

**READ PROPHECIES OF THE PEER-
LESS IN 1896 AND 1900.**

The Western farmers in 1901, regardless of the prophet, know that their wheat crop is worth more than last year's by 150 millions of dollars.

Other grains represent as large a total value this year as last, the shortage in yield of corn being made up by advance in price.

Potatoes are so high that the short crop will probably return more money to the farmer than ever before.

Live stock represents a value of nearly 250 millions of dollars over last year.

Apples and other fruits are extraordinarily high.

The farm products of the United States this year are doubtless worth 400 million dollars more than last year's outturn.

The cereals (wheat, corn, oats, rye and barley) raised in the United States during the past five years represent a value to the farmer of 6250 millions of dollars, or an increase of nearly 1000 millions over the preceding five years.

Cotton growers have netted 400 million dollars more for the the past five crops (1901 crop estimated) than for the previous five.

Taking 1896 as a fair basis of values during the late agricultural depression, nine staple crops for this year represent an increase in value of over 700 millions of dollars. Live stock is worth 1000 millions more now than then.

During the past five years, agricultural exports have been 938 millions of dollars greater in value than for the preceding five years, a gain of 30 per cent, while exports of manufactures have almost doubled in value. The excess of exports over imports is nearly three-fold that of 1896-97. Whereas in the former period the United States lost 220 millions of dollars in gold, during the past five years it gained 192 millions, or a net addition to the nation's gold supply of 412 millions. The total stock of gold in the United States now (1125 millions) is double what it was five years ago, and the per capita circulation of money (\$28) is 33 per cent greater now than then.

With a keen foreign demand for our surplus, the American farmer certainly rejoices in a glorious prospect for profits, prosperity and happiness.—Orange Judd Farmer.

The democrats of Scott county, Ia., which includes Davenport, have renewed their declaration of last year that "the money question has been settled and is no longer an issue before the people." In 1892, with an honest money platform, Scott county gave 3,200 democratic majority. In 1896, on the free silver platform, Scott county gave 1200 republican majority.

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