

WHICH ONE HAS BEEN THE TRUER PROPHET?

McKINLEY AND BRYAN FOUR YEARS AGO.

Some Recollections as to What Each Candidate in 1896 Said Would Happen, and Their Predictions Examined in the Light of What Has Happened.

On the afternoon of June 18, 1896, word was flashed from St. Louis to Canton that William McKinley had been nominated for president by the Republican party. Before the decisive ballot of that convention had been formally announced the cyclone rush of people had begun toward that little North Market street house that has become historic. In the interim from the day of the choice of candidate in the St. Louis convention until William McKinley started Washington work as the president-elect, the Republican mecca was visited by hundreds of thousands, and to them addresses were delivered from day to day as they came. During the time of that memorable front-porch campaign William McKinley uttered certain predictions of a political nature. These were in direct opposition to the prophecies of his political opponent. Both candidates had their followers. Both were proclaimed true by some and false by others.

Measured by the lapse of years, who has proved the true prophet? Did William McKinley then utter predictions which have been verified in expected and unforeseen ways? Whether fulfilled in a day or in a decade of years or cycle of centuries, a true prophecy stands as a monument of the wisdom of him who spoke it. Applying these and other prophecies to the campaign speeches of William McKinley, there stands out in unquestioned relief bold statements that then were prophecy but now are history.

A PROPHECY STATEMENT. Two days after McKinley was nominated he commenced to discuss political issues. In addressing a delegation of the workers from Milles, Ohio, the place of his boyhood, he in a sentence gave to the world what has been his political creed when he said: "If I have been associated with any legislation that has given to a single American workman a day's work at American wages which he did not receive before, that is honor enough for me. What we want in this country is a policy that will give to every American workman full work at American wages. A policy that will bring back to us such a period of prosperity and abundance that we may enjoy for more than twenty years prior to 1893."

The keynote of his 1896 speeches was prosperity depends on confidence. In line with this, McKinley said to the Apollo, Pa., Republican club, "Some one has said 'we are a nation of working-people.' Well, we have been, and will be again, and that policy, under which, for more than twenty years, we enjoyed exceptional advantages and prosperity, shall be again restored to this country." The busy activity everywhere verifies the prediction.

THE CURRENCY ISSUES. In discussing the currency issue of the campaign, McKinley spoke these words to the Foraker club, of Cleveland, Ohio: "Our trouble is not with the character of money we have, but with the threat to debase it. What we want is a sound policy, financial and industrial, which will give courage and confidence to all; for when that is secured the money now unemployed, because of fear for the future and lack of confidence in an investment, will quickly appear in the channel of trade. The employment of the money that we already have, in gainful pursuits will put every idle man in the country at work, and when there is work there is wages, and when there are work and wages, there are consumers at home, who constitute the best market for the products of our soil."

That the Spanish-American war has cemented fraternal ties between men of the North and men of the South of the United States has become a truism. In an address to G. A. R. comrades from Cleveland, O., on the 16th of July, foretold this in these words: "The war has been over thirty-one years, and as a result we have a reunited country, a Union stronger and freer, a civilization higher and nobler, a freedom broader and more enduring, and a flag more glorious and sacred than ever before, and all of them safe from any enemy, at home or abroad, because the men, who, a third of a century ago, fought in deadly conflict, unite now in their masterly might to oppose every enemy who would assail either freedom, Union or flag."

AS TO THE CURRENCY. McKinley's political opponent declared prosperity could never return without a change of currency. In answer to this, McKinley in an address to the commercial travelers of Chicago, said: "Good money never made times hard and poor money never 'made times good.' Much has been said of the Spanish-American war and the effect of the administration in postponing hostilities after the destruction of the Maine, and the policy of the administration in all belligerent movements since. The war has come to be popularly called a war for national honor and humanity. On September 11, 1898, Governors Hastings and Bushnell and staffs were in the crowds of delegations that were addressed by McKinley. That day the then political standard bearer, said: "The Republican party has always been a party of lofty purposes. It never had an aim, from the first moment of its existence until now, which did not embrace the common good of all. It never fought for the sake of liberty and equality. It deals with the problems and issues of the day which are vital to the welfare of the country and maintains the lofty purposes which have characterized it from the beginning. It stands for country now, and will guard with sleepless vigilance its honor as it guarded its life in the mightiest crisis in its history."

Six days later, in speaking to a body of steel workers from Braddock, Pa., McKinley said: "The country has never failed or faltered in the past to meet every crisis. It will not falter now to uphold the dignity and independence of labor and stability of government that it may still further exalt the American name."

