

BRYAN'S INDIA FAKE.

His Repeated Assertions Concerning India Wheat Proven False.

HON. JAMES BRYCE SPEAKS.

Denials by Members of the English Parliament and a Prominent London Merchant.

In the speech delivered by William Jennings Bryan to the farmers of New York assembled at Chautauqua, the India wheat fake was revamped by the silver candidate for president. The assertion made by Mr. Bryan in his Omaha debate last May that the English speculators could drive great bargains in buying silver and trading it for India wheat to the detriment of the American farmer was reiterated and embellished by his fervid imagination so as to create the impression that the decline of silver has made India the most formidable competitor of the American wheat and cotton growers. As usual, Mr. Bryan talked at random without taking the trouble to acquaint himself with the actual facts.

The Bee now has the facts and the figures that effectually explode Mr. Bryan's India fake. Over two months ago the editor of the Bee directed a personal inquiry on this subject to Hon. James Bryce, who is now and has for many years been a member of Parliament and was a member of the British board of trade. Responding to this letter, under date of August 1, Mr. Bryce says:

"You are quite right in thinking that British merchants gain nothing at all from the closing of the silver mines. The sharp competition, especially of the Hindoo native merchants, cuts down their profits and they lose heavily on the exchange between India and England in turning into English gold the silver prices they receive for the goods they export to India. The export of food stuffs from India has not, in fact, increased during the last few years and the closing of the mines has not increased it. Manchester and our manufacturers generally complain that business with India is unprofitable. Our cotton industry is at present greatly depressed. In Britain at least gains nothing. You will, therefore, be safe in denying that there has been, or is, any bonus or benefit to British merchants or manufacturers."

This letter has been supplemented by Fred Bryce with an article prepared by his brother, J. Annan Bryce, a very prominent London merchant, who was for many years a resident of India. Mr. J. Annan Bryce says:

"For Mr. Rosewater's guidance I have made up the annexed statement, which shows in parallel columns the exports of wheat from the United States, Argentina, Russia and India up to 1873 before the fall in silver and rupee exchange became pronounced. You will observe that while the exports from the United States, Russia and Argentina are on the whole increasing, those from India are falling off, and that in 1896 the exports from India were the same as in the year 1877. Of course it does not do to reason on individual years, as there may be special circumstances, such as famines, to account for very short years. For instance, 1878 and 1879 were the years of the great famine in India and 1892 was the year of the famine in Russia.

