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A FALSE PROPHET.

Four years ago the present Democratic nominee for president ran for the same office upon a platform, the principal plank in which contained a demand for the free and unlimited coinage of silver. In fact the entire platform upon which Bryan sought to be elected to the chief executive office of the United States might well have been embodied in that single plank, for he practically ignored every other demand made in the platform and concentrated his efforts almost entirely upon the 16 to 1 plank.

National bankruptcy and widespread commercial ruin were prophesied as the inevitable result of the maintenance of the gold standard. All the woes from which the people suffered were to be cured by free silver, but the rejection of this panacea meant, according to Bryan, that the said woes would be increased tenfold. How false a prophet the silver apostle proved to be is best shown by the fact that in the campaign just closed in the States he has relegated the silver question unceremoniously to the rear and turned the full force of his batteries upon McKinley's policy for the control of the Philippine Islands.

Silver has been to all intents and purposes a dead issue during the entire campaign. The reason for this is not difficult to discover. Instead of disaster, which Bryan so freely predicted would follow the election of McKinley in 1896, the inauguration of the latter into office marked the commencement of the most notable era of material prosperity which the States have enjoyed since the civil war.

Thousands upon thousands of mortgages which had been plastered over the farms of the west under Cleveland's Democratic rule have been paid off dollar for dollar since McKinley took office. The farmers of America were never so prosperous as they are today, nor have more men ever been employed or better wages paid in the manufacturing centers than during the past four years.

It is no wonder, therefore, that Candidate Bryan passed the word along, that silver is a dead issue and, the great danger to the republic now lies in "imperialism."

Mr. Bryan has overlooked the fact entirely that a natural disposition exists among most people to discredit a prophet whose past forecastings have proven false. What reason is there for belief that Bryan, whose attitude during the present campaign has been a practical admission that he was wrong in '96, is not again wrong in 1900.

We fancy that the question has already been answered by the voters in the States in a most unequivocal manner. We apprehend that the man who prophesied woe which never came has again been left at home while the man who promised prosperity and made his promises good, has been returned for another term of four years in the White-house.

Interest in the Dominion election has been rekindled by the arrival of the lists of nominations, which are published in another column of this paper.

From the fact that very few seats will be filled by acclamation, it is very evident that a hard fight has been made both by Liberals and Conservatives. While we are much in the dark as to the progress of the fight, both in the Dominion and the States there seems little reason to doubt that both the Laurier and McKinley administrations have been returned to power. However, it is the unexpected which is always occurring in politics, and there is the possibility of an unlooked for landslide, which must be taken into consideration. Altogether, the arrival of definite information will serve to relieve a great deal of nervous tension in Dawson as also to relieve a number of bad guessers of their spare dollars.

Ruthless Slaughter.

The creditable work of the Boers in freeing South Africa of the dreaded lions, which roamed in such numbers that life was rendered unsafe anywhere in the country, is offset by their ruthless destruction of the giraffe from Cape Colony to the Botletli river. If they killed 600 lions in the Transvaal before existence was made safe, they have killed 60,000 of the innocent, graceful giraffes. In the early days of South African history the giraffe was the most abundant game in the Transvaal, Matabeland and Orange Free State, but the creature has been killed off like our American buffalo, and the few remaining representatives of a noble race gradually driven north. For years past the giraffe has been a profitable quarry for the Boer hunters, and the animal was valued by them only because the hides were articles of commercial use. They were pot hunted, shot down in droves, and destroyed in the greatest number possible in every direction.

A good giraffe skin is worth from \$10 to \$20 in South Africa today, and much more in Europe. On their hunting trips 10 and 15 years ago it was a common matter for one hunter to kill 40 and 50 of these graceful animals in one day. The reason for this is that the giraffe is the most innocent of animals and is easily hunted. It is absolutely defenseless, and there is hardly a case on record where a wounded giraffe turned upon the hunter. It is true giraffe have great powers of speed, and they can dodge rapidly from tree to tree in the woods, but they offer such a fair mark that these tactics hardly ever save them.

