

BUSINESS NOTES.

E. M. BLAKELY, jeweler, formerly of Picton, has moved to Trenton, where he proposes to push trade. THE TRADER wishes him success.

DEWEY's hardware store, in St. Thomas, was entered on the night of March 10th by burglars, who carried off a quantity of firearms, knives, &c.

THE inscription "Thou shalt not steal" is conspicuously displayed in the window of a New York Jeweler. A loaded revolver emphasizes the command.

JEWELRY STORE BURGLARIZED.—John Cochran's jewelry shop, of Schumberg, was broken into on the 19th March, and about \$600 worth of jewelry stolen. The thief effected an entrance by cutting an armhole through the back door just above the bolt.

WE notice that Mr. T. J. Wheeler, jeweler, of Georgetown, has lately fitted up his new store with all the latest modern improvements. Friend Wheeler don't propose to take a back seat, and Georgetown can now boast of as elegant a jewelry store as any town west of Toronto.

MCINTYRE & DAVIDSON, jewelers, of Portage la Prairie, Man., are disposing of their branch business in Minnindosa, with a view of concentrating their business. This is a good chance for any enterprising man with a small capital.

THE New York Sun, speaking of a long-drawn-out suit between two farmers, says: "When they began the case there were two well-off farmers and two poor lawyers. Now there are two poor farmers and two well-off lawyers."

NATURALIZATION PAPERS.—Mr. Moses Schwartz, jeweler, of this city, swore allegiance to the Queen last month, took out naturalization papers, and became a British subject. Mr. Schwartz intends visiting his home in Russia, and for his own protection during his travels he became a Canadian citizen.

THE sign originally adopted by the pawn-brokers was three pendent dices, gilded to represent gold coins. After a while the form was changed to three balls, that the objects might be equally conspicuous from whatever direction seen. These remain the emblems of the traffic to this day.

FAILURE OF A SAFE MANUFACTURER.—Godfroi Chapleau, safe manufacturer, has failed with liabilities of \$40,000. At a meeting of his creditors the insolvent offered 35 cents on the dollar, which was declined. The embarrassments of Mr. Chapleau arises out of his investments in the Montreal abattoir enterprises, which turned out so badly.

THE RESULT OF A SIMILARITY OF NAMES.—Complaints reach us from several quarters of a person travelling for a small plate house in Toronto, who obtains orders from merchants by leading them to believe that he is the agent of the Meriden Britannia Co. Dealers should look out for such people, and make certain what Company they represent before they place any orders with them.

SAVING HIS CAPITAL.—"You're a goose!" angrily exclaimed an Austin man to his wife, who continually chided him about his excessive

extravagance. "You do nothing but cackle, cackle, cackle all the time." "Yes, dear," she sweetly replied, "but you must not forget that the cackling of geese once saved the capitol of Rome, and if cackling can save your capital I'm going to keep it up." And she did.

JOSEPH BILLINGS forcibly observes that "before a man deliberately makes up his mind to be a rascal, he had better examine himself closely in order to ascertain whether he ain't better constructed for a phool." If O. G. Martin, jeweler, of Blyth, had taken this into consideration before he went into his "queer money" speculation, he would have been better off today. Honesty is the best policy after all, as Mr. Martin's experience given in another column will show.

F. T. BRADLEY, Collector of Customs at Emerson, was arrested last month and brought to Winnipeg, charged with destroying the manifest of coal, the duty on which was many thousand dollars, and keeping the money. He was also charged with embezzling \$4,000 of the Government's money. When brought to Winnipeg he was taken with convulsions and subsequently expired.

AN INVESTIGATION conducted by Inspector Mewburn, of Hamilton, shows Wm. Buchner, Collector of Customs at Fort Erie, to be out in his accounts \$500. Buchner has always borne an excellent reputation until now. He once ran for the Ontario Legislature. He is about 35 years of age, with a wife and three children. He is supposed to have become embarrassed and borrowed the money to pay old debts. Buchner's bondsmen will be held responsible for the deficit.