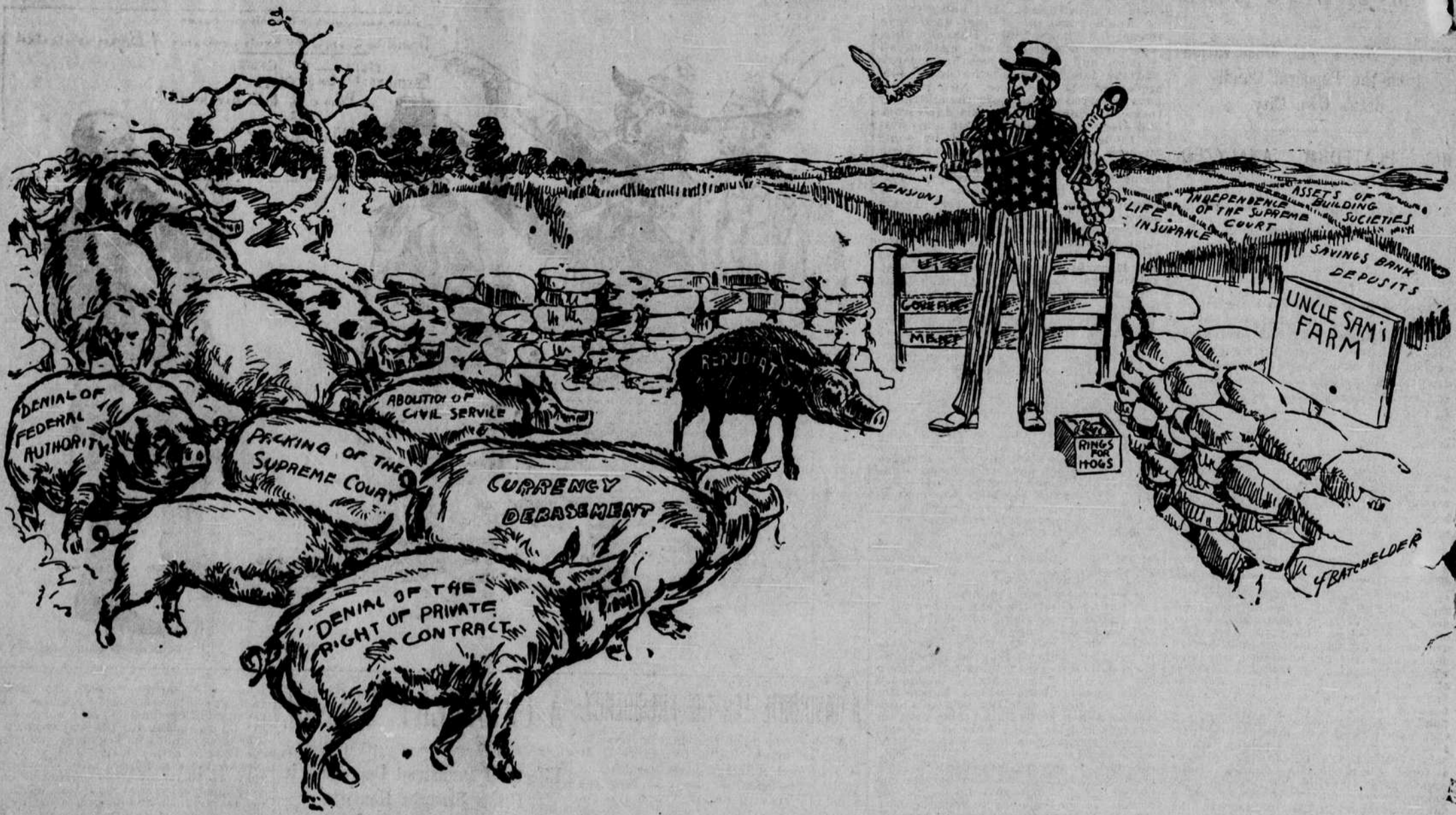
Dividing the last twenty years into periods of five years each, you will see that during the last three five-year periods the exports from India have been falling off, while those from the United States, Argentina and Russia have been increasing, although all the while rupee exchange has been steadily falling with silver. The figures prove conclusively as regards Indian wheat, that it has always been the great bogey with the American silver man, that the India export has had nothing to do with the fall of silver or rupee exchange. The silver man would be most sensible if he were to take alarm at the growing exports from Argentina and from Russia. But he could make nothing of the silver argument here, for neither Russian nor Argentine exchange depends on silver. Both countries, during the whole of the period embraced in the statement, had for the basis of their currency and of course foreign exchange an inconvertible paper currency and not either silver or gold.

"Altogether the facts illustrate the soundness of Mr. Rosewater's conclusion that the fall in prices of commodities is due to more economical production and transport. In India, in Russia and in Argentina wheat exports became possible not because the exchange value of rupees, the rouble or the dollar fell, but because railways were built into districts previously inaccessible. In India the providing of railway facilities stimulated the extension of irrigation. In the Punjab, for example, many millions of acres were brought into cultivation under irrigation as soon as the opening of the railway to Karachi made the export possible. But in India there no longer remains any large new field to be opened up, and in most of the wheat-producing districts which depend on irrigation believe as much water is now taken out of the rivers as they can give. America therefore need not fear India much in the future, even if silver and rupee were likely to go lower, which they are not."

The statistical exhibit accompanying this statement is exhaustive and convincing in support of the conclusions arrived at by Mr. Bryce. In 1873 the export of wheat from the United States to England was 45,701,099 bushels; from Russia, 47,040,000 bushels; Argentina made no exports and India exported a fraction over 1,250,000 bushels. In 1877 wheat exports from the United States had reached 107,426,688 bushels; from Russia, 57,120,000 bushels; from India 15,633,333 bushels; Argentina still had no wheat to export. In 1896 wheat exports from the United States had reached 125,313,835 bushels; from Russia, 57,000,000 bushels; from India, 27,000,000 bushels, and from Argentina, 42,000,000 bushels. In 1894 Argentina exported 65,000,000 bushels of wheat to England, which fact did not increase its export value in the preceding year. In 1895 the wheat export from the United States was 170,533,333 bushels; from Russia, 125,313,835 bushels; from Argentina, 42,000,000 bushels; from India, 15,120,000 bushels.

