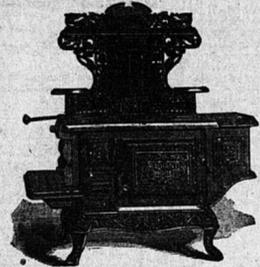


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President, Wm. McKinley

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State.

Presidential Electors, C. M. Johnson,

A. M. Tothagen, Henry Vick,

Congress, T. E. Marshall

Supreme Judge, D. E. Morgan

Governor, Frank White

Lieut. Governor, David Bartlett

Treasurer, D. H. McMillan

Att'y General, O. D. Comstock

Auditor, A. N. Carlblom

State Sup't, J. M. Devine

Secretary of State, E. F. Porter

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Commissioner Agriculture, R. J. Turner

Railroad Commissioners, J. F. Shea,

C. D. Lord, J. J. Youngblood.

Judicial.

Judge, C. A. Pollock

Legislative, 16th District.

Senator, R. C. Cooper

Representatives: M. B. Cassell,

C. S. Shipway

County.

Register of Deeds, T. G. Anderson

Auditor, S. J. Brevik

Sheriff, E. J. Pepper

Sup't of Schools, T. A. Hasselquist

Treasurer, H. N. Horner

States Atty., C. S. Shipway

Probate Judge, H. A. Mickels

Clerk of Court, P. H. Gilbertson

Coroner, A. R. Baker

Surveyor, C. W. Connor

Commissioner 1st District, Frank Gray

2d " W. E. Elliott

Justices of the Peace, Wm. Palmer, A.

J. King, L. R. Rinde, C. Christianson.

Constables, L. N. Bugbee, I. W. Stand

ley, G. A. Warner, Wm. Bateman.

It is so one sided here there isn't much fun in it—all McKinley.

Bryan will be defeated so awful bad he will take it as a joke.

Major Frank White and Hon. David Bartlett will grace the executive mansion after Jan. 1, and every man casting a ballot for them will have no cause to regret it.

T. G. Anderson will be our next register of deeds and those having business with that office will find him a most obliging official. It is a very important office and could not be in better hands.

Next Tuesday is election day; when you go to the polls to vote do so with a light heart and an honest hand. Have your mind made up to vote the straight Republican ticket; an [X] in the square at the top, does the business. It means a full dinner pail.

It is the duty of every Republican to rally at the polls next Tuesday and whoop'er up for McKinley and the old flag. Don't stay at home thinking your vote is not need; because it is. Over-confidence has defeated many a man. Take time to vote if you don't do so another stroke—and be sure and vote right—for McKinley and the full dinner pail.

The Pioneer does not wish to dictate to any man how he should vote; but in looking over the official ballot, a copy of which we have on file, we notice that there are but four candidates, (omitting the commissioners, whose names do not appear upon the ballot) on the county ticket, opposing the grand old Republican nominee. We further notice that these four men, no matter how well qualified they may be, have not placed themselves before the public in the press, so far as we know; the Independent ticket has not appeared in print in Steele county, to our knowledge. If these four gentlemen are ashamed of themselves we can't help it. According to the old adage "God helps him that helps himself," therefore The Pioneer is with the big crowd; we are hustling for those that hustle for themselves. The Republican ticket appears everywhere, and if you can do so, we ask you to support the man that supports himself.

NEBRASKA FARM VALUES

ANSWER BRYAN'S ARGUMENTS.

Mr. William Jennings Bryan, the Popo-Democratic candidate for the presidency, insists that the farmers of the United States have not derived any benefit from the existing prosperity.

400 bushels wheat at 48c.....	\$192.00
1,200 bushels oats at 14c.....	168.00
2,500 bushels corn at 15c.....	375.00
13,000 pounds steers at 4c.....	520.00
5,000 pounds hogs at 3c.....	150.00
200 pounds butter at 10c.....	20.00
200 dozen eggs at 7c.....	14.00
	\$1,439.00

Balance in favor of 1900..... \$775.00

Mr. Bryan will observe that this Nebraska farmer received over 60 per cent more money this year than he did in 1896 for precisely the same quantities of his products. Mr. Bryan should study the exhibit. It will be interesting to Farmer Bryan, who might compare it with his own account for this year. Candidate Bryan should not tell falsehoods about the prices of farm products. If he is still in doubt let him run over to Everett, in his own state, and have chat with the farmer who supplied these figures.

