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NOT ENCOURAGING.

Woolraisers throughout the country are looking forward to high prices for this year's clip, but they must not be disappointed if the wool market does not come up to their expectations.

Business among manufacturers and agents showed some slight improvement during the past week, but at best it is still in a more or less deplorable state.

On the other hand, he is put in a very precarious condition. As goods are charged up, agents make advances to the manufacturer, with the result that many of them are unable to pay.

The recent war scare has only aggravated matters, as it has produced a more stringent money market, and moves from the manufacturer his only chance to tide over his difficulties.

It is such inconsistencies that have brought about the present condition of affairs, from which the manufacturer has no redress.

When a buyer contracts for his season's supply, and is induced to speculate on the strength of the market, he is the one who should suffer the consequences, and not the manufacturer.

SUSCEPTIBLE OF ATTACK.

The platform adopted by the state republican convention is what had been anticipated—a declaration for the gold standard, an endorsement of President McKinley's administration, a few boastful words about the return of prosperity, "brought about by the influence of the republican party in power."

However, the platform, while it was intended to do the right thing by the republican party, has done a pretty good deal of harm to the people of the nation upon the return of prosperity, which it says is due to the "restoration of the republican party to power."

Not satisfied with accusing their party of having wrought destitution in India and Australia, by preventing the rain falling so that the good crops of America should be a good profit for the republican party credit for bringing about prosperity, the convention declares that all needless offices and commissions shall be abolished.

WAR AND BONDS.

If there is to be war, there is to be a bond issue. A bond issue in war times will be more popular than at any time, but just as resolute to bondbuyers and bondholders.

The declaration favoring the maintenance of the present gold standard cannot be construed except as an endorsement of the infamous Gage currency bill, for it is the repeated republican plan for retaining the gold standard, hence the republican party must prepare to defend the proposition to retire the greenbacks and place the issuance of all credit money in the hands of the national banks.

A MATTER OF SENTIMENT.

War with Spain is now a foregone conclusion. Nothing but a resort to arms can result as a consequence of the ultimatum offered Spain.

But the controversy between America and Spain, which has been forced by our government, is purely a sentimental ground.

The cases for declaring war on this ground have existed for years, and the intervention of America at this time will not meet the hearty approval of the nations of the world that it would have a year or two ago.

WANAMAKER WILL FIGHT.

Ex-Postmaster-General John Wanamaker, the wealthy Philadelphia merchant, has notified the secretary of war that he is at the command of the president in the event of war.

How many other old soldiers are thus patriotic? How many of them will follow the example of this old veteran of the '60's if all who are today receiving pensions that are able to support themselves, would donate their pension money to the government for one year, there would be little need of issuing bonds to prosecute the war with Spain.

NO STRAW BIDS.

Today bids for carrying the mail between The Dalles and Prineville closed, and it is to be presumed that the contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder, and it is probably well known by all who are in the business of carrying the mail as it is a well known fact that the stipulations of his contract must be complied with.

There are no doubt troubles of 1861-64 have been forgotten, but we are feeling the North has for the South crops out occasionally when some one is a bidder.

There is a remedy that has pulled thousands of people right out of this depth of despair. It is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It acts directly upon the stomach and liver. It restores their natural capacity to nourish and purify the blood, and drives out the "blue devils" of melancholy and nervousness.

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SIGNED BY MCKINLEY.

The President affixes his signature to the Resolution. A STRONG ULTIMATUM. Spain Given Forty-Eight Hours in Which to Evacuate the Island of Cuba.

Two-Hundred Thousand Troops to Be Raised on Short Notice—The Armies are Mobilizing in the South.

Washington, April 20.—To-day the president affixes his signature to the joint resolution passed by congress yesterday recognizing the independence of Cuba, and authorizing a armed intervention to bring the war in Cuba to a close.

PLANS OF THE ADMINISTRATION.

The Will of Congress Will Be Carried Out Hastily. WASHINGTON, April 19.—Soon after his signature is affixed to the joint resolution, which everyone here expects is a prelude to war, President McKinley will notify the Spanish government that he has signed the resolution, and that its provisions require that Spain shall immediately withdraw her land and naval forces from Cuba and surrender sovereignty over the island.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—Three battalions of the regular infantry, cavalry and artillery, began its movements toward the mobilizing points in the south from all parts of the United States today.

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THE NATION'S DEFENDERS.

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WASHINGTON, April 21.—The senate resolution authorizing the president to prohibit the export of coal until otherwise ordered passed the house at 5:30.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The North Atlantic squadron, called from Key West for Havana. The squadron will be back here by tomorrow.

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