THE EMPLOYEES in J. & J. Taylor's safe works a few evenings since presented a beautiful marble clock, accompanied by a complimentary address, to Joseph Grove, for many years foreman and manager of the works, upon his retirement from his late position to open safe works for himself in London. Mr. Grove made a very appropriate acknowledgment of the presentation made him, and only hoped that his new field in life might be productive of as much happiness as he had experienced in his late position.

THE jewelry store of Abel Ashby, on Sandwich street, Windsor, was robbed last Wednesday afternoon of 24 watches, three sets of plated jewelry, two revolvers, a set of watchmaker's tools and a lot of assorted jewelry. The supposed thief is Randolph Malandur, who had charge of the store. Ashby did not discover his loss until several hours after Malandur had departed. He estimates his loss at about \$212. Malandur has been in his employ but a short time. His home is in Montreal.

AN OFFICIAL of the C. P. R. states that trains are now run east of Port Arthur as far as Nipigon, where they are stopped, as the bridge has not yet been built over the river there. Upwards of 10,000 men are at work on construction between Port Arthur and Michipicoten, to which point it is thought the road will be finished by this time next year. Work could be found for 500 additional men now, and in a few weeks for 2,000 more.

THE latest "city of a day," Silver City, in the Rocky Mountains, is growing apace, Build-

ing operations are being rapidly pushed with a view to a rush of business in the spring. Four large mining companies are at work developing their locations, and have thus far met with unexpected success. Smelt works, shafts and outbuildings are being rapidly erected. Business men are arriving by every train. Property has risen and rents are high. Everything points, in fact, to the new city becoming a Canadian Leadville.

AN ASSIGNMENT.—The firm of Peter Paterson & Son, hardware merchants, has assigned in trust to M. & L. Samuel, Yonge street. It is claimed that the liabilities of the firm amount to only \$5,000, exclusive of loans on real estate which are covered by mortgages. The assignment was precipitated, so it is said, to prevent the foreclosure by a loan company of real estate on King street, but there were other claims which would have rendered the action necessary in a short time. The cause of the failure is alleged to be the limited capital on which it was attempted to carry on the business.

ONE effect of the cheapening of letter postage in the United States has been the reduction in the number of postal cards used, the falling off since July 1st being over three million and a half. The increase in stamps used during the same period has been 18 per cent., and of stamped envelopes 25 per cent. The loss on the reduction will probably be merely temporary. It is not to the credit of Canada that we still keep up the three-cent rate while our neighbors are enjoying the advantages of two-cent postage.

AT EL PASO, Mexican dollars are worth 85 cents in American coin. At Paso del Norte just across the river, American dollars are worth 85 cents on the dollar in Mexican coin. One morning a car-driver started from the American side with a Mexican dollar. On his arrival at the Mexican town he took a drink of chain lightning, which was fifteen cents, and received an American dollar in change for his Mexican. On his return to the American side he took a drink of equally bad liquor and received a Mexican dollar for his American, and so repeating the drinks at intervals during the day, and at night he closed up business with the Mexican dollar he started with in the morning in his pocket.

IN London, although the jewelry trade is somewhat languid, the leading jewelers are taking the opportunity of refitting up their places and be ready for the rush when it does come. A. S. Murray leads the van in the way of improvements, his fixtures being extremely elaborate. Trebilcock is pushing things as usual and expects to be able to meet all the requirements his customers may make. Morphy has improved his stand, certainly the best in the city for his business, until it presents the appearance of Broadway enterprise that our cousins across the border are slow to give us Canucks credit for. And McGloshon, we were almost forgetting him, has got his sextant, or quadrant, and all his other ancient paraphernalia burnished up, and in his window, ready for the opening of spring navigation or anything else that turns up. In spite of his wonderful bargains of goods below cost, a friend of ours managed, last week, to press his way into McGloshon's store, and