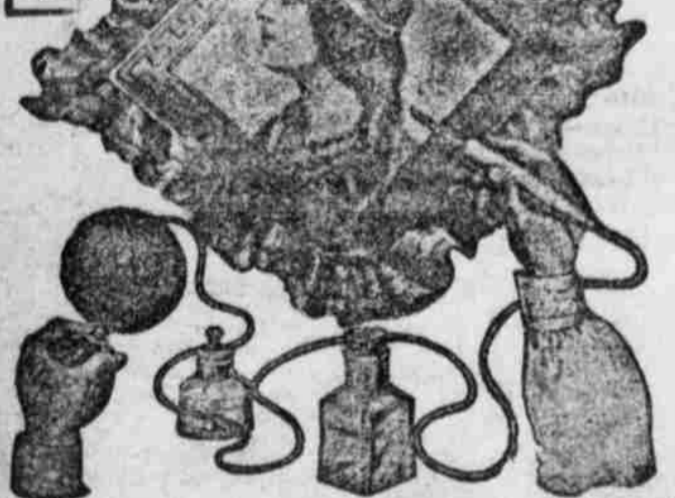


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The Cost of Living

The democratic congressional committee has issued the following bulletin relating to the cost of living: Bradstreet's index numbers of prices for October show the highest point reached since 1896 and indicate that the cost of living has advanced nearly 50 per cent since July 1, 1896. The advance since October, 1905, has been 3.8 per cent, so that prices are still rapidly advancing. As the index numbers are based on every necessity except rent and approximately agree with those issued by the R. G. Dun Co., they are much more reliable than the figures issued by the bureau of labor for partisan purposes.

The following thirteen groups of commodities with the index numbers at different dates will be of great interest to all, but especially to those with incomes that do not fluctuate with prices and are therefore 50 per cent worse off than in 1896. The political significance of these index figures is that this enormous rise in prices of nearly 50 per cent has entirely occurred since the passage of the present tariff law, with its trust fostering and monopoly producing consequences. And yet the republican leaders say stand pat and let the trusts and monopolists continue to plunder you:

	July 1, 1896.	Jan. 1, 1906.	Oct. 1, 1905.	Sept. 1, 1906.	Oct. 1, 1906.
Breadstuffs	\$0.0524	\$0.0808	\$0.0783	\$0.0733	\$0.0756
Live stock .....	.1855	.3035	.3983	.3285	.3180
Provisions	1.3619	1.8652	1.7927	1.9297	1.9573
Fruits .....	.1210	.1392	.1892	.1994	.2507
Hides and leather.....	.8250	1.2150	1.1400	1.1900	1.1900
Textiles	1.5799	2.5408	2.5550	2.4995	2.4942
Metals .....	.3757	.7010	.6300	.7534	.7728
Coal and coke.....	.0048	.0072	.0064	.0069	.0073
Oils .....	.8082	.2968	.2989	.2895	.2935
Naval stores .....	.0402	.1039	.1070	.0994	.1022
Building materials .....	.0726	.0803	.0874	.0894	.0902
Chemicals and drugs.....	.6607	.6987	.7017	.7083	.7083
Miscellaneous .....	.2150	.8945	.3467	.2015	.2877
Total	\$5.7019	\$8.3289	\$8.2898	\$8.4428	\$8.5480

TARIFF BURDENS

Henry A. Blackwell, a distinguished republican of Massachusetts, recently registered an eloquent protest against republican tariff. Mr. Blackwell said: "Our coal tax is felt in every household; our lumber tax means higher rents and poorer accommodations. It is harder to live than ever before, although our imports and exports are greater, and we are told that the country is prosperous and that we should let well enough alone. But this prosperity is more apparent than real, because the proceeds of our industries are not fairly distributed. A few thousand stockholders in over-protected corporations get the lion's share. Let me ask you, gentlemen, who are present, a simple question. How many of you are richer than you were last year? How many of you have been able to lay by anything for your old age? How many of you see before you any prospect of improved condition? Not one in fifty. Why? Because we are all subject to great monopolies, which by trade agreements

have eliminated domestic competition, and by a 45 per cent tariff these monopolies are enabled to charge consumers an advance of 50 per cent upon almost everything that we consume. "Our coal duty adds a dollar a ton to our fuel bill; our lumber tax raises our rents; our tariff on textile fabrics increases the cost of our clothing; our tax on sugar doubles its cost of importation. "In order to keep up these excessive rates of duty, our government spends lavishly, so that its outlay now amounts to \$1,000,000,000 annually. The Drapers and Whitman have patents and protection on their products approximating and exceeding 100 per cent. The iron and steel trust gets a profit of from 100 to 150 per cent. Steel rails which Mr. Schwab says can be made without loss at \$12 a ton were sold week before last to the Panama commission for \$29.50 f. o. b. at Baltimore (equivalent to \$49.50 at the Isthmus), while a recent sale was made to a foreign customer for \$24 a ton delivered at Tampico. No wonder the cost of living has advanced 42 1/2 per cent! It will go higher. All depends on the tariff. Raise it 20 per cent and prices will go up 20 per cent. Lower it 20 per cent and prices will fall 20 per cent. The exactions made by the trusts are all paid by the labor of the country. In the interests of the consumer we call for tariff revision. In the interests of manufacturer and operator and consumer alike, we need free importation of raw materials. Many of our raw materials come free already. Let us add to them coal, iron ore, lumber, hides and wood pulp. Let us reduce our tariff on Canadian products 20 per cent and thereby enable our neighbors to buy more of our manufactured goods."

MR. BRYAN'S ITINERARY

Mr. Bryan put in October 25, 26 and 27 in Ohio, speaking in forty-seven cities on the trip. October 25 he spoke at the following places: Montpelier, Wauson, Napoleon, Cecil, Paulding, Haviland, Ottawa, Findlay, Carey, Upper Sandusky, Forest, Kenton, Marlon, Gallon, Mansfield and Wooster. On October 26 he spoke at Millersburg, Orrville, Leetonia, Salem, Alliance, Canton, Valley Junction, Canal Dover, New Com, Coshocton, Trinway, Zanesville, Malta and Marietta. On

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