The average price of wheat in Bombay from 1880 to 1876 was \$1.20 per

PUTTING RINGS ON THE RIGHT HOGS.



I was passing through Iowa some months ago, and I got an idea from some hogs. [Laughter.] An idea is the most important thing that a person can get into his head, and we gather our ideas from every source. As I was riding along I noticed these hogs rooting in a field, and they were tearing up the ground, and the first thought that came to me was that they were destroying a good deal of property. And that carried me back to the time when as a boy I lived upon a farm, and I remembered that when we had hogs we used to put rings in the noses of the hogs, and then the thought came to me, "Why did we do it?" Not to keep the hogs from getting fat. We were more interested in their getting fat than they were. [Laughter.] The sooner they got fat the sooner we killed them; the longer they were in getting fat the longer they lived. But why were the rings put in the noses of those hogs? So that, while they were getting fat, they would not destroy more property than they were worth. [Laughter and great applause.] And as I thought of that this thought came to me, that one of the duties of the government, one of the important duties of government, is the putting of rings in the noses of hogs. [Applause.]

[From W. J. Bryan's Labor Day Speech.]

bushel, which was equal to the price of one ounce of silver. From 1876 to 1880, while silver was going down, the average price of wheat at Bombay rose to \$1.49 per bushel. Between 1881 and 1885 the average price of wheat at Bombay was \$1.10 per bushel, and from 1886 to 1890 \$1.01 per bushel, although silver had been tending upward. From 1891 to 1895 the average price of wheat at Bombay was 95 cents per bushel. Had wheat followed the price of silver it should have been only 68 cents per bushel. Cotton exports from India to Europe have been equally at variance with the theories advanced by Mr. Bryce. In 1874 India exported 1,260,882 bales and in 1875 1,241,529 bales. During the five years following its cotton export was below 1,000,000 bales. In 1879 it was only 641,458 bales. During the five years ending with 1895 the cotton export from India has been steadily decreasing. In 1891 it was 1,028,417 bales; in 1892, 984,000 bales; in 1893, 857,771 bales; in 1894, 797,070 bales; in 1895, 625,000 bales. In contrast with this the United States exports of cotton have been steadily increasing. In 1890 they amounted to 5,020,913 bales; in 1891, 5,520,770 bales; in 1892, 5,501,411 bales; in 1893, 4,431,220 bales; in 1894, 5,397,509 bales; in 1895, 6,905,358 bales. Thus it will be seen that the India bugbear has no foundation, but has been conjured up for political purposes by Bryan, Harvey and all the apostles of silver.—Omaha Bee.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

Nine Points About Silver and Protection.

- First—That there is not a free coinage country in the world today that is not on a silver basis.
Second—That free coinage will not raise the price of American wool one cent while foreign wool is coming in free of duty and is crowding American wool out of the home market.
Third—That there is not a gold standard country in the world that does not use silver along with gold and keep its silver coins worth twice as much as their bullion value.
Fourth—That the free coinage of silver will not start a single factory in this country, when under the Democratic tariff the products of foreign labor are shipped into this country cheaper than they can be made here.
Fifth—That there is not a silver standard country in the world that uses any gold as money along with silver.
Sixth—That free silver coinage will not create a demand for labor when Democratic free trade makes the supply many times greater than the demand.
Seventh—That there is not a silver standard country in the world today that has more than one-third as much money in circulation per capita as the United States has.
Eighth—That free silver is not going to increase the price of our demand for farm products so long as the American workman, who is the principal consumer, is kept in idleness by transferring his work to the hands of foreign workmen through the medium of free trade.
Ninth—That there is not a silver standard country in the world where the laboring man receives fair pay for his day's work, and it is largely these men's products that have come into this country by the grace of Democratic free trade and wiped out the prosperity we enjoyed prior to 1893.—Zanesville Times.

