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The United States, in its dealings with foreign countries, sold more than it bought in 1883. This is a healthy condition of ao-
fairs; yet as we paid tens of millions of dollars to foreign ship owners for transporta-
tion, it would be difficult to say upon which tion, it would be difficult to say upon whic

side of the national ledger the balance will | be found. |
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The conflagration at Lowell on Saturday, involving losses three times in excess of the
insurance, emphasizes the suggestions made insurance, emphasizes the suggestions made the advisability of keeping well insured. No business man can afford to ignore the question of insurance, and the more precarious the risk, and the greater the amount of goods bought on credit, the more pertinent
the question becomes. The present season the question becomes. The present season
is proving particularly disastrous to "wooden towns," without adequate fire-protection, and the sooner uninsured merchant make a move in the matter, the better it will be for themselves, their creditors, and the towns in which they are located.
The most $\overline{\text { 今uccessful journalistic venture }}$ in the West for many years is the Detroit
Evening Journal. It is now only four months old and has a circulation of nearly
17,000 , with an increase of from 100 to 500 17,000 , with an increase of from 100 to 500
every week. Its special attention to Michievery week. Its special attention to Michi-
gan matters has already made it a faverite throughont the State, and no Detroit paper established institution, and no daily in the West can point to a like success in the same space of time, no evening paper publishes
more complete telegraphic news, and its mar ket reports are endorsed by the Detroit Board of Trade as the most reliable and sat-
isfactory arrangement of commercial news siven to Michigan readers.

## As will be seen in another column, the convention which met at Washington last

 week mainly to review the Lowell bank-ruptey bill, but presumably to deal in an ruptey bill, but presumably to deal in an
advisory way with all cognate legislation, advisory way with all cognate legislation,
resolved to reccommend the Lowell draft to Congress, after adding some amendments.
The necessity for uniformity in bankruptcy matters is out of all question, but the diffi-
culty has been to devise a measure culty has been to devise a measure that would fairly meet the varying conditious of
commeree and equitablytsecure the interests commerce and equitablstsecure the interests
of ereditor and debtor alike. Honest creditors and honest debtors are not the only
people to be considered. There are, unfortunately, dishonest debtors dealing with honest creditors, and honest debtors dealing with grasping creditors. The adjustment
of the differences likely to arise under these varying circumstances is what forms
the difificulty of legislation, and renders it extremely unlikely that a measure of this kihd will be passed at the present session of Congress. Michigan merchants and manu-
facturers may safely be set down as opposed to the proposed law.

There are reasons for believing that the climax of railroad building in this country, which, for eighteen years past, has absorbed so large a proportion of the national energy,
has been passed, and that from this time has been passed, and that from this time
forth it will be prosecuted in a moderate forth it will be prosecuted in a moderate
manner. The mileage built in 1883 shows a falling of of 4,981 miles from the preceding year-6,608 for 1883 and 11,591 for 1882 ; and it shows a falling off, too, as compared with each preceding year from 1879. The railroads, having an agetle supplied with miles. Nearly all the needed trunk lines are built in the East and West, and the work of adding the necessary branches as they are demanded will not require a large amount of
energy or capital. Many of the Eastern states are completely equipped, and even
branch road building in them is ended. branch road bnilding in them is ended. The Southern and some of the Western states,
Michigan among them, still show considerable activity in completing their imperfect will be perfected, and then railroad building will cease to possess the importance in ha possessed since the war.
The progress of the South in

The progress of the South in manufa creasing degree, and this progress is in no department more noticeable than in the manufacture of agricultural implements The fact that Georgia made 250,000 plough last year is one of the most significant evi-
dences of the transformation that is takin dences of the transformation that is taking
place. The smaller farm and plantation tools are now made, to a considerable ex number of hands employed doubled between 1870 and 1880. Within the last three year the advance has been much more rapic, owing to the development of Southern iro
interests. In 1880 the total number Southern factories, where the making of ag
ricultural tools was the chief industry, wa
296. Nearly all these works have largely 296. Nearly all these works have largel
increased their capaeity lately, and most them have about them all the evidences of
prosperity. The aggregate output of thes prosperity. The aggregate output of these
establishments does not, indeed, constitute a formidable proportion of the total production of the country, but it indicates a remarkable
advance in a field hitherto almost advance in a field hitherto almost mond
lized by the North aud West, a result which
is not less encouraging than the fact that is not less encouraging than the fact that
Southern cotton-mills in the past three years Southern coton-mills in the past three yeas,
went up from 713,989 spindles to $1,276,422$, an increase of 80 per cent. It will certainly be a mistake to prevent
the circulation of one and two dollar bills, the circulation of one and two dollar bills,
as some congressmen propose, by refusing
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lated bills. The idea that the silver doll lated bills. The idea that the silver dollar
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possible for any coin to wholly meet the possible for any coin to wholly meet the
needs subserved by the small bills. One and two dollar notes are especially needed
for mail remittances, for which the postal for mail remittances, for which the postal
notes and money orders are not available in many eases. If it could be so arranged that the postal notes could be issued by any post-
master the necessity for small treasury notes master the necessity for small treasury notes
and bank bills would be lessened, but there would still be a limited sphere of usefulness subserved by them and nothing else. C gress should not be too hasty to aet upon his plan of driving.small notes out of exispeople merit some consideration. The withdrawal of all the small notes will inevitably result in an increased use of postage stamps as money, a purpose for which they are not serve without a considerable damage to the Governmeat, since the direct result of such
use is to unduly increase the compensation paid many postmasters.
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MICHIGAN TRADESMAN.

