From Our Exchanges

UNITED STATES.

ADDITIONAL machinery arrived a few days ago for the Ontario Silverware Co., Muncie, Ind., which will give employment to 50 men when placed in position.

TREASURER ROYAL E. ROBBINS, of the American Waltham Watch Co., who has been at Lakewood, N.J., the past month, has been much benefited in health by the change of climate.

HIGH SPRINGS, FLA., lost 23 out of its 30 business houses by fire on the night of March 12, supposed to be incendiary. Among the losses reported is that of George Youmans, jeweler, $1,000; no insurance.

JEWELER FINED.—Passaic, N. J., March 1.—In the case of Wm. W. Thompson, indicted and convicted on complaint of Patrick McMahon and others for conducting a watch club, Judge Barkalow has refused to accept Lawyer Ryan's contention that a watch club was not a lottery. He, however, fined Mr Thompson only $20.

OVER 400 employees of the Keystone Watch Case Co. met Saturday night, at 707 N. Broad St., and organized a union. Charles F. Munger was elected president. He is one of the executive committee of the International Association of Watch Case Engravers of America. About 75 per cent. of the locked out engravers are now working.

A FAKIR struck Niles last week with a new game. He called upon all the jewelers in town and offered to pay the cost of repairs on a watch that had been left. He could not state exactly the time it had been left, but insisted that there was a watch there for him. A consultation of jewelers revealed the fact that he was a swindler. He got out of town in time to avoid arrest.

CHAS. H. HULBURD, president of the Elgin National Watch Co.; J. M. Cutter, general manager of the same company, and Jacob Franks, president of the Illinois Watch Case Co., have been appointed members of the committee to receive Admiral Dewey May 1. Otto Young, of Otto Young & Co., has been appointed a member of the finance committee for Dewey Day.

THE Directors of the American Waltham Watch Co. met on Monday, March 5, and declared a semi annual dividend of 4 per cent., payable March 15, to stockholders of record March 5. The company's balance sheet, Feb. 1, showed no debt and $300,000 cash on hand. The past year's earnings have been at the rate of upward of 11 per cent. on the capital, which was recently increased to $4,000,000.

LUIS VALMACEDA, the young thief who robbed Edgar W. Hodson, jeweler, Devonshire St., Boston, of $2,000 worth of diamonds, about a fortnight ago, throwing flour into the eyes of the dealer and making off on the run with a package of precious stones, was sentenced last Wednesday, in the Superior Criminal Court to a term in the State Prison, at hard labor. The time limit is 10 years maximum, or seven minimum, the latter contingent upon good behavior.

BOSTON, MASS., Feb. 28.—A case which has some appearances of involving a murder was reported to the police late last night. Carl J. Thorpe, jeweler, with an office at 375 Washington St., this city, returned to his home at 34 Harvard St., Cambridgeport, about 8.30 o'clock, with an insignificant looking wound on his mouth. Less than two hours later he was dead. Before he died he told his wife that he had met four men in a barroom and that he had trouble with them.

SILVER DEPOSIT PROCESS PROTECTED. The suit brought by the Alvin Mfg Co., New York, in the United States Court at Trenton, N.J., against John H Scharling, of Newark, for infringement of their patent relating to silver deposit ware, has been decided by Judge Gray in favor of the Alvin company. The patent involved relates to the decoration or ornamentation of glass articles with an open or net work of silver, and covers both the process employed in depositing the silver and the article itself.

GREAT BRITAIN

From Watchmaker, Jeweler and Silversmith.

THE GEM MARKETS.—Amsterdam, February 24th.—Business in diamonds has again been much the same as during the past four months, and large numbers of workpeople of all three branches of the trade are still without employment. There was during the month a fair demand for middle quality *mêlés* and also for middle quality and fine small brilliants. For larger stones there was not much demand. Roses were also sold, but in small quantities. Several foreign buyers and brokers, including several Americans, visited our city, but much business was not done with them as prices are high and are expected to go higher still. *Kappen* and *Enden* sold readily, but there were very few of these on the market owing to the great scarcity of rough.

PARIS, February 23rd.—Our diamond market during the past month was a little more favorable than it has been during the past two months, mainly owing to the coming exhibition. There was a fair demand for all classes of middle quality brilliants, especially *mêlés* and showy large stones suitable for mounting. Small brilliants and roses were also sold in small quantities. A few large parcels of cheap sapphires and rubies were sold, mainly for export. There is a good demand for fine pearls and emeralds.

LONDON, February 28th.—There has been no improvement during February, and the trade is still remaining very dull. At a meeting of the De Beers Company on the 23rd. inst., Mr Rhodes anticipated the price of diamonds being still higher owing to the production having ceased during the past four months and the existing scarcity of diamonds in the market. The syndicate will be sending their last shipment from Kimberley on March 5th. There is a rumor current that there will be another rise of 5 per cent. We give it for what it is worth.

ANTWERP, February 23rd.—Things here are in a shockingly bad state. There is no business whatever doing, cutters without number are out of work, and many of them with their families are in a state verging on starvation.