Free Silver and Degradation.

Labor, today, has reached its crisis. This is a very simple proposition, to anyone who looks at it with common sense. The reason, but one, on which hangs the fate of labor, is free silver for Bryan and free silver, it votes away one-half of its wages. It will vote its organizations and unions out of existence. For degraded labor that is a drug on the market, too poor to save a penny, too feeble to lift its head against wrong and oppression, cannot maintain an organization against power and wealth. It will vote its children into ignorance and toll from their earliest years. It will vote its women into the tilling of its fields, into drudgery in brick yards while its men do not increase its export value in the preceding year. In 1895 the wheat export from the United States was 170,533,333 bushels; from Russia, 125,313,835 bushels; from Argentina, 42,000,000 bushels; from India, 15,120,000 bushels.

MAJ. M'KINLEY'S HOME

A Household Truly Homelike and Entirely Free from All Ostentations.

NOTES OF A VISIT TO CANTON.

The House Where the McKinleys Have Made Their Home for Twenty-five Years.

Sojourning a few days recently near Canton gave opportunity for a charming visit to that new center of attraction.

Canton is alive with enthusiasm, the courthouse, business places and private homes are decorated with flags, portraits of Maj. McKinley, national colors and various national and patriotic devices.

It is easy to recognize the McKinley residence by the lawn, which is worn brown and bare by the delegations that continue to come from all parts to pay their respects to the future occupant of the white house.

Never before have women taken such an active interest in the presidential campaign, and never before since the nomination of President Lincoln have women's hearts been so stirred over the condition of the country, and while many are interested because of the main issues of the campaign, all are interested in the Republican nominee as a man and a citizen, and his social and family life.

The residence of Gov. and Mrs. McKinley is homelike, and free from ostentation. A porch extends along the entire front of the house, some fine old trees cast a grateful shade upon the lawn, and beds of flowers attract the sight. We step into the softly carpeted hall, furnished with easy chairs and colors restful to the eye; a moment more, and we are received by Mr. McKinley.

In a reception room, on the right of the hall as one enters, is an office, and here at all times of the day Mr. McKinley receives news and telegrams that are communicated directly to his residence, of such matters as pertain to and are of interest to the campaign.

While he talks his secretary occasionally hands him a telegram which he reads without interruption to the conversation. Mr. McKinley will remain in Canton most of the time until after the election in November. It has been his intention to take a short trip to some point on the sea coast, but he has decided to remain in Canton. "I have no wish," he said, "to shut myself away from the people."

Speaking of the activity of the women in the campaign, he said: "I am glad the ladies have such confidence in me." He was also responsive: "We do have great confidence in you, Mr. McKinley, more than it has ever before been our opportunity to express."

"Would you like to meet Mrs. McKinley? Mother is one of our family, but at present she is away on a visit; and Mr. McKinley has reached the age of 81, she is in excellent health."

Any anticipated pleasure we may have had in meeting Mrs. McKinley is more than realized. Seated in the handsome parlor, where all lights and colors harmonize—prevailing harmony impresses one first and last in the McKinley home—with some dainty crochet work in blue zephyr in her lap talking with a lady visitor, is the future mistress of the white house. It is easy to say of this woman who will be the first lady in the land, now that she is approaching her zenith, that she is one of the loveliest women we have ever met, but such is the oft-repeated verdict of the many. At first glance we recognize Mrs. McKinley, from her pictures recently taken, the shining hair parted in the center of the forehead, rippling softly over the

beautiful brow, a sweet, almost girlish face—not a line or wrinkle marring its smoothness—the incarnation of womanly sweetness.

One who is sensitive and observant, need never to have heard one word of Mr. McKinley's family life to understand the relation Mr. and Mrs. McKinley occupy toward one another, and while the pleasant morning conversation proceeds, we seem to feel through the atmosphere of the room every word of the spirit and existence of the happy wedded life perpetuated, which Browning expressed and painted in his "By the Fireside."

