

LAND GROWN FAT
Our Condition Now Compared
With That of 1896.
GREATER PROSPERITY EVERYWHERE

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The Republican National Committee, in order to secure some up-to-date information as to the financial conditions in the great agricultural sections of the United States west of the Allegheny mountains, sent out letters to several hundred business men in the large cities and in country towns of these sections.

They were asked how the bank deposits of their communities compared with four years ago; to what extent there had been improvement in the credits of their municipalities or townships; and what betterment, if any, was noticeable in the condition of their borrowing classes.

The business men to whom letters were sent were selected without any reference to, and without knowledge of, their political affiliations. In several instances extremely interesting replies came from bankers having a national reputation in Democratic party circles, such as John R. Walsh, president of the Chicago National Bank.

The general substance of the replies show that savings and commercial deposits have increased 50 to 120 per cent since 1896; that municipalities are able to borrow money at rates averaging more than one-half of one per cent less than in 1896; that farm values in most sections have almost doubled; that about 50 per cent of farm mortgages have been paid up, and the remainder renewed only with "prepayment" privileges and at lower interest rates; and that 20 to 25 per cent of the debtors have been able to pay their four years ago loans with principal and interest.

Some of the strongest replies have come from Bryan's own state of Nebraska. The property there has been so wonderful that Bryan can have had no excuse for being so conservative in his town of Lincoln, in which Bryan is a taxpayer, now has a 4 per cent bond selling at a premium, whereas four years ago it sold at a discount of 10 per cent. Adlai E. Stevenson as a taxpayer has also had a chance to see evidence of prosperity right in his own town, for the city of Bloomington, Ill., has recently sold its bonds at a 4 per cent rate, which is lower than a municipality in the United States could get in 1896.

The letters will ultimately be printed in full and given wide circulation. Following are a few that the National committee made public last night:

HIS TOUR AT AN END
BRYAN COMPLETES HIS KANSAS-MISSOURI TRIP.

Speeches at Leavenworth, Atchison and St. Joseph—Returns to Lincoln.

LEAVENWORTH, Kas., Sept. 18.—A special train over the Missouri Pacific, under the charge of Mr. F. M. Baker, a Democratic leader of Atchison, bore Mr. Bryan out of Kansas City today.

Mr. Bryan concluded his present tour with his speech here, leaving at 6:40 P. M. for his home at Lincoln.

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SWEDEN A BORROWER.
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HAVOC WROUGHT BY GALE
LIST OF VESSELS WRECKED OR DRIVEN ASHORE AT NOME.

Number of Tents and Buildings Swept Away—Captain Tackaberry, of Portland, Victim of Storm.

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AN UNEXPECTED INTERRUPTION.



THE THRILLING COMBAT SCENE IN THE TRAGEDY OF "IMPERIALISM."

MACBETH WELLINGTON (the new star)—Lay on, Macduff! And damned be he who first cries: "Hold! Enough!"

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