| E. A. STOWE, Editor and Proprieto office in eagle butiding, ba pion [Entered at the Patafite at Grand Rap WEDNESDAY, JAK. 23, 1884. <br> among the trade. <br> in tue city. <br> Johin $J$ : Rassen Jre, dealer in groc thas sold outt. <br> Hawhins dierry are enlarging otherwise improving their office. The firm of Noble \& Company solved, Whis. nax, dealers in groeries, dissolved, W. F. Knox, succeeding. I. C. Levi, who is now in Neev Y |
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in the grocery business at Montague. G. H. Trefry \& Son, general. dealers
Lyons, contemplate removing to Muir.
 Sand, have dissolved, Nash continuing.
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hros pre property at Nunica to Parkhurst
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 H. A. Crawford, of Cadillac, is in town
for a day or two purchasing large additions M. P. Phbields, general dealer at Hilliards
has received the appointment of postmaster at that places.
Dean Bros. have engaged in the druy busIness at Freesoil. prichasing the Blut
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Curtis \& e erry, milliners of Flint, have made an ansingment to George
the beneit of their creditors.
 W. W. Meomber succeeds sthe firm of Mc
Omber \& Fincham in the
OTocran yand provis ion business at Petoskey and Alanson.
 Wm. Baxter, of Manchester, claims to be
the oldest merchant in the state, having stood behind the counter coninuoust
years.
G. L. Patterson, dealer in drugs at Elmira, has sold out to M. Fordham, for several
years past clerk for Sullivan \& Co., at Mon-
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 Demoor \& Langeland, flour and feednerchants at Muskegon, have dissolved, Larghantan at cuntinuing the the business at the
old stand on Pine street. Charlotte Repubbican: There is talk of
a canning factory being established in this
city Why not? We are in the heart of the
best fruit belt on the continent. best fruit belt on the continent.
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nepand, a general merchant at Pin-
nas beeis closed up by the sherifit lepog, has beeii, closed up by the sheriff. realize over 50 cents on the dollar,
Sparta Sentinel: Lyman Ballard has the Sparta Sentinel: Lyman Ballard has the
stone on the ground for a new business
block on Division street, midway between block on Division street, mid way between
the Oddfellow's block and the Loomis build-
ing. Geo. E. Angell \& Co. have engaged in the
boot and shoo business at Grand Haven Ferdinand shor briftith, the "Co." or of the firm,
was formerly in the harness business at the
same place.
 acquired is the preperty formerly owned by
Ames \& Frost.
Kalamazoo Gazette. Kalamazoo Gazette: Mr. Chas. d'Acram
bal has sold his drug store to MeBride Bros.,
of Detroit. Mr. derambal has been in ac
ive business in Kalamazoo therty and retires with a competancy.
Mancelona Herald. We regret to an-
nounce that G. A. Ely, one of Alba's mer nounce that G. A. Ely, one of Alba's mer
chants, has been compelled to make an as
signment. We hope he may soon recover
from his signment. We hope he may soon recover
from his present embarrassment.
A Bellaire correspondent of the Mancelona Herald writes: Mr. Kibby, of Portland,
who exclanged a stock of goods with Mr.
Wadsworth for thirty lots, intends to locate
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$\qquad$ make turned wooden boxes.
Norcting Norcross \& Dickinson have engaged
brom making at Grand Haven.
The Big Rapids National Bank has creased its capital stock to $\$ 150,000$ Sisson \& Lillie expect to begin cutting
lumber at their Baldwin mill March 1.
The First Natienal Bank of Greenville The First Natienal Bank of Greenville
has declared a semi-annual dividend of 6 per
cent. A stock company has been formed at
North Lansing for the manutacture of wood-
en toys. An Ohio man is trying to organize a stock
company at Charlotte to erect an extensive The Woodard Manufacturing Co., of Mus-
kegon, will hereafter make boxes as well as
fre-kindlers. The Dianond Match Co. has opened a
new and large geteral store at Ontonganon
ned Dr David Ward, of Detroit, one of the
great piek kings of Michigan, denies that he
is worth $\$ 25,000,000$. He modestly admits, noo.
At the anmual meeting of the salt associa
tion held at East Saginaw on the 1 tht, $W$
R Burt was elected president tion held at East Saginaw on the 1 17th, W
R. Burt was elected president; Albert, Mil-
ler, of Bay City, vicepresident; D . . H. Hol
land, secretary, Thomas Cranage, of Bay
City, treasure.. The sales for the past year
were reported as being 2,377, 749 barrels. vistrivg Buyers.
The following retail dealers have visited
the market during the past week and placed he market during the past week
orders with the various houses:
F. den Uyl, Holland F. den Uyl, Holland.
N. S. Loop, Kent City. N. S. Loop, Kent City.
H. A. Crawford, Cadillac.
Chas. Deming, Dutton. Chas. Deming, Dutton.
J. D. F. Pierson, Pierson.
Byron McNeal, Byron Center.
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