

Regina, have been disposed of at 57½ cents and 54½ cents in the dollar respectively. — Several writs have of late been issued against Jno. Stork, druggist, Portage La Prairie. Perhaps this will account for the recent sale of his stock at 90½ cents in the dollar.

It is a new feature in the transmission of power, the placing of two pulleys on a double driver, thus economizing space. This contrivance is approved and adopted by various electrical companies, for as a rule they drive their dynamos four each side of their shaft, and crowd their pulleys as close together as possible. The Waterous Grip Pulleys have obtained the evident approval of a number of electrical concerns, for numerous shipments of them have been made, among others to the Hamilton Electric Light and Power Co., and to the Kingston Light, Heat and Power Co., while the firm of Hunt Brothers & Co. have a dozen of them at work in their electric light station in London. The latest pair sent them (produced at the Waterous factory in nine days and shipped on July 6th) were big ones, being 82 by 16-inch face, arranged to work on a central driver 50 inches diameter.

MR. J. C. BRACKENRIDGE complains that we did him injustice in an item last week, and that the statement as to his not being satisfied with his position as manager for S. Crane & Co., and that he started on his own hook fifteen months ago, is misleading. "Messrs. S. Crane & Co. gave up doing business as coal merchants about that time, consequently there was no position for me to retain." He states that he did put \$2,800 into the business as capital in cash. Mr. Brackenridge objects to our saying that because the Conger Coal Co. have obtained a judgment against him for \$2,600, "other creditors are not likely to receive any dividend." He says that it is "true that the Conger Coal Co. got a judgment against me for the amount mentioned, but they have received in cash and securities more than enough to liquidate their claim against me. My other debts do not amount to more than \$400, part of which is secured, and the balance is being paid in full as rapidly as possible."

HAVING failed in the bakery and confectionery business at Port Arthur, J. C. Banks renewed the attempt under his wife's name, but her assignment, just recorded, indicates that success is some distance off yet. — The firm of Weir & Weir have dealt in flax at St. Marys for many years, and always with credit to themselves. Twelve or fifteen years ago they commenced to operate in cattle, and as

this industry has not of late been a profitable one it is fair to assume that their ventures have not resulted favorably, for a compromise has been arranged at 40 cents in the dollar. The liabilities amount to \$42,600, and assets \$33,000. — Politics are all very well in their way, but when mixed with business do not produce a very happy combination. This seems to have been the experience of W. H. Clegg, a hardware dealer at Gorrie who has failed. — Mrs. H. Swift is the wife of John Swift, who failed in the shoe line at Stratford last September. The former has now made an assignment.

#### PARCELS FOR GROCERS.

The following information as to the coffee crop of Brazil is furnished by a correspondent of the N. Y. *Shipping List* of last Saturday: "Coffee crop for the year 1892-93, our Brazilian friends estimate at 3½ million bags. Total export for year, including balance of old crop left in the country, 3½ million bags. Santos crop for the year 1892-93, 3½ million bags. Indications are that there will be little improvement in the Rio crop in the matter of quality, and it is feared that much of the earlier receipts may be sent to market insufficiently cured."

In view of the partial failure of the currant crop in Greece, estimates of the probable limit of the damage done acquire interest. Mr. Worsley, of Manchester, thinks the blight, which is chiefly prevalent at present in the western districts of Greece, will be likely to lessen the output 50 per cent. Other reports quote 30 or 40 per cent., but as the means of staying the pest are practically nil, and reports are contradictory on the point of whether it has attained a stationary point, the higher estimate is not improbable. "The effects of the reports to hand are already noticeable in a general advance of 2s. to 2s. 6d. per cwt. on stocks, says the *Manchester Grocer's Review*; in some quarters a reduced crop will be welcomed, as currants have been very low for some time."

A recent fraud just heard of by our country exchanges is the butter agent who makes contracts with farmers to handle their butter all summer at 26 cents a pound, the farmer signing a contract to ship the butter, which contract turns out to be a note for \$260. Moral—do business with the town storekeepers, and give the agent a wide berth.

There is in London, Eng., says the *Hotel Mail*, a firm of women tea merchants who

have bought an estate in Ceylon, and carry on their business entirely through women blenders, tasters, packers and agents. The rooms where this essentially feminine luxury is dispensed in London are marvelously decorated and daintily appointed, and are becoming a favorite rendezvous for women.

Mr. S. Schofield, of St. John, N. B., has an interesting bill of lading. It is dated at Hong Kong, China, May 27th, and arrived in St. John with the 69 packages of goods named about a month from that date. The shipper's name is Kwong Sang Wo of Hong Kong, and the goods are consigned to Woo Lee of Demarara via C. P. R. S.S. "Empress of Japan," the C. P. railway and the West India S.S. line from St. John. The goods will be forwarded by the "Taymouth Castle," of the Pickford and Black line. It seems, says the *Sun*, rather queer to see in a bill between such extreme ports goods of this description: Oysters, turnips, shoes, Chinese flour, sweet fruits, dried fish, China wine, plums, pepper nut oil, dried fish fins, sugar.

—The *Boston Journal of Commerce* gives some idea of the use that is being made of typewriting machines in the United States in the statement that one make of machine is sold at the rate of one every five minutes.

—Here's an idea for Canadian bank clerks. The N. Y. *World* states that the bank clerks of Denver jointly own a cottage in the Rockies, fifty miles away, where they all pass their vacations, occupying it in detachments during the summer.

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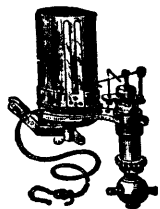
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