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Against Democracy.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS DODGED

By Bryan Which Are Propounded to Him by a Prominent Pennsylvania Democrat
—Beating Around the Bush to Save His Political Bacon.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 1.—If the fusionists had started in their campaign by destroying the back files of the newspapers of their party, they might have robbed the republicans of some valuable campaign literature. But they didn't, and must suffer the consequences.

The Omaha World-Herald is the recognized organ of fusion, not alone in Nebraska, but in the west. The following figures taken from the issue of the World-Herald of July 10, 1896, and July 10, 1900, not only serve to prove a most significant distinction between the prices this year and those of four years ago, but they show conclusively that prices have advanced and that the people are much more prosperous now than then.

Here are the figures:

	July 10, 1896.	July 10, 1900.
Cows	\$3.00	\$4.55
Heifers	3.00	4.25
Calves	5.00	6.00
Bulls	2.90	4.00
Stags	2.90	4.25
Stocks and Feeders	3.55	4.15
Hogs	3.15	5.20
Veal, per lb.	.0612	.10
Green Hides (No. 1)	.04	.06
Wheat, (Neb. & Dak.)	.53	.75
Wheat, ear load (new)	.50	.71
Rye	.30	.45
Flax seed	.74	1.40
Flour, (best patent)	1.85	2.25
Corn	.18	.35
Oats	.15	.24
No. 2 Red Wheat	.5612	.82
No. 2 Cash Corn	.2612	.4412
No. 2 White Oats	.18	.27

There are 19 articles enumerated above—every one grown on the farm—and the aggregate per cent of increase in price approximates 1,093. Divide this by 19, the number of articles, and you will find that the average increase in the price of each article is approximately 57½ per cent.

This isn't campaign oratory, it isn't a mass of confusing figures; it is simply a compilation showing the prices the farmers of Nebraska received for their products under a democratic and republican administration respectively, as shown by market quotations published in the Omaha World-Herald.

An increase of 57½ per cent in the commercial value of a crop means a great deal to each individual farmer in Nebraska. It means a great deal to the state of Nebraska and all its people, for when the farmers are prosperous, all lines of industry are correspondingly stimulated. It means that the same amount of farm products will net the farmer more than double the amount this year as compared with 1896.

This is exactly the difference between republicanism and democracy as applied to the farmer and the farming industry, for today the republicans are in power and in 1896 the democrats were in power.

In the light of such facts it is difficult to believe that the democratic ticket will receive any material support from the farmers of Nebraska.

Since it is proven by these figures that democratic policies enacted into law cause a decline in the price of farm products, and that republican policies, when enacted into law, cause an increase in the price of farm products, what more is necessary to convince the farmer that it is to his interest to vote for and uphold the republican ticket and party?

"Well," but Bryan says, "there is danger of imperialism."

Suppose he does, does that make it so? He said in 1896, in his speech at Baltimore, that if McKinley was elected it would mean four more years of hard times.

The above figures from his own party organ disprove his assertions, say nothing of the purchase of new homes, the cancellation of farm mortgages, the increase in bank deposits, especially in the smaller towns and villages, the decrease in interest rates and the music of a million hammers in the various factories.

Bryan says a great many things, but every time his philosophy has been put to a practical test it has been found faulty, weak and vulnerable.

You will notice, however, that there is one thing Bryan isn't saying, and that is, he isn't saying anything about the low prices, hard times and industrial distress under democratic rule four years ago.

Inconsequently loquacious as he is, he isn't saying anything about that.

You have often heard of a doctor advising his patient to go away from his business on a pleasure trip so that he may forget about the cares and troubles that are endangering his health?

Well, that is why Bryan is advising the people that there is "danger of imperialism and militarism." He wants them to forget their cares and troubles of four years ago when the democrats were in power, not particularly for the benefit of their health, but for fear that they will take their memory along with them into the voting place and vote against him.

That is the "danger" Bryan is endeavoring to guard against.

FIGURES FOR PLAY TOYS.

You will remember that Bryan

played with figures in his 1896 speeches. He had enough figures and exclamation points to build a rail fence around Nebraska. He hasn't got them today. This time the figures are all against him. Read the above figures from his Omaha organ and you will see why he is letting figures alone in this campaign.

In 1896 Bryan said the hard times were "caused by a scarcity of money and that the only source of relief was in the free coinage of silver."

He was wrong again. The people discovered the "source of relief"—William McKinley and the republican party. They defeated silver, elected McKinley and unexampled prosperity followed.

DEMOCRACY AND TRUSTS.

