses had been less and the amount realized to cred
tors from estates had been greater. H understood that the insolvency act passed a closing hours of the last session of the Leg
islature was unconstitutional, but the law as islature was unconstitutional, but the law as it stood before the act was passed was satis-
factory to him. Under the bankruptcy law stocks were siezed and sold for 50 cents on the dollar and thrown on the market to compete with goods which cost 100 cents on th dollar. As a rule the assignee knew nothin about merchandizing, and when he came in left. He considered thacrificed right an left. He considered that it would be a grea

## CANNED FOOD.

Thit, meat and vegetables is not in canned anciful cap eris is ave revealed the presence of small amounts of the metal dissolved in the juice of th
contents of the can. The proportion wa small in most cases, but it is sometimes so reat as to produce nausea and all the sympbetrays a metallic taste it is the result or frul olved metal. The amount may be so dis s to be harmless, but the danger is in swal owing repeated doses of the noxious sub stance day after day in fanilies adicted
the constant use of canned food. Tin is the heapest material for canning, and this lead to its universal employment, but if once the public conceive some repugnance to it som anning process is a modern device of ical lable value since it furnishes to enery
part of the world at a cheap price the desirable fruits of all other regions, and materi-
ally diversifies the character of living. Glass is more expensive than tia, but it has the merit of being absolutely free from the
fects of the cheaper material, and if it we to come into general use as a substitute
might be furnished at a smaller cost might be furnished at a smaller .Modesty is commendable wherever you
find it, but the development of such a virtue in so unlikely a place as the city of Chicago challenges the attention and merits the con-
gratulation of the whole world. Weread in gratulation of the whole world. We read in
an exhaustive and very able review of Chicago's trade during the year 1883, published by the Tribune of that city, an estimate of the money value of the city's business for a long series of years, which is most remarka-
ble in respect to the extremely moderate inble in respect to the extremely moderate in-
crease credited to the past year. It is so uncrease credited to the past year. It is so un-
characteristic of a Chicago paper to claim an characteristic of a Chicago paper ene city's
increase of only five millions in the trade that it is hard to credit the exhibition of modesty. We suspect, however, that the Tribune is becoming a trifle disconcerted by
the difficulty of keeping up the percentage of the difficulty of keeping up the percentage of
gain required by the record of growth shown gain required by the record of growth shown
in its previons estimates, and realizes that In its previons estimates, and realizes that
its figures, which everyone must understand are purely fanciful, have gone beyoud the are purely fanciful, have gone beyond the
bounds of credulity. Having set up a claim a year ago that the trade of 1882 'aggregated $\$ 1,045,000,000$ in value, the Tribune undoubtedly saw that it would be pushing) the joke quite far enough to raise this estimate
to even figures this year, and so made the to even figures this year, and ss
amount $\$ 1,050,000,000$ for 1883 :
Justice is $\overline{\overline{\text { often slow and as }}}$ often falls wide of the mark, but occasionally delin-
quents who inagiue thet quents who inagine that time had healed the breach and that their crimes had been ed, are brought up to a round turn, as in the ed, are brought up to a round turn, as in the
case of Frank R. Sherwin, the culpable case of Frank R. Sherwin, the culpable
chief clerk of defaulting state Treasurer Phelps, of New York, 10 years ago, who was a few days since sentenced to two years in the
penitentiary, and to pay a fine of $\$ 500$ for penitentiary, and to pay a fine of $\$ 500$ for
contempt. Sherwin has lived in grand
style of late years, and has an wife and family.

By the retirement of Thos. S. Freeman from the jobbing business, the grocery trade loses a man who has been actively identified
with the pioneer grocery house of the city with the pioneer grocery house of the city
for néarly twenty years. During this period for nearly twenty years. During this period
his career has been marked by conscientious work and remarkable fidelity to duty, and it is a source of pleasure to know that his
services have been amply rewarded, in a peservices have been amply rewarded, in a pe--
cuniary sense, and that he is enabled to take cuniary sense, and that he is enabled to take
a temporary respite from mercantile cares, a temporary respite from mercantile cares,
without much thought for the future, having already accumulated a considerable compe-

## The report of the Commission

culture displays the rather striking fact that he value of our forest product is ten times
that of gold and silver, and more than three times that of the precious minerals and coal
and other minerals combined. This is pretty good argument for forest culture, ev
if if no other indirect advantages were to derived from it.