FARM PRODUCTS ADVANCE.

At the Same Time Farm Supplies Are Lower in Price.

If the trusts are all powerful and are able to maintain and advance constant prices of manufactures, Mr. Bryan is telling us hourly, how is it that the prices of nearly all articles manufactured by trusts have fallen during the present year. Figures just published by the treasury bureau and by Dun's of Bradstreet's and other standard publications, show that the prices of trust-manufactured goods have decreased from 10 per cent to 40 per cent since Jan. 1 of the present year. Curiously, too, during that time the "defense" farmer, in whose behalf Mr. Bryan dally and hourly weeps, is enjoying an advance of from 10 per cent to 40 per cent in the price of his products. These statements are fully substantiated by the official figures of the treasury bureau of statistics, prepared for the current number of the Monthly Summary, and by recent issues of Dun's and Bradstreet's. Comparing prices at the beginning of the present month with those at the beginning of the present year, a fall of from 10 per cent to 40 per cent is shown in certain manufactures. Tinplate shows a reduction of 24 per cent on Oct. 1, 1900, as compared with Jan. 1, 1900; refined petroleum, 31 per cent; common window glass, 31 per cent; wire nails, 30 per cent; barbed wire, 28 per cent; Bessemer pig iron, 46 per cent; steel rails, 28 per cent; yellow pine lumber, 14 per cent; sisal rope, 38 per cent; cotton, 32 per cent; leather, 10 per cent; shoes of various grades, from 7 to 10 per cent; woolen dress goods of various grades, from 5 to 12 per cent.

The prices of leading articles of manufacture and farm production are regularly gathered by the bureau of statistics for publication in its Monthly Summary of Commerce and Finance, and it is from this and the publications of Bradstreet's and the Review, the Age and the Cincinnati Price Current that the figures given herewith are obtained.

While nearly all of the figures relating to manufactured articles show a reduction on Oct. 1, 1900, as compared with Jan. 1, 1900, nearly all the figures on prices of farm production show an advance during the same time. Corn shows an advance from 39 1/2 cents on Oct. 1, 1900, to 42 1/2 cents on Oct. 1, 1900, as compared with 37 1/2 cents on Oct. 1, 1900; barley from 45 cents to 59 cents; hogs from \$5.50 per hundred pounds to \$5.30; cotton from 7 1/16 cents to 10 1/16 cents; cottonseed from 13 1/2 cents to 17 1/2 cents.

The following table shows the wholesale prices of leading articles of manufacture, as shown by the official figures of the bureau of statistics, supplemented by reports from Bradstreet's, Dun's Review, the Iron Age and the Cincinnati Price Current for the opening week of October, 1900, compared with the opening week of January, 1900. The figures quoted are New York prices except where otherwise indicated.

Articles.	1900.	Oct. 1, 1900.
Steel billets, ton.....	\$35.00	\$28.00
Bessemer pig iron, ton.....	25.00	13.50
Steel beams, ton.....	45.00	37.00
Galvanized iron, 100 lbs.....	1.00	0.60
Manilla rope, 1/2 in at Cin't.....	1.50	1.00
Southern foundry pigs, ton.....	17.50	12.00
Wire nails, keg.....	3.65	2.55
Timber, spruce, 1,000.....	22.50	17.00
Indigo flannel, suits.....	25.00	20.00
Tin plate, 100 lbs.....	5.50	4.20
Brick, per 1,000.....	5.25	4.00
Petroleum, refined, per gallon.....	.11	.087
Yellow pine lumber, per 1,000.....	22.00	19.00
Cotton shirtings, bleached, yards.....	.23	.20
Window glass, 50 sq. ft.....	.23	.22
Clay worsteds (yd) 16-oz.....	1.57	11.27
Woolen shirtings, standard, per yard.....	.75	.65
Lime, per barrel.....	.75	.65
Copper, per pound.....	1.15	.168
Zinc spelter, per lb.....	.41	.41
Creedmore split shoes, per pair.....	1.10	1.00
Men's split boots.....	1.40	1.27
Women's satin shoes, pr.....	.55	.77
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Lead, per pound.....	.047	.043
Leather, oak, per lb.....	.33	.34
Indigo flannel, suits, per yard.....	1.30	11.20
Plain chevots, 14-oz., per yard.....	.92	.85
Wax brogans No. 1, pr.....	1.02	1.95
Bleached shirtings, standard, per yard.....	.0727	.0695
Serges, 12-oz., yard.....	1.05	11.00
Cassimeres, 16-oz., yard.....	1.35	11.50
Woolen dress goods, yard.....	31	29.00

*Oct. 1, 1899; *Sept. 1, 1900; *Aug. 1, 1900.