The real position of the democrats on the trusts question was shown in congress last June, when a proposed constitutional amendment intended to prevent, regulate and destroy trusts was defeated by democratic votes.

The amendment was as follows: "Congress shall have power to define, regulate, prohibit or dissolve trusts, monopolies or combinations, whether existing in the form of a corporation or otherwise. The several states may continue to exercise such power in any manner not in conflict with the laws of the United States."

This amendment, if incorporated into the constitution, would no doubt accomplish the purpose for which it was intended. But it was defeated, and by democratic votes.

When it came to a vote, requiring as it did, a two-thirds majority, 154 voted for it and 132 against it. Of the 154 who voted for it 150 were republicans. Of the 132 who voted against it 130 were democrats.

This very clearly defines the attitude of both parties on the trust question. Political parties, as well as individuals, should be measured, not by their words, but by their deeds. This rule is founded on apostolic doctrine and it is a pretty safe one to follow.

Viewed in this light the Bryanites, instead of being opposed to trusts, as they loudly proclaim, appear to be in sympathy with them.

Trusts or combinations intended to restrict legitimate competition, or organized primarily for the purpose of arbitrarily fixing and regulating prices, are necessarily injurious to the people and should be stamped out. But who is going to do the stamping out?

Are you going to look to a party that, when it had an opportunity to provide a remedy, went over bag and baggage to the enemy—the democratic party? Are you going to look to a party that lined up its votes in congress in solid phalanx and defeated a proposed constitutional amendment intended to crush this evil? Are you going to do this and desert the republican party, which not only cast all but four of the 154 votes cast in congress for the amendment, but has written into the statutes of the United States every word of law that appears there against trusts?

BRAYAN AN ARTIFUL DODGER.

W. J. Bryan does not have to go outside his own party to find men who question both his sincerity and consistency on the "paramount" issue, particularly in regard to the Philippines.

"Mr. Williams—Undoubtedly so. At South Omaha Stock Yards the cattle receipts for the seven months of 1900 ending July 31 was 424,236, as against 220,324 for a like period in 1896—a gain of nearly 100 per cent. The hog receipts for the first seven months of this year were 1,121,171, as against 717,976 for the corresponding period of 1896.

Mr. Hayward—No one will deny that we are having general prosperity at this time. Farmers are having good crops and good markets, workingmen in the cities are having steady employment at good wages and the manufacturers and jobbers are enjoying a constantly increasing business.

Do we owe any measure of praise to the republican party for all this?

Mr. Williams—I think we do. I know that hundreds of big mills in the east that were closed by democratic tariff tinkering have been reopened by wise republican tariff legislation. Without these mills in operation thousands of men would be out of work, and to that extent our general prosperity would be impaired.

Mr. Hayward—We must thank the republican party also for sound financial legislation, which has restored confidence and returned money to circulation. If this government should undertake the unlimited coining of silver at a fixed ratio of 16 to 1 we could have nothing like stability for our currency, and without a stable circulating medium there could be no confidence. The election of Mr. Bryan would drive capital into its hiding place again, and the farmer, the workingman and the manufacturer and jobber would suffer the consequences.

Mr. Williams—I think the workingman would suffer first, because a cessation of industrial activities must necessarily and immediately follow the withdrawal of capital from its natural channels of usefulness. When capital avoids permanent investment and temporary employment, improvements on all kinds cease, factories all over the country are hampered in their operations and workingmen are thrown out of their jobs by the hundred.

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Mr. Hayward—Mr. Bryan may be a gifted man, but foresight is a quality that he lacks. In 1896 he predicted all sorts of dire results from a McKinley victory. According to his views, the election of McKinley meant a contraction of currency, lower prices for products of the soil, less work and less wages for the laboring man, more debt and higher interest for the farmer and a continuation of the hard times generally.

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WOULD HAVE BAD EFFECT.

In the corner of the reading room at the Omaha Commercial club yesterday three gentlemen representing varied interests talked significantly of the political situation. The conversationalists were C. S. Hayward of the Williams & Hayward Shoe Co., G. R. Williams, a farmer well known throughout Douglas county, and E. A. Willis, president of the Omaha Pressmen's union, and the conversation ran like this:

Mr. Williams—Mr. Hayward, in your opinion, would the election of Mr. Bryan have any effect upon the manufacturing and jobbing interests?

Mr. Hayward—Yes; it would undoubtedly have a bad effect. It would take us back to the conditions of 1896, when the stability of our currency was seriously threatened and money tightened up. Four years ago, it will be remembered, manufacturing concerns throughout the country were in a bad way. Some of the mills were shut down completely and the others were greatly curtailed in operation. That condition was brought about by bad tariff legislation and the free silver agitation, and both of these evils would be upon us again in the event of democratic success this year.

