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SILVER AND WHEAT.

Time Has Proven the Fallacy of Bryan's Utterances.

What The Populist Champion Said Last Year is Recalled by the New York World.

The campaign utterances of Mr. Bryan have been logically analyzed by the New York World, a Democratic newspaper. It says that for a number of years past the Nebraska statesman seems to have believed three propositions: First, that the price of wheat is dependent on the price of silver; second, that unless silver is remonetized and the dollar cheapened the farmers' products must continue to sink in price until ruin shall overtake him; and third, that the maintenance of what he calls the "gold standard," by which he means the maintenance of a dollar worth 100 cents, necessarily means a continual decline in the price of all farm products.

In view of the facts even Mr. Bryan must now see that in these beliefs he has been utterly mistaken. On February 9, 1893, speaking in congress against the repeal of the Sherman silver purchase law, Mr. Bryan said: "It means a reduction in the price of our wheat and our cotton." Nevertheless both wheat and cotton are much higher in price now than they were in 1893, although the repeal was accomplished. In the same speech Mr. Bryan said that unless silver was remonetized "cotton at 10 cents today and wheat 60 cents would mean cotton at 2 cents in a hundred years."

That was four years ago. Today cotton is worth more than it was then and wheat, then worth 60 cents, is now worth \$1.11, with a prospect of going much higher. Was not Mr. Bryan mistaken? Was not his assumption of a necessary connection between the price of wheat and silver remonetization a delusion?

For since that time had not silver fallen to the very lowest price ever known, and have not wheat, corn, oats, barley, rye and other farm products advanced to an extent that is positively sensational? The price of wheat is now nearly double what it was then, and all other grains are advanced in sympathy.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

The Rush From Montana Ranges Has Just Begun.

Cattle shipments from the ranges tributary to the Great Northern railway have not been so numerous in the past two weeks as have been anticipated, but within the next week, unless the plans of the cattlemen are changed, the shipments will be very heavy.

The market has lately shown a decline and if the anticipated run of rangers occurs, the market will probably go off considerably.

Shipments thus far from Great Northern points have aggregated about 1,000 cars and it is expected that 2,500 cars will yet be sent forward.

Chinook has heretofore been the principal shipping point, but this year it will have strong rivals in Malta and Galata.

The latter station, which is 30 miles west of Shelby, is growing in favor, as cattle may be easily headed there and the run from that point to Chinook is more rapid than from points on the Montana Central.

Many shippers who have heretofore loaded at Great Falls or Fort Benton will this year ship from Galata.

In 1894 the shipments from Montana Central points aggregated 889 cars; in 1895 the total was 1,090 cars and last year the shipments totaled up 1,271. This year there will doubtless be a large increase, as Big Sandy alone will probably show an increase of 400 cars.

Several shipments, not heretofore reported, have been made in the past week.

J. B. Long shipped his carloads of sheep from Great Falls Monday.

Tuesday, P. J. O'Haro shipped 17 carloads of cattle from Arlington.

Wednesday the Bear Paw pool shipped 37 carloads of cattle from Big Sandy and, the following day, the Moccasin roundup shipped 22 carloads from the same station.

Yesterday the Y.T. outfit shipped 57 carloads from Big Sandy and the Moccasin roundup will send a trainload from the same station today.

J. Ward Huse of Fort Benton will ship a trainload of sheep from that point next Wednesday.

On the following day McNamara & Marlow will ship two trainloads of cattle from Big Sandy.

Libby & Merrill, the big sheep buyers of Fort Benton, will ship a trainload of mutton wethers from that town Sept. 20 and on the following day will forward a trainload from Big Sandy.

John Harris of Fort Benton has ordered a cattle train for that station on the 25th inst.

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CHANDLER LAW UPHELD

A Helena Judge Declares it Constitutional—Disposes Summary of Contention Raised.

HELENA, Sept. 13.—Senator Chandler's law prohibiting gambling in Montana was declared constitutional today by Judge Smith in an opinion that will send the cold chills down the backs of those who hoped to see the law set aside by the judiciary of the state.

The court sustained the demurrer of the state to petition of William Tumpkin of this city for a mandamus to compel County Treasurer Garrison to issue him a license to carry on gambling as though the Fergus county senator's bill had never been enacted into law. The opinion is long and elaborate and at first glance it looks as though the court had not let a pin on which the petitioner can hope to appeal to a higher court. The backbone of Tumpkin's claim—the contention that the law is unconstitutional because Broadwater county was not represented in the legislature—is disposed of in a very decisive manner.

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