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SPEAKING OF ISSUES.

UNCLE SAM'S POLITICAL STORAGE



—From the Philadelphia Press.

TRUE PROPHETS AND FALSE.

HOW TO TEST THEM.

"I will not deny that there may be prophets to-day, but the trouble is to tell the true prophets from the false ones. The Bible says that false prophets will rise. It tells us how to distinguish the false from the true. It says: 'By their fruits ye shall know them.'—William J. Bryan's Speech at Baltimore, Jan. 20, 1900.

BRYAN PROPHECIES. THE ANSWERS.

"TARIFF WILL CRUSH THE FARMER."

1892, Free Trade.

"Thus in every State, so far as these statistics have been collected, the proportion of home-owning farmers is decreasing and that of tenant farmers increasing. This means but one thing: it means a land of landlords and tenants, and, backed by the history of every nation that has gone down, I say to you that no people can continue a free people under a free government when the great majority of its citizens are tenants of a small minority."—William J. Bryan; speech on the protective tariff in the National House of Representatives, March 16, 1892.

The Answer in 1908.

The answer is found in the prevailing good prices for grain, corn, hogs, cattle, hay and all the products of the farm, together with the fact that since the date of Candidate Bryan's "crushing" speech, Western farm lands have doubled in value, and thousands of "tenant" farmers of that date have become prosperous home-owners, tilling their own land in peace, happiness and plenty. Under the National Irrigation Act, and the Republican conservation movement, the West is soon to be the intense agricultural and horticultural producing area of the United States.

"GOLD STANDARD WILL DESTROY HOMES."

1896, Free Coinage—16 to 1.

"I reply that, if protection has slain its thousands, the gold standard has slain its tens of thousands."—William J. Bryan; speech at Democratic National Convention, July, 1896. "The Democratic party has begun a war of extermination against the gold standard. We ask no quarter; we give no quarter. We shall prosecute our warfare until there is not an American citizen who dares to advocate the gold standard. You ask why? We reply that the gold standard is a conspiracy against the human race, and that we should no more join in it than we would an army to destroy our homes and to destroy our families."—William J. Bryan; speech at Albany, N. Y., August, 1896.

The Answer in 1908.

The gold standard has "slain" no one, nor did it write the "future in blood," nor did it destroy our homes nor foreclose the farm mortgage, nor did it close the district school; on the contrary, it has proved the sound and solid foundation of widespread prosperity, leading to individual progress and happiness, aided in paying off the farm mortgage and expanding the country's educational facilities. It has brought such prosperity to our country as was never known before. Americans are the happiest and most prosperous people on earth to-day.

"NO MORE FOURTH OF JULY."

1900, Imperialism!

"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."—William J. Bryan; speech to the Bryan Home Guards, Lincoln, Neb., July, 1900.

The Answer in 1908.

Answer this for yourself. Do you know of any spot in the United States where the spirit of 1776 is dead and forgotten and the Fourth of July a meaningless date on the calendar? On the other hand the humblest citizen is growing prouder of his American citizenship and the spirit of 1776 is permeating the entire body politic.

"ROOSEVELT THE SPIRIT OF WAR."

1904, Anti-Roosevelt.

"I would rather go down to eternal oblivion than be instrumental in the election of Roosevelt."—William J. Bryan, Oct. 17, 1904, while touring Indiana.

The Answer in 1908.

President Roosevelt, instead of representing the "spirit of war," stands before the world the greatest exemplar of international peace in his generation. History will in full season award him the titles he has justly won, and the greatest of these will be "The Peacemaker," in spite of Candidate Bryan's assault upon him in 1904. Under President Roosevelt's policies the United States has taken its place in the front rank of world powers. Taft is committed to continuing these policies.

"GOVERNMENT MUST OWN RAILWAYS."

1906, Government Ownership of Railways.

"I have already reached the conclusion that railroads partake so much of the nature of a monopoly that they must ultimately become public property, and be managed by public officials in the interest of the whole community."—William J. Bryan; Home-coming speech at New York City, August, 1906.

The Answer in 1908.

The broad meaning of Candidate Bryan's remarks on this subject is that railway regulation by statute law is impossible, and that "government ownership" is the only remedy for transportation abuses. The enactment of the Federal Rate Law has totally disproved the claims of Candidate Bryan and vividly displayed his unsound reasoning on great public questions.

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