Mr. Williams—The workingmen of the cities have as much at stake in this campaign as do the manufacturers, for they are the first and greatest sufferers when the mills close down.

Thousands of men were out of work four years ago, and now many of the big factories are unable to get as many operators as they desire. Right here in Omaha from 20 to 50 per cent.

of the members of the different labor unions were unemployed in 1896, while this year every union reports its full membership at work. I should think that the enforced idleness of a large number of workingmen in the cities would have some effect upon the farmers. What do you think of it, Mr. Williams?

Mr. Williams—Well, of course, the farmer's prosperity depends very largely upon a favorable market, and you can't have a very good market when thousands of men in the cities are unemployed. During the four years of hard times, from 1893 to 1896, there was an immense falling off in the domestic consumption of farm products. The government statistics show that the average decreased consumption of wheat in the United States was over sixty million bushels a year for the four years, and the per capita consumption of corn dropped from 30 bushels in 1892 to 14 bushels in 1896. This great slump in the domestic market had its effect upon the foreign market, of course. No matter how bountiful the crops may be the farmer can have no good times when the markets are poor.

Mr. Williams—The decreased consumption of wheat and corn in the United States during the four years of 1892-6 was undoubtedly due to the inability of the unemployed workingmen of the cities to provide a comfortable living for their families. There must have been even a greater decrease in the consumption of meats.

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union had in 1896 a scale of 15 to 17½ cents per hour; today their scale is 24 cents per hour, and they have an eight-hour instead of a ten-hour day. The Plumbers' union scale was 45 cents per hour in 1896; now it is 50 cents; the Bricklayers' union wage scale in 1896 was 50 cents per hour; now it is 55 cents. The Carpenters' union scale was 30 cents per hour; now it is 40 cents. The Painters and Decorators' union has advanced its scale from 30 cents to 35 cents, and the Sheet Metal Workers' wages have been increased from 27½ cents to 35½ cents per hour. I might go on and show similar increases in all the trades, but I have given sufficient facts to demonstrate that Mr. Bryan's prophecy of lower wages has not been fulfilled.

Mr. Williams—And as to farmers, Mr. Bryan was also mistaken. The prices paid for all kinds of farm products have advanced from 10 to 200 per cent. Money is easier to get and interest rates are lower by from two to three per cent.

Mr. Hayward—As to the contraction of currency which Mr. Bryan predicted as a certain result of the defeat of his free silver scheme, I might say that it has not come true. The per capita circulation in 1896 was \$21.10; on May 1 of this year it was \$28.55.

WHY THE DEMAND?

During the first eight months of this year the number of head of live stock received at South Omaha more than doubled the number received during the corresponding months of the democratic year of 1896. For the first eight months of 1896 the receipts were 1,305,622, and for the first eight months of 1900, 2,772,021. This tremendous increase of receipts has been accompanied by steadily advancing prices. The loans and discounts of the Union Stock Yards National bank have increased 148 per cent, and the deposits 204 per cent, during the past four years. All that is certain in this connection is that prosperity not only at South Omaha but throughout the country, South Omaha would not be enjoying the benefits of a rapidly growing stock market and packing industry unless there was a good demand from the country at large for meats. Why the demand? Because under an administration that guarantees safety to business interests in general by providing a sound financial system and a protective tariff the factories have been kept in operation, labor has been employed and all workingmen have been enabled to provide adequately for themselves and their families. If we are to have cheap money, no confidence and even a partial shutting down of American mills, the demand for meats and all the other necessities of life will slacken and South Omaha, with its live stock and packing interests, will be one of the first and greatest sufferers. The people of this city can have no good reason for desiring a change.

LIVE STOCK.

The tremendous increase of business at the South Omaha live stock market is an unfailing sign of prosperity. It indicates a strong and advancing market for the products of the farms, which would be impossible without general prosperity among the workers of the cities. The following table shows the live stock receipts at the stock yards for the first eight months of this McKinley year and for the corresponding eight months of the democratic year of 1896:

	1896.	1900.
Cattle	316,315	512,103...
Hogs	798,639	1,501,302...
Sheep	190,649	758,616...

Here is an increase in the number of cattle received of 62 per cent; hogs, 88 per cent. In other words, 135,768 more cattle, 702,664 more hogs and 567,967 more sheep were marketed at South Omaha during the first eight months of this