We are looking at and discussing pictures of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, when one of the family, taking up one of Mr. McKinley, which from the view of the face shows the deep thought line extending the length of the forehead, and bearing "Mrs. McKinley does not like these—she thinks that line looks like a scowl." We all smile and quite agree with her, that this picture does not do him justice, and we think what picture could portray him as he is, the charming personality, the kindly, genial manner, the clear, perfectly modulated voice, the bright blue eye, and clear complexion, and the fine smooth skin that a woman might envy? While his pictures cannot portray this, they do show with fidelity some qualities of the man whose splendid constitution has never been impaired by excesses, the erect form, the brown hair, that shows but few traces of silver, the broad, full forehead, deep set eye, clearly cut features and square, massive jaw, the features and bearing one might look for in the hero of the battle of Fisher's Hill and Cedar Creek, where he was breveted major by President Lincoln.

Mr. McKinley's passionate love of flowers is recognized by his friends. "Are not those roses lovely?" says Mrs. McKinley, calling our attention to some vases of rare red roses, upon the mantel and brackets; "but I love these," she says, pointing to a vase of sweet peas on the pretty table beside her. "The roses came in such a beautiful wooden box. The name of the giver is not here. William," addressing Mr. McKinley, and taking up a card and reading, "To Mr. and Mrs. McKinley, from your devoted friend,—" "The magnolias were sent from the South." As Mr. McKinley rises, our eyes follow him, and we catch a glimpse, through an open door, of a dainty couch in white and gold, and Mrs. McKinley says softly, "William, there is a baby asleep in there."

So gentle is the step on the thick carpets that it could not awaken the lightest sleeper, and holding the great snowy, waxen blossoms for our inspection, she says the recollection, perhaps, suggested by the thought of the sleeper in the adjoining room, "We commenced our first housekeeping in this house over twenty-five years ago. Here our little ones were born and passed away, the old home's endeared to us by many pleasant, hallowed memories."

The silken flag that adorned the chairman's desk at the Republican convention at St. Louis is draped on one corner of the piano. The gravel used by the chairman on that occasion, a beautiful piece of carved workmanship, was shown us. "It is said to have been made from a piece of one of the logs from the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln lived. It is a pleasant thought to a lover of relics and to the patriotic," says Mr. McKinley.

There were also some beautiful badges, used during different presidential campaigns, one with the satin badge used during President Tyler's campaign, bearing his motto, the design of which would have done credit to the finest of today, with all our modern accessories of art.

Mr. McKinley is, as it has been said, "the deliverer of a new gospel to women and children in making protection and the tariff plain to them," and we may add, that is his blameless political, professional, religious, domestic and social life, he has also revealed a new gospel to the young men of our country.

Labor all over the world is tending to a common level. Now the thoughtful farmer will readily see that if we were to keep up the ability of our own shop and factory population to consume his product in liberal quantities, we must maintain an exceptional rate of wages. If through such free-trade legislation as Mr. Bryan and his followers advocate we are to lower our American wage-earning population to the standards of living prevailing in the manufacturing countries which compete with us, then there would be a great surplus of farm products in this country for which there would be no home market. We must put up a tariff wall to keep out a flood of such articles as we manufacture in our own country, or we will soon be deluged with cheap wares and fabrics from Japan and China as

FARMERS AND TARIFF

Home Demand Supplies the Chief Market for Agricultural Products.

WHERE THEIR INTEREST LIES.

Effect of Curtailing the Purchasing Power of the Men Employed in Factories.

We export about one-third of the wheat grown in the United States either in the form of flour or of wheat. We export only about 5 per cent. of our corn crop. The exportation of other grain is as a rule trifling in quantity, although the very low price of oats for the past two years, owing to heavy production and a falling off in the home demand for consumption by street railway horses and driving horses, has led to a considerable foreign movement in this grain.

Of our meats we probably export about 10 per cent., although exact statistics are not available on this point. These figures are sufficient to make it plain to the intelligent farmer that the home market is his great market, and that any causes which reduce the home demand for provisions directly injure the farming interest.

Besides the staple articles of grain and meat, there are a multitude of farm products for which there is no market at all except the home market. This includes the whole range of perishable fruits and vegetables, and also includes to a very great extent the dairy products. Other important items are poultry and eggs. All thrifty farmers know the value of home markets for such articles as these, and know, too, that much of the profit of farming comes from the minor productions of the farm.

