

The False Prophet of 1896.

If the prophecies and predictions made by Bryan had proven to be true, the gold standard, which has been in operation ever since he uttered them, would have produced the following direful results, to-wit:

It would have increased the purchasing power of the gold dollar.—(Madison Square Garden speech.)

It would have been as certain to make prices fall as a stone is to fall when it is thrown into the air.—(Newton, Iowa, speech.)

It would have increased the debts of the people and lessened their ability to pay them.—(Baltimore speech.)

It would have starved everybody except the money changers and the money owners.—(New Haven, Conn., speech.)

It would have transferred the bread which one man earns to another man who has not earned it.—(Hartford, Conn., speech.)

It would have made the rich richer and the poor poorer.—(Newark, Ohio, speech.)

It would have decreased the number who are happy and increased the number who are in distress.—(Same speech.)

It would have destroyed the hope of the toiling masses.—(Minneapolis, Minn., speech.)

It would have destroyed the opportunity to work.—(Same speech.)

It would have increased the number of idle men.—(Same speech.)

It would have decreased the volume of standard money.—(Same speech.)

It would have encouraged the hoarding of money.—(Hornesville, N. Y., speech.)

It would have made it more and more difficult for the farmer to live.—(Madison Square Garden speech.)

It would have injured the wage-earner.—(Same speech.)

It would have made employment less certain.—(Same speech.)

It would have discouraged enterprise.—(Same speech.)

It would have paralyzed industry.—(Same speech.)

It would have lessened the ability of savings banks to collect their assets.—(Same speech.)

It would have increased the danger of depositors losing their deposits in savings banks.—(Madison Square Garden speech.)

It would have compelled depositors in savings banks to withdraw their deposits to pay living expenses.—(Same speech.)

It would have lessened the salaries of those engaged in business occupations and would have lessened the permanency of such salaries.—[Same speech.]

It would have injured those who have permanent investments in railroad stocks and other like enterprises.—[Same speech.]

It would have injured or destroyed the manufacturers of agricultural implements, wagons and buggies.—[Springfield, Ohio, and Flint, Mich., speeches.]

It would have lessened the ability of the masses to buy goods and thereby would have lessened the number of commercial traveling men.—[Indianapolis speech to traveling men.]

It would have made it impossible for husbands and wives to pay off the mortgages on their homes.—[Minneapolis, Minn., speech to ladies.]

It would have made it necessary to advocate the closing up of our public schools.—[Monmouth, Ill., speech.]

It would have made it more profitable to loan money or to hoard it than to invest it in enterprise or property.—[Syracuse, N. Y., speech.]

It would have made dearer money, cheaper property, harder times, more people out of work, more people destitute, more people desperate, more crime.—[Minneapolis speech to ladies.]

It would have lowered the standard of civilization in this country.—[Madison Square Garden speech.]

It would have been writing the future in blood, crushed out by gold.—[Erie, Penn., speech.]

All these prophecies and predictions about the evils that would befall us if the gold standard were adopted have utterly failed.

Mr. Bryan said in a speech delivered at Lincoln, Neb., July 7, 1900:

"The fight this year will be to carry out the sentiment of that song we have so often repeated, 'My Country 'Tis of Thee.' If we lose, our children and our children's children will not succeed to the spirit of that song, and celebrations of the Fourth of July will pass away, for the spirit of empire will be upon us."

"Think It Over."

An Oregonian reporter interviewed George Young, former proprietor of the Occidental Hotel in Portland, one day last week. Mr. Young is now engaged in wool-growing. He stated that the greatest desire of his life was to learn in advance what was going to be the result of the coming presidential election. He was not so much interested in who might be elected as in knowing beforehand who was to be the successful candidate. If Bryan was to be elected he wanted to know it in time to convert his sheep into gold dollars, and then he would put the money into an old stocking and bury it, and wait for the clouds to roll by.

In speaking of the sheep industry, Mr. Young told of the trouble and expense he had been to in killing off coyotes, and blamed the selfishness of Portland people, who opposed in the Legislature the paying of a bounty on coyote scalps. He said that the city was dependent on the country, and vice versa, and that because there were no coyotes in Portland and no sheep and chickens there for them to kill, was no just reason for the citizens to object to a slight tax to provide a fund to aid in exterminating coyotes.

W. J. Balfrey has sold his interest in the Siskiyou News of Yreka to W. S. O'Brien, formerly of Modoc county, and late publisher of the Sutter Independent. O'Brien is said to be a good newspaper man, and it is to be hoped he will pull the News out of that "16 to 1" rut it has unconsciously fallen into.

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