

politicians to serve their country in some other manner.

THE FALL PROSPECTS.

The WISCONSIN LUMBERMAN has repeatedly expressed the opinion that prices for lumber would be higher during the fall months than they were during the past spring. We still hold to that opinion. Notwithstanding reported dullness of the different markets a great deal of lumber is being handled by the retail dealers of the country and their sales are very nearly, or quite, up to the average for the time of year. There has really—averaging the different portions of the country—been a slight increase in business since the last of May; and there are several reasons why the market will probably continue to advance. The passage of the currency bill has already had some effect in enlivening western business and there is every reason to believe that ere long the west will materially feel the good effect of what may appropriately be termed, western inflation and eastern contraction. The farmers will add another season of prosperity to their already flourishing situation and will therefore consume more largely of lumber than usual. The low prices—even if an advance of two or three dollars per M., should occur—will be a temptation to buy. Consumers of lumber well know that they can never expect to buy at more favorable terms than are offered them this season; and there is now a strong tendency to purchase lumber which will not be used until fall. It has become

generally understood that there is no overstock of lumber even for the trade which has been considered so dull. There is a better feeling among dealers, as a class, than there was two months ago. Very many would gladly invest at present prices, much more money than is convenient for them to use now. As business revives for the fall trade there is every reason to believe that the lumber business will feel the good effect of that revival, to a greater extent than almost any other trade. During the stagnation which has effected all branches of trade during the season thus far, the lumber business has suffered least of all the manufacturing industries. It has even gained a little in activity while other trades have become more and more depressed. The tendency of the market may now be said to be upwards even if no marked advances in quotations are recorded. The general health of the lumber business just now is decidedly better than that of any other manufacturing business—poor through you may please to call it. There is a slight strengthening of the pulse now; it will continue; the fall season will be comparatively active and beneficial. And the season of 1874 will close with the lumbermen of the country in much better condition than they were in the fall of 1873.

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