The hide of the animal is its chief article of value. No wonder that the bullets often fail to penetrate this skin, for it is from three-quarters to an inch thick, and as tough as it is thick. The skin, when cured and tanned, makes excellent leather for certain purposes. The Boers make riding whips and sandals out of the skins they do not send to Europe. The bones of the giraffe have also a commercial value. The leg bones are solid instead of hollow, and in Europe they are in great demand for manufacturing buttons and other bone articles. The tendons of the giraffe are so strong that they will sustain an enormous dead weight, which gives to them pecuniary value.—Ex.

Cotton Production in Russia.

The total production of Russian cotton up to within a few years has hardly reached half of the total yield of the United States. The output of India does not exceed 3,000,000 bales and that of Japan is hardly 300,000 pounds. Within a few years however Russia has been striving to create an important cotton center in Turkestan and she expects to secure raw material from that quarter in sufficient quantity to supply the mills of the metropolis. It is difficult at first glance to explain the success here; the climate is severe, the extremes of temperature marked, rain is rare and the heat intense. But the extreme warmth of summer intensifies the power of vegetation, and irrigation takes the place of rain.—Consul J. C. Covert.

Pigeons Tire in Ocean Flights.

An old tar on a sailing vessel said recently that sailors on ships in the regular line between Europe and New York are always sure of pigeon pie the day after the carrier pigeon service leaves this port. He adds that pigeons flying at sea soon get tired, and settle on the first craft that comes in their way. A carrier pigeon was released from the French seamer 'Aquitaine' one day and was picked up by a schooner seven miles from Newport on the same day. The bird was handed to its owners in this city. The impression is gaining that pigeons are not so useful for long ocean flight as has been believed.—New York Sun.

"Basher Life, Old Boy."

There is an old saying: "Woman's work is never done," meaning that the housekeeper has to perform almost the same identical duties day after day and that it is impossible to escape from those duties. There is another class who find themselves in about the same boat, and that is the person who week after week lay before you the news of the world—the newspaper people. The same old path is trodden day after day, week after week, from one year's end to the other. The news is gathered, the type is set, the forms made up, the presses grind out the papers, then back into the cases go the type and the same monotonous grind that brought forth

Who Is Our President?

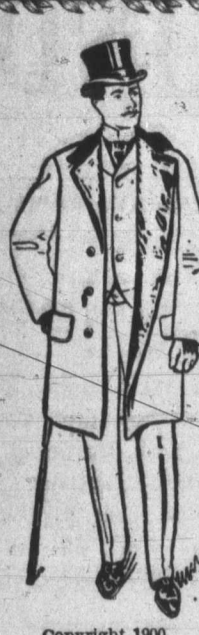
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Ole on Politics.

Ay ben not gote enny silver mine and ay tank ay not vote for Bill Brain.
Bill Brain ha say fort Yuly ha bane goin oot stile. Ay bate ha bane talk by his hat.
McKinley, ha bane purt goot faller. Ha make me work all tem but ay get money all tem too.
Ay not laik to broke oop China. Ma wife she kack laik hal und maik ma put pieces togedder gain.
Ay not laik free soop purt goot. Fuse faller ha give free beer in kamp and free soop after Brain ha bane lected.
Da Fuse faller ha bane have purt hard time to stick togedder. Ha got one leg on sidewalk and one in middle road und ha bane purt near schplit oop.

The Cost of War Dispatches.

London newspapers are "pointing with pride" to the enormous expense they were put to in the matter of telegrams from South Africa. For example, the Morning Post paid \$1750 for one of Winston Churchill's telegrams not long since, and its friends chuckle accordingly. We have in mind one dispatch that cost the New York Herald \$7000 during the war with Spain, and there were several others received by other journals that were not much cheaper.—New York Commercial.

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