Will You? In 1896, McKinley was RIGHT. You know who was WRONG.—In 1900, Will you vote for the RIGHT or the WRONG man?

Will you vote for the RIGHT or the WRONG man? Will you vote for the RIGHT or the WRONG man? Will you vote for the RIGHT or the WRONG man?

It will cost you nothing to examine the Janesville plow at Lucas

Mr. Bryan is wrong. He sends us a statement showing what he realized from his 160-acre farm in 1896 and this year, taking exactly the same quantities of each product from his account books, as follows:

1900.	1896.
400 bushels wheat at 60c.....	\$240.00
1,200 bushels oats at 18c.....	216.00
2,500 bushels corn at 30c.....	750.00
13,000 pounds steers at 56c.....	728.00
5,000 pounds hogs at 4.70.....	235.00
200 pounds butter at 17c.....	34.00
200 dozen eggs at 12c.....	24.00

\$2,214.00
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FARMERS GAIN A BILLION.

What They Have Made Above the Prosperity Year 1899.

The farmers received \$67,034,329 more for their crops this year than last. They gained \$38,855,914 on the value of their live stock, some being excepted, as there are no official statistics on the increase of some.

The farmers are, in a few words, more than a billion dollars better off this year than last.

The year 1899 was admittedly a prosperous one with the farmers, but the value of nine of the principal crops of that year, as compiled by the United States department of agriculture, was nearly \$650,000,000 greater this year than last.

The greatest increases were in corn and hay, but the farmers received more for every other crop, excepting oats. The farmer knows how to vote this year so as to remain prosperous and to keep the consumers well clothed, well fed and well employed.

The gains over the prosperous year of 1899 are given herewith:

Farm Values of Nine Principal Crops.	1899.	1900.
Corn.....	\$829,210,110	\$850,310,000
Cotton.....	363,455,600	483,750,000
Wheat.....	319,942,720	380,000,000
Oats.....	198,167,675	182,137,500
Potatoes.....	89,328,832	97,500,000
Barley.....	29,594,254	32,337,500
Rye.....	12,215,115	14,242,500
Hay.....	411,928,187	671,000,000
Buckwheat.....	6,183,675	6,380,000
Totals.....	\$2,960,023,171	\$2,707,057,500

Increase, \$67,034,329.
Value of Farm Animals.

1899.	1900.	
Horses.....	\$511,074,813	\$903,000,442
Mules.....	95,663,261	111,717,062
Cows.....	474,233,225	514,812,106
Other cattle.....	931,135	859,482,260
Sheep.....	107,697,530	122,669,313
Totals.....	\$1,226,900,664	\$2,212,766,578

Increase..... \$388,855,914
Add increase of nine crops..... 67,034,329

Total gain to farmer..... \$1,032,900,243

McKINLEY'S MARCHING ON.

(Tune—"Glory, Hallelujah!")

Bryan, in the Presidential chair you'll never sit.
You might as well pack up your grip and go for Nebraska yet.
For in November you will find that the people will say "NIT,
And McKinley'll go marching on.

Chorus:
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
Glory, Glory, Hallelujah!
McKinley's marching on!
You've traveled through the country, from the East unto the West,
'And given to the people of your sophistry the best.
McKinley'll pres't the button and the people'll go the rest,
And we'll all go marching on.

Chorus:
In '96 you prophesied the country'd go to—well,
If you didn't run it in the way that you could tell;
Now the people know that in false statements you excel,
So McKinley'll go marching on.

Chorus:
You say prosperity has not come to the working man,
You know that for his welfare you don't care a linker's claim,
You know that you an' anxiety is nothing but a sham,
To help you march a-long.