If we are to have increased home consumption of farm products we must have labor generally employed, and at fair wages, in the towns and cities. To keep labor well employed it is absolutely essential under the present conditions that we should have protective duties upon a large range of foreign-made articles. This is no longer a matter of theory, about which intelligent men dispute. It was held for a time by the advocates of free trade that the superior intelligence of the average American workman and the superior quality of the machinery he used would be a sufficient protection to insure our own markets for our own manufactured products. This is a delusion which no intelligent man now advocates. The extension of commerce by steamship lines all over the world, the laying of submarine telegraph cables, the world-wide habit of travel, the cheapness and convenience of transportation, and the general spread of intelligence by newspapers has put the entire civilized and semi-civilized globe in close business relations. Our ingenious labor-saving machines are being introduced into China and Japan, and no important improvement is made in inventions in this country that is not immediately known in all parts of Europe. The skill and productive capacity of the mechanics and operatives of other countries are constantly being increased by the sharpness of competition and by the introduction of new methods and machinery. Labor all over the world is tending to a common level.

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well as from the low-paid labor countries of Europe. The farming industry is unquestionably in a depressed condition today, and the cause is not far to seek. Look at the hundreds of silent factories with their smokeless chimneys, all over the country, from Nebraska to Maine, and form, if you can, an estimate of the immense multitude of people formerly employed in these establishments, who are now eking out a poor living as best they can in other vocations, many of them, no doubt, in farming and gardening, where they have become competitors with the men who formerly supported them with food. If the free-trade movement led by Mr. Bryan goes on to its natural conclusion, whole lines of industry which have survived the Wilson bill will be ruined and hundreds of thousands of employes will be thrown out of work.

The conclusion ought to be plain to every thoughtful man engaged in agricultural pursuits. We cannot afford to reduce our wage rates to those of foreign countries. We must make for ourselves all articles needed for our ordinary, every-day uses, importing only such luxuries as foreign countries have special facilities for producing. Tariffs for revenue only means the ruin of the farmer, and tariff for protection means a well-employed town and city population, and good home markets for everything the farmer has to sell.

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

"I would willingly defend free trade with my life," said Mr. Bryan in his first speech in Congress, and as he is now defending free silver with his tongue, it is easy to see to which policy he is most devoted.

Democratic orators and organs may evade the tariff, but the workmen of the country cannot, for to them it presents the unavoidable issue of work and prosperity or idleness and poverty. While the Popocrat demagogues are shouting "Down with the rich," the Republican party advances with the cry "Up with the poor," and proposes the enactment of measures which will provide work for the workers and prosperity for all.

Sam Jones is nothing if not expressive. He declares that he would rather climb a ladder with an armful of celestian to undertake to fuse with the middle-of-the-road-Populists. The workman does not want a cheaper dollar. He wants steady employment paid for in dollars as good as gold. The simplest way to elect McKinley is to vote for him. Mr. Bourke Cockran observes to his fellow Democrats, and that remark contains all the wisdom of all the ages. The one question Bryan never answers is the simple one, "How about free trade?" The Bryan party is made up of all kinds of factions, led by all sorts of cranks, and if it should get into office it couldn't work together. In denouncing wealth the Democratic organs are consistent with their party, for it has done everything it could to make the people poor and keep them so. The Republican pledge to promote the free coinage of silver by international agreement offers the only solution of the money problem which good business men can accept, and for that reason even the Democrats among them are working with the Republican party this year and will vote for McKinley. Any Popocrat who believes that Bryan can carry Kentucky when Palmer is a native and Buckner a native and a resident of the Blue Grass state, doesn't know the Kentucky nature. It is easy to see from Thomas B. Reed's speeches down in Maine that he is perfectly serene and happy. But then he usually feels that way. He was born so. Mr. Bryan errs in saying that it is idle curiosity that draws people to his meetings. It is both interesting and profitable to study a man who, in this degraded country in this age of the world, apparently thinks that wealth can be created by legislation. "What gain would we make for the circulating medium," asked the late James G. Blaine eighteen years ago, "if on opening the gate for silver to flow in, we open a still wider gate for gold to flow out?" The question is still unanswered and still timely.