RAILWAY REVIVAL. In speaking to railway delegations McKinley emphasized the fact that railways are the great arteries of trade. He said that business would be



Shoes A Big Sale Shoes Begins on Saturday

Our buyer of Shoes has been working over time lately. He has scoured and cleared the shoe market of all the shoes that are good enough and cheap enough to be a first-rate Jonas Long's Sons' Shoe Bargain. So with this extraordinary trade movement, we find it possible to announce today that

No Such Sale of Shoes Was Ever Known Because There Never Was Such Shoes to Sell

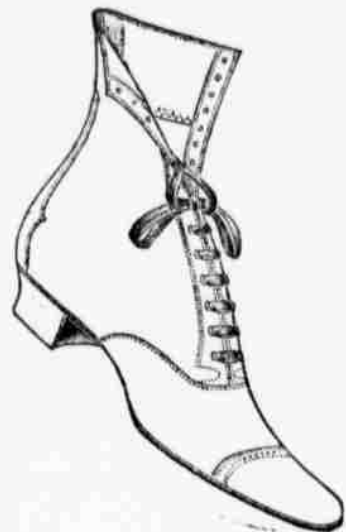
We have made a tremendous purchase of Footwear; probably four times the quantity that has ever been brought to Scranton in a single shipment. We bought them for spot cash and for HALF their regular price; so when Saturday morning dawns we shall begin the sensational Shoe Sale of the year, and it will last just as long as the shoes are here, Possibly two or three weeks, for there are many thousand pairs.

High Grade \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50 and \$4 Women's and Men's Shoes... \$1.89

We have had three phenomenally successful Shoe Sales during this year. The Shoes which we offer at these special sales bring success to our Shoe department. The more shoe sales, the more success. Little wonder, then, that we bend every energy to buy the best for the least and share with you our good fortune.

Read How the Shoe Is Constructed. Read About the Great Window Show. Read Our Liberal Guarantee to You.

- 1. The very best kind of Dongola Kid that could be put into any Three Dollar Shoe has been put into them. The best kind of White Oak Soles that could be put into any three dollar or four dollar Shoe has been put into them. The counters and insoles are the equal of any you will find in five dollar shoes. Every pair is fully flexible and sewed on the McKay machines, which means that they are more carefully finished than would be possible with human hands. They are the very newest and most called-for styles. Button and lace. All sizes. All widths.
2. The Men's Shoes are just as nobby and distinct in style, though there is not so many of them. They are hand-sewed welts and come in the new and popular shade of tan; also in black kid and satin calf, McKay sewed. You'll go a long way to see better one's at the price.
3. We have devoted six massive windows on Lackawanna Avenue to the showing of some of these. Our window artist has done his best, and many of you have looked in amazement at the great greatness of Footwear. It is but a thought of what is in the store—a "drop in the bucket" if we might so put it.
4. We stand back of every pair. The maker stands back of us. We guarantee them to give most thorough and satisfactory service. If they do not your money back cheerfully and no questions asked. But let us say right here—we know that you will be pleased with their wearing qualities. They are the standard by which all other three dollar and three dollar and a half shoes are judged.



The Sale Begins Saturday Morning

The early comers on Saturday will get the plums, of course. But there are a lot of plums—almost enough to go around. Some of you will want two and three pairs. It is possible you may never again buy them so cheap. We are confident you will never get a greater bargain.

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revived and railways would be busy. Said he: "No agency more accurately registers the business of a country than the railroads. They are unflinching barometers of every business change." Business reports verify his prediction.

A few days afterward in an address to a delegation from Wood county, O., William McKinley gave utterance to these words—words which contain a mint of meaning: "Start the factories and put American machinery in operation and there will not be an idle man in the country who is able and willing to work."

Among the delegations that came to Canton on the 29th of September, 1896, was one from Oil City, Pa., which contained a floral representation of the states of the Union, young ladies carrying baskets of roses bearing the names of the states. McKinley on that occasion spoke with much feeling in a patriotic vein, and uttered these words which are the keynote to his strong love for country: "What a glorious Union we have. It represents more than any other nation of the world, and the best hopes of mankind anywhere in the world. This Union in a little more than a hundred years has done more for the human race than any other nation of the world, and it is only just entering upon its career and progress."

