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NOTWITHSTANDING he was once a Postmaster General and is now a Sunday school superintendent there are many people who believe John Wannamaker is telling the truth when he says that the prosperity which McKinley promised has not arrived and the train dispatchers cannot find out where it is at present, says the Knoxville Tribune.

According to an exchange, General Weyler is reported to have given a brusque refusal to commissioners who called upon him to urge that permission be given for the importation of meat into Cuba. He is quoted as saying that the only remedy for the ills of Cuba is the extermination of the Cubans and that if he is allowed to remain three months longer he will accomplish that end.

TERRITORIAL ACQUISITIONS.

In view of the fact that President McKinley has signed the treaty of annexation between this country and the Hawaiian islands, it is interesting to know just what the United States has done heretofore in the way of acquiring new territory. The first, and by far the most important act of this country in the way of acquiring new territory was made in 1803, and was known as the Louisiana purchase, purchase, during Thomas Jefferson's administration from Napoleon Bonaparte for \$175,750,000. The area secured by this purchase was something like 1,198,000 square miles, and out of this the States of Louisiana, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, North and South Dakota, Idaho, Wyoming, Oregon, and Washington have been created, also Oklahoma and Indian Territory and portions of Mississippi, Colorado, Minnesota and Kansas.

In 1819 Millard Filmore, then President of the United States, purchased Florida from Spain, giving therefor the sum of \$5,000,000. The area being 58,680 square miles. In 1845 Texas, which had been a part of Mexico was admitted to the Union as a State. The admission of this territory brought on a war between Mexico and the United States, which of course caused the expenditure of a large sum of money, to say nothing of the loss of human lives. By the admission of Texas the Federal Union acquired something over 350,000 square miles, and the territory acquired from Mexico by purchase and indemnity added still further to our possession 650,000 square miles, out of which the States of California, Utah and Nevada, and parts of Colorado, Arizona and

New Mexico have since been created.

In 1853 the United States purchased from Mexico 30,000 square miles. at a cost of \$10,000,000, and this new acquisition now forms a part of New Mexico and Arizona. In 1867 Alaska was purchased from Russia at a cost of \$7,200,000, the area secured embracing 577,390 square miles. The Atlanta Constitution from which these figures have been compiled, recapitulating, says that the various acquisitions of territory to the United States have been as follows:

"From France, in 1803, 1,198,000 square miles; 58,680 square miles from Spain in 1819, 325,000 square miles from Texas in 1845, 650,000 square miles from Mexico in 1848, 30,000 square miles from Mexico in 1853, and 577,390 square miles from Russia in 1867—making a total of 2,839,070 square miles. It also observes that in view of the fact that the present area of the United States comprises only 3,602,990 square miles, it is evident that our original territory embraced only 763,920 square miles, or barely one fifth the area of our present national domain."

The annexation of Hawaii will require no purchase money, but the assumption of an enormous debt, and with a gain of little or nothing in return.—Virginian.

"WAR FEELING IN DIXIE."

Walter Welman, writing from Washington to the Lowell, Mass., News, makes the statement that there is more war feeling among the Senators and Representatives from the Southern States than those from the North, and that the feeling crops out in many ways and is believed to reflect public opinion in the sections behind them. "I have asked," says he, "a number of Senators how they explain it, and the most usual answer is that the men of the South would hail with joy an opportunity to fight again under the old flag. The young men of Dixie have more of the martial spirit than their fellows of the North, and if there were to be a war between the United States and Spain, for instance, probably enough volunteers would offer from the South alone to fill out the quota of our armies five times over. Southern men tell me there is a feeling among their people that the South and North will never be completely reunited till there has been a foreign war in which the men from the States formerly in rebellion will have an opportunity to demonstrate their love for the Union by going to the front. Many Southern men would be glad to have the 'late war' refer to a struggle with a foreign power rather than to the 'rebellion.'"

Mr. Welman is generally correct in his statements, but he must not conclude from what Southern representatives in Washington tell him that the South is spoiling for a fight with some foreign power, simply that its people might prove their devotion to "the old flag." However, if the United States should go to war, the South will do its duty and the old flag will have in her an able defender.—Ex.

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Capitalists coming South.

Reginald West, of London, and three other capitalists who are natives of France, and who do not speak English, were passengers on the Southwestern express, which reached Pittsburg over the Pennsylvania Railroad today. They continued to St. Louis and from there will go South. Mr. West when spoken to was rather reticent in regard to the party's mission in this country, although admitting that they represented a syndicate of English, German, French and Belgian capitalists, which is buying up mining and other properties in this country. He said they controlled from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000, a portion of which had already been invested in Tennessee phosphate mines and other property in that section of

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the United States. He preferred not to divulge the names of his companions or the others interested.

"We are on our way to look over some coal mines in the Birmingham, Ala., district," said Mr. West, "and will view other promising investments. I do not think any of the capital will be placed in Pittsburg or in Pennsylvania. The South being developed less than the North, offers better inducements."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Folly of a Fool.

One fool makes many, and the Chicago man knows how to rope them in. The man who can't afford to take his home paper sends \$5 to a firm in the windy city, in answer to an advertisement sent in a circular, for a patent fire escape. He received a New Testament.—Ex.

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