A Few Words for "The Tradesman."
The Tradesman has passed the first quarter of its first publication year, and
success, although assured from the start, now a reality. In short, it is now only a
question of how much of a success it will be It has been demonstrated, beyond dispute that there is a demand for such a publica
tion, that the field selected is sufficiently tion, that the field selected is sufficiently ex-
tended to give it a generous support, tended to give it a generous support, and
that the object and merits of the paper are appreciated at their full worth.
The same general features that have served
to give character and interest to the paper in the past will be continued in the future, together with such additional features as will
come with added experience and a more come with added experience and a more
thorough knowledge of what is desired. The Tradesman is in no sense a "house
organ"- one of the most detestable features of trade journalism-and is therefore not subject to the caprice of any outside influerce as to what it shall and shall not print. We shall continue to act independently, giv-
ing place to such matters as we see fit, withing place to such matters as we see fit, with-
out any regard to whom they may hit, having in mind only the general good of the retall tradesman. Recognizing that a subscription list numbering every retailer in Western Michigan is a source of strength vastly more valuable than the advertising patronage of a dozen jobbers, we shall bend every energy
to accomplish that end, agreeing to to accomplish that end, agreeing to furnish a
paper in no sense unworthỳ the mercantile paper in no sense un
interests of the State.
A word to our readers who are not already
subscribers. We have sent The Tradesman regularly each week to several thousand reputable dealers, at our own risk. By
this time, they are enabled to determine inether it will be of any assistance to them they are at perfect liberty to inform us of the fact, receiving the assurance that the account is balanced, as we have no desire to use of him, and what he does not want. If,
on the other hand, the paper las afforded on the other hand, the paper has afforded
him any profit, given him seasonable hints and pertinent suggestions that are valuable in a business sense, we should be pleased to
receive his subscription, either in the shape of a cash advance or a notification that the
paper is wanted. Let it be understood that no wholesale house is sending the paper to
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E. A. stowe, Editor and Proprietor.
 WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9, 1884. ang the trade. Kimm \& Harvey, retail druggists, have
dissolved, Martinus B. Kimm continuing. G. P. Stark, the generel dealer at Cascade,
is sojourning in the city for several days sojourning in the city for severas days, of Supervisors, of which body he is a mem-
mer.

 42 and 44 Ottawa St., and 89, 91, 93 and 95 Louis St., Grand Rapids, Mich.

## IMPORTMRS AND JOBE円RSOF

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FINE, Prices LOW. We quate totar: The Markeet is mall suppliedi, Quality Box Orangos, Ohoico $8 \mathbf{8 . 2 5 - 8 . 5 . 5 0}$ Hox Oransos, Fiorial s8.75-sti.75
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PUTNAM \& BROOKS. M. C. Russell, 48 Othawa St, , G'd Rapids. 5
 Recent developments indicate that Wetzell
Bros. will not be able to offer more than 20
2ents on the dollar, and in case the City National Bank is able to hold its recent at-
tacment on the pine lands of the firm in
Mrinesota it is not improbable that an offer
of 10 or 15 per cent. will be made. Whether any considerable number of the creditor
will accept so small a percentage of their
claims remains to be seen seen. Several o the jobbing houses here have concluded to
hecept ono offer less than 50 per cent., pre-
ferring to take their chances of securing a H. H. Fuller has en
busness at Gladwin.
M. Wyngert his en
musiness Mary Elbinger has Chas. Hitchcock, dealer in boots and shoes
at Ionia, has sold out to J. F. Dyer, lately of H. Pennock \& Son have engaged in the
rocery business at Thos. T. Woods, the Fremont furniture Thoser, is offering to compromise with withe his
reditors on the basis of 25 per cent. John F. Herriok, formerly in partnership
with J. F. Gill in the grocery busines, has
purchased a half interest in the grocery es purchased a half interest in the grocery es-
tablishment of Chas. B. Lovejoy, at Big
Rapids. The firm name will be Lovejoy \& Sparta Sentinel: L. E. Paige is busy
aking an inventory of his stock of drugs,
roceries, etc. It is said that he cont lates taking a partner in the business and
hat the name of the firm will be Paine

A Battle Creek firru sent 1,000 sacks of
ilour to Liverpool last week.
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C. T. Hills, one of Muskegon's wealthy
umbermen, is building a palatial home there The Diamond Match Co. has 13 camps
running in Ontonagon county, employing 500 The Gale Sulky-Harrow Manufacturing
Co, of Detroit, has increased its capital to he Salt Association of Michigan will be
eld at East Saginaw, January 17 Saginaw county reports a pine tree recent
y ut which made 8,216 feet of uppers cerine works at Kawkaw It is week they turned out 2,000 pounds. It is expected that rock salt will be struek
n the St. Clair well at about 1,600 feet At Mt. Clemens, W. J. Daley has sold his nterest in the hardware business, heretofore
ofducted by Daley \& Poxner, to Anthony R. Richardi contemplates building a seoon he dimensi
The firm of Wetmore \& Belding, the leadolved partnership by by mutual eonsent. Mr Mr
J . Wetmore will hereatter carry on usiness. Mr. Wetmore is widely kn
the proprietor ot the Wetmore axe.
The Saginaw River mills cut in 1883, 938,
675,078 feet of pine lumber, $106,132,490$ pieces of lath, $41,092,000$ salt barrel staves,
and $2,356,000$ sets of heading. There is on he mill docks of the River, $376,000,000$ feet sold.

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kee. He left Monday for a six, weeks' tour
of Iowa and Missouri in the interest of Pearl
Baking Powder, after which he will retr Baking Powder, after which he will return
home, spending the remainder of the year in
Michigan.
Calendars are being distributed again by
the thousands and tens of thousands. Many
of thousands and tens of thousands. Many
answer the description tyiven but a majajity
and a "cullud" woman who entered a country store in Alad
bama and said she wanted a new "caliker" bama and said she wanted a new "caliker",
dress "nuthin' loud or gaudy, but one with
plenty of red and yaller in it." The predomplenty of red and yaller in it." The predom-
inence of "red and yaller" is quite marked
this year. M. B. Church left last night for Chicago,
and.will spend a week at that place and New York. He yesterday ordered a 4,000
pound safe, and proposes hereafter to keep the books of the Alapasastine in such a man-
ner that tampering with them will be out of ner that tampe
the question.
There is great rejoicing in owosso over
the prospects of a woolen mill being, built old.