McKINLEY'S CHIEF OBJECT. The chief object of McKinley, in his own language, has ever been "to drive from our shores distress and want and misery and to lift up those who are bowed down and to bring to those who are in want work and prosperity." How this might be done, he predicted in a speech to a delegation from Center County, Pa., when he said: "Let it be once established that our monetary standard is not to be changed, that we are not to put on a silver basis, not to adopt the Mexican system of finance, but are to continue the present basis with gold, silver and paper—all equal—credit, which is practically more than the capital of this and every other country, will be reinstated, and we will once more, in my judgment, enter upon a greater era of prosperity."

There is not a reading and thinking man in the nation who does not recognize the truth of this utterance of McKinley, made to a delegation of West Virginians, October 2, 1896: "When confidence is present with us the sheriff has less to do and advertise fewer forced sales. The court docket registers fewer judgments and public charity is less invoked."

And in the same address a little later he declared that if the people at the November election would speak for the principles of the Republican party there would be a change for the better. "Business activity will return," said he, "confidence will come back; cour-

age will take the place of fear; work will be resumed and prosperity will come to blessed and benefit all."

A MEMORABLE PROPHECY.

That memorable delegation of ex-Confederates from Virginia inspired William McKinley to utter words which have since been fulfilled, as if he had been gifted with prophecy. Then he declared: "Let no discordant note grate upon the melody of peace. Let it go forth, let it be everywhere proclaimed that the men of the North and the men of the South together stand for the enforcement of justice and the supremacy of law. We have entered upon a new and blessed era; we have crossed the dominion of force into the kingdom of peace and law and mutual good will. Faith in each other, faith in the common country, faith in the future and a common destiny has made us one—forever one."

Enough has been said from the McKinley addresses to show that he has been a true prophet. When a glance is taken at the conditions existing today and the newspaper stories of the business of the land everywhere, it is at once evident that somehow or other the predictions made by the Republican standard-bearer of 1896 have been verified. There are gems of truth in his campaign addresses which though not in the list of prophetic utterances fit admirably the conditions of the day and are at the same time sentiments worthy a place in every man's memory.

AVOIDED A COURTMARTIAL.

An Incident of Colonel Roosevelt's Career in Cuba.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. A story of Roosevelt and the Rough Riders which has never been published, but which perhaps illustrates better than anything else could the personal affection the colonel had for his men and his care for the good name of his regiment is that of the way he treated two troopers who came near shooting each other one day in Cuba. One of the troopers was Edwin Emerson, Jr., of New York. Emerson went to Cuba as a correspondent for a weekly paper, but he enlisted in the Rough Riders while the regiment was lying in the trenches the day after the capture of San Juan hill. He is near-sighted and wears eye-glasses, but Colonel Roosevelt told him that any man who wanted to enlist at a time when so many fellows were anxious to go the other way should have a chance, and Emerson was sworn in. He was assigned to Troop K, of which Woodbury Kane, the New York clubman, was captain. A few days after the surrender of Santiago Emerson had a quarrel at breakfast with a tall trooper from Arizona. This trooper called Emerson a

four-eyed dudu" and other little things of an unpleasant personal nature, and at last Emerson offered to go just outside the camp and fight it out with the Arizonian. The invitation was accepted with alacrity. As they started for the place where they were to fight the tall trooper stopped and picked up his carbine. Then he began hunting for his cartridge belt, which he had mislaid.

"What do you want with your gun?" asked Emerson.

"I want it for you," said the trooper. "Any man who has trouble with me has trouble with the business end of my gun."

Emerson jumped for a six-shooter he saw in its holster lying on some blankets. In a second he had the pistol cocked and pointed at the head of the other.

"Drop that carbine or I'll kill you!" he yelled. Just at that moment Captain Kane ran up with some of the men. Kane ordered Emerson and the Arizona man under arrest, and they were put in the guard tent. They were certain to be court-martialed, and they knew their offense was not a light one. Colonel Roosevelt was absent from camp, however, and they knew nothing would be done until his return. Two days later he came back and Captain Kane reported to him what had occurred.

"I'd rather not have a court-martial, Captain Kane," said Roosevelt, "if it is possible to avoid it. It is a bad thing for the general record of the regiment to have too many courts-martial. Suppose we have the men brought before us, and let us see if we can arrange matters in some better way."

Emerson and the big Arizonian were accordingly brought up. Colonel Roosevelt looked them over and then said: "Trooper Emerson, what have you to say about this charge? You were found pointing a loaded pistol at this man's head and threatening to kill him. What have you to say?"

"It was all a mistake, sir," said Emerson. "A mistake!" exclaimed the colonel. "How could it be a mistake for you to be threatening to kill him?"

