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 disastrous effects:

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

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

It would have decreased the number of persons 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 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 consumers.—(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 ladles.)

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