Chorus:
Now, Billy, the best thing to do—just this free advice—
Stop talking everywhere about the trusts, it should suffice
That Tammany up in New York has cornered all the loce,
Still McKinley goes marching on.

Chorus:
You say if you're elected you'll pull Old Glory down,
And your country's enemies with independence crown,
But you'll never do it; you won't go to Washington,
And Billie, that ain't no lie.

Chorus:
—H. C. G.
Imperialism Thirty-six Years Ago.
The consent of the governed is the only ligature that was ever intended to bind us together and make us, in any sense, one people. To rope or chain together the states & rom falling apart. No material tie unites us; on the contrary, it is a moral force alone that unites us, or, rather, has united, the different parts of our federal system. But Lincoln is in fully committed to the policy of emancipation, confiscation and abnegation. That policy necessarily involves war in till we are exhausted of money, and ultimately Southern secession and the repudiation of our national debt. The only escape these and other alternative is to defeat Lincoln and elect Jan.—Rochester Union-Adv.

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Farmers Observe! Kill Your Gophers With Elnor's Liquid Gopher Killer.

It is a death shot and I will cheerfully refund your money if you are not perfectly satisfied.

REMEMBER this is no fake or humbug; it has been tested here in Hope in the presence of a number of our most influential farmers, and pronounced by them SURE KILL.

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H. H. BAKER, Proprietor.

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Oats, Barley, Rye, and low grade Wheat.

Communicated—Some More.

Oct. 20, 1900.

Dear Sir: I shall not trespass on your space again, but would like to call attention to a few groundless claims used to deceive voters in this campaign.

Col. A. K. McClure and Carl Schurz did more for the first election of Abraham Lincoln in 1860, probably, than any other two men.

They both favored McKinley in 1896. Now they both say the statements being made in the attempt to re-elect McKinley are the largest common games ever attempted on the American people.

A veritable gold brick fraud. Let us examine some of the statements made. The claim that a large market for wheat exists in the Philippine Islands or China, is shown to be false by the fact that Australia and India, only a few days' sail away, have sent all their surplus wheat thousands of miles further to England. When completed, the Siberian railway will lay down wheat at the very door of China, but nearly all of it will be shipped to Europe to find a market. The Chinese now raise a little wheat and have the soil and climate to raise any amount they wish, but they want very little—they are rice eaters, and in order to sell them our wheat, even if they wanted it, our farmers would have to work as cheap as the Chinese—10 cents a day. The claim of credit due McKinley for the good business lately enjoyed by American manufacturers is a campaign yarn, as shown by the fact that the leading countries of Europe, England and also in particular, Mexico, have all had the same experience. There has been a trade revival the world over, so that any claim of special credit for any man or party, is nonsense. It will be well for our farmers to bear in mind that the very same machines, and goods, which they pay a big price for, are in many cases sold in foreign countries for less than to our own people—and yet, these same manufacturers how for "protection." Every man knows, or ought to, that the duty of nearly 2c (1.96 exactly) per pound, is levied on foreign sugar, for the benefit of the sugar trust, which is a sheer robbery of the people—like the \$2 lumber duty. Bryan says take the tariff protection from all such monopolies—and why not? Cannot our people find use for their hard earned money? It is the great monopolies that are furnishing the money party, ought to agree that people into re-electing McKinley.

Great stress is laid upon the claim that the Philippine Islands are the "key" to China. Another big fake—but no absurdity is too great for use by men who put 2 cents on sugar and \$2 on lumber. It would be just as sensible to tell a man in North Dakota who wanted to bring goods from St. Paul that he had better ship to Omaha, unload there and reship to North Dakota points.

Hong Kong is the great entry to China, as New York is to the United States, and no one would be such a fool as to go 1,600 miles out of the way in order to do the fool trick of reshipping goods from Manila. It never has been done in the past, and will not be done in the future.

It seems as though every man who thinks more of the welfare of himself and family, than he does of a howl to "support the party," would agree that no such confidence game as McKinley speakers are trying to work, shall succeed, if possible to prevent it.

A former strong Republican friend in a published letter, written when he was recent tour of Europe, says that he voted for McKinley four years ago, but after seeing the conditions produced in Europe by militarism, he cannot favor any such thing in this country, and he shall support Bryan.