"Well, colonel," said Emerson, "I had offered to go out and fight him with my fists, and he thought I had challenged him to fight a duel."

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THERE is no such word as "dull" associated with this business. We create a buying spirit with the genuineness and liberality of our daily offerings. Hence there is no other alternative than that of being busy.

Our Great One Hour Friday Sales

Keep everything on the jump. They are trade-winners of which we are very proud. We try to better them every week. You who are continually present know how well we succeed. This week is a pretty good sale, don't you think? Not an item but what is offered away under price. Sales begin at Ten O'clock—each lasting for One Hour.

Sale No. 1. Clock icon. Begins Promptly At Ten O'clock. If it was not our principle of giving the most for the least, these Hourly Sales would not be the success they are. Witness at ten o'clock the Writing Paper, Wooden Water Pails and the Hosiery. Box of Writing Paper, Containing almost a quire of paper and envelopes, the very finest grade of high paper in either ruled or unruled. At 10 o'clock, per box 6c Ladies' and Children's Hosiery. The former are of superior quality cotton, double heels and seamless angora all sizes. The Children's hosiery is of like fabric, and strictly fast color. Sizes 6 to 8. At 10 o'clock, pair... 7c Bottle of Ammonia, For either toilet or household use. Of double strength, thoroughly distilled. Most people can't keep houses without it. At 10 o'clock, per bottle... 4c

Sale No. 2. Clock icon. Begins Promptly At Eleven O'clock. Of big importance at this hour is the White Goods and Women's Vests. Hardly need to mention the Laundry Soap, you'll grab after that as you will after the Water Pails. Here's particulars: White Goods of the finest sorts. All of our exquisite patterns in Striped Lawns, Satin Lawns, Lacey Piques, etc., which have sold all season at from 25c to 50c, the yard, go into one hour at 11 o'clock for, yard... 19c Ladies' Ribbed Vests, of a special make, in both white and ecru; no sleeves, and wing sleeves. Lace trimmed. Colors and styles new. At 11 o'clock, each... 9c Fairbank's Laundry Soap, a kind that does not affect the hands; in short the best Laundry Soap on the market. In basement at 11 o'clock, 10 cakes for... 19c Wood Water Pails. The last lot and good ones, too. Of thoroughly seasoned maple, perfectly welded and complete with covers. On sale at 11 o'clock for... 4c

Sale No. 3. Clock icon. Begins Promptly At Two O'clock. The Half Yearly Sale of Housefurnishings comes in for a share of attention Friday. The great sale of the month is augmented by these extraordinary specials, that you'll find hard to beat in any store. Great Sale at 4c. At this price you shall buy for one hour, Cups and Saucers, Decorated Plates, Crystal Glass Fruit and Pickle Dishes, Decorated Pitchers, Jars, Fruit Sippers, Shakers, Spoon Holders, Sugar Cruets, Decorated Tea Pots, Holders, Trays, Soap Stands, Tea Pot Stands, Broom Squares, Broom Bins, Broom Racks, Stands, Flower Pots, Placques, Mustard Cups, also all sizes of White Granite Platters, Bakers, Yellow Breads, Scotch Breads, Pastry Boards, Granite Jelly Pans, Bread Pans, Granite Baskets, Granite Ladles, Granite Skimmers, Shakers, Dinner Patterns, Egg Beaters, Tea Bells, Wood Saws, Mouse Traps, Bread and Cake Knives, Small Brooms. At 2 o'clock Friday, for... 4c

Sale No. 4. Clock icon. Begins Promptly At Three O'clock. Things generally begin to "boil" at three o'clock. So it is always best to be on time, or a little ahead of time, to insure being waited on promptly at the hour. Fine Torchon Laces, about the finest lot we have ever offered, and so little priced, too. Several thousand yards, that will keep the yard-sticks humming, for in our store will be to buy them. At 3 o'clock for, yard... 4c Big Turkish Towels, that are so much better than any other kind. Our buyer thinks it a shame to sell them so cheap, but here goes. Softest thread that abounds all moisture, big in size and fine finish. At 3 o'clock for... 7c Linen Initial Handkerchiefs, unaltered. They're very fine in quality as you shall see, and we guarantee them pure linen. Handsewn embroidered initials, every letter and chosen from. Ready at 3 o'clock for... 4c Beautiful Dimities, A clean-up of everything there is left, which means you shall buy the 12 1/2c and 15c ones at a special price—dimities—yes, and the dyed and Lanes we'll throw in to make the music merