

GOOD ADVICE TO THE TRADE.

The *Lumberman's Gazette*, our enterprising contemporary on the east shore of Lake Michigan, has assumed the form of a large eight-page weekly and instituted many marked improvements. We shall continue to be proud of it, notwithstanding its prosperity, so long as it gives those engaged in the lumber trade such sensible advice as this:

Among the lumber manufacturers there is and has been for some time, a difficulty which must sooner or later be corrected, and the sooner the better, perhaps. There are too many of them doing business on an almost exclusive credit system, and others who have been in the habit of receiving very heavy lines of credit, considering the extent of their business. The banks are inclined to curtail those credits, and unless sales of lumber are made promptly, and for cash to meet current expenses, there is a cramped condition for the manufacturer. Whether or not the banks are as accommodating as they might and ought to be, is a question we suggest for their consideration, but we do insist that the business in lumber should be reduced to a proper and legitimate basis, instead of carried on after the inflated fashion of the past few years. For the present year there is, or will be, a demand for every foot of good lumber manufactured in America, and at prices which will leave a reasonable margin for the manufacturer. Courage in the face of facts, courage to meet any depressing influence which may arise, or which may now exist, courage to limit business to the means employed, and courage to abandon the complaining spirit, will do more for the health of trade and commerce than any imaginary results of legislation affecting currency, whichever way an increase in the circulating medium might affect the country.

TIMBER AND WATER IN TEXAS.

A correspondent of the *Fond du Lac (Wis.) Commonwealth*, gives the following information about Texas:

Texas is well supplied with streams of living water, and they comprise some of the most magnificent rivers in the world, many of them navigable for steamboats and other large crafts, for hundreds of miles, go coursing on their way through the state to the great Gulf. Commencing with the Red River, which forms the northern boundary of the state, we have the Sabine, Trinity, Brazos, Colorado, Gaudalupe, Nueces and the Rio-Grande, which forms the southern and south-western boundary, with their innumerable tributaries, constituting at once the grandest irrigating and drainage system in the world, and furnishing a never failing supply of the best of water for stock and other purposes. Good living well water can be obtained in most parts of the state at a depth of from fourteen to fifty feet, while bright, sparkling springs of that health-giving beverage come bubbling up through the bosom of mother earth, or trickling down the sides of some bluff as if to say, man need not thirst or fly to any subtle, soul-destroying substitute of art, for relief. Nearly all these water courses are lined with a belt of timber extending from a few rods to six or eight miles in width, and large groves embracing thousands of acres of excellent timber for building and other purposes are found in the interior prairies, even in the poorest timbered portion of the state, which is the western counties. The eastern counties are said to be unsurpassed for the abundance and excellent quality of their timber. The principal varieties are pine, cypress, cedar, black walnut, white oak, elm, ash, hickory, pecan, mesquit and bois d'arc.

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