

are still high as ever, with no prospect of change. However, the retail trade continues good in that it is consider-field ahead of last year, and the in-crease in general business makes deal-ers more cheerful. The season for rubbers is over, and the trade that now obtains is the usual spring and summer season trade.

HARDWARE AND LUMBER.

The hardware and lumber trades well as the brick business and general building interests are waiting on the beck and call of the clerk of the weather, and there is a disposition to weather, and there is a disposition to valt for better meterological prospects before branching out. There has been a good deal of talk about new office buildings; but visits at the architects' offices do not indicate anything serious, as yet. The harness men, how-ever, report a lively trade in all branches of the harness and saddlery business, and the agricultural imple-ment men are anticipating a heavy trade this spring.

The Two Donkeys.

A Little coster boy's donkey fell down in the road by the curb and re-fused to budge, and in spite of all his efforts he could not induce the douber donkey to get up. A sympathetic crowd soon gathered, when a tall crowd soch gathered, when a tall young man dressed in the extreme of fashion, with high collar, gloves, cane, and eyeglass, came up and, looking over the heads of the crowd, said: "Aw, aw! How much for the don-key?" The boy, who was sitting on the curb, jumped up instantly and cried out: "Does yer muvver want two?"—The Tatler.

IT IS A FACT

Buffalo (N. Y.) Times.

Buffalo (N. Y.) Times. In view of the general belief in the in-crability of chronic Bright's Disease and Diabetes the Jno. J. Fulton Co. of send a representative to interview three parties in this city, two of whom have recovered and the third is getting well. A member of our staff want to one of the parties on Jefferson St. to investi-the the is a business man. He gave the reporter the following facts: He had a friend who was so far gone with Diabetes that he could hardly move. Later he was astonished to see him back again at his employment. Meanwhile his wife developed the same disease. Later she, too, was a great about her daily avocation. The business man in question was in-tensely interested, as he was a great sufferer himself from Diabetes. He effected by the Fulton Compounds for Brights Disease and Diabetes, and he proured the treatment for himself, with the result that the cramps at the the state attend the breated, and he disease entirely disappeared, and business. It so happens that the member of the

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pany, to suspend the payment of divi-dends on the common stock, which had been done some months ago. He also referred to the rebates paid to the farmers who had suffered total or partal losses in their crops, an item which had add I considerably to the operating expense. In view of all the circum-stances, Manager Cutler said the board of directors felt that they had reason to congratulate the company that conditions were as favorable as they were. From the undivided profits

they were. From the undivided profits of the company, dividends of 7 per cent on the preferred stock, amounting to \$210,000 hnd been set aside for the next year and would be paid quarterly as usual. He sold that it was very rare-ly that blight came in two consecutive years, and that he was hopeful of a good season for the coming year. An excellent water supply everywhere was assured.

Mr. Cutler in announcing the gratify-ing success of the bond issue, said that the company's condition would be greatly improved by putting its debt

on a long time basis, as it was always a heavy borrower, being forced to pay for its beets and its running expenses during a period of 90 to 100 days, while the sugar manufactured had to be carried an entire year.



The Partial Interruption of Coal Mining Has Not Perceptibly Retarded It.

LABOR TROUBLES MENACING.

Indications Are That 1906 Will be Record Year For Big Business

New York, April 6 .--- R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade will say tomorrow:

"All of those trustees of the Mutual who are now pointing the finger of scorn at me were aware of all I was doing in connection with legislative work for the Mutual and when they say that they were ignorant of the character of my work they are saying what is untrue. "I am here to challenge them in overv such statement they may make Opening of spring trade is not per-ceptibly retarded by the partial inter-ruption to coal mining, except in the every such statement they may make or have made. I don't propose that immediate vicinity of anthracite mines. Were it not for a few labor contro-versics the commercial horizon would the men associated with me in Mutual shall destroy my reputation to further their own private ends. I am prepared to tell the truth, no mat-ter whom it may hurt, be his position bigh or low." be cloudless. That the year 1906 start-ed out to eclipse all records is evi-denced by bank exchanges being 18 per cent larger than for the first quarhigh or low."

ter of the previous prosperous year, while liabilities of commercial failures averaged only \$1 cents of each \$1,000 of solvent payments through the clear-ing houses, which is the lowest com-It may be mercial death rate for the first three mercial death rate for the first three months of any year. The average loss if distributed through all the firms in business was only \$24.86 to each con-cern—not a serious burden to be borne Defined Prove by change to cern-not a serious burden to be borne by the mercantile world. Railway carnings in March were 6.9 per cent larger than last year, and foreign com-merce at this port for the last week showed gains of \$1,139,369 in imports PO

and \$337,953 in exports, as compared with the corresponding week in 1905. Further strength appeared in the hide market. Failures this week numbered 197, as hide

against 232 last year, and 18 in Can-ada, as against 28 last year.

friendly settlement with the smelte people by arbitration, and that is the when they commenced to build the when they commenced to build the smelters in the center of the valley no objection was raised as no trouble was anticipated. PROTEST AGAINST SMELTERS.

"But now things are different, and knowing that to build emelters near the agricultural or horticultural cen-ters of the state will be destructive to animal and vegetable life, and more especially destructive to the bee in-dustry for several miles about, we view with alarm the report that a smelter is going to be built in Weber county under like conditions as here mention-ed, and as it is the duty of this associ-ation to try to protect the members ation to try to protect the members in their rights as far as possible, why

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in their rights as far as possible, why should not this convention pass a res-olution protesting against the erection of said smelter as proposed? "We note that while the bee indus-try has been destroyed in Sait Lake county, it has been growing in other parts of the state. In Weber county 20 years ago one beekeeper started with a very few colonies and he went into whiter quarters last fall with over 1,909. "Now we ask if this man has no rights, in common with the rest of the beekeepers in Weber county, that should be protected?" A resolution was passed in accord-ance with this recommendation of the president and a committee was up-

president and a committee was up-pointed to protest to the authorities against permitting the proposed We-ber and Boxelder smelters to be built.

New York, April 6.—Andrew C. Fields, former legislative agent for the Mutual Life Insurance company, gave out a statement at Dobbs Ferry today, through his physician, Dr. Judson. He said he never gave a bribe in his career, that he was prepared to vin-dicate himself completely; that he in-tended to tell the whole truth and that he has saved the Mutual hundreds of thousands of dollars. Fields declares that the stories concerning the House of Mirth at Albany are malicious lies, and that he never had any business relations with Andrew Hamilton. The contingent fund of \$600,000, Fields said, will be satisfactorily explained. In his statement Mr. Fields says: "All of those trustees of the Mutual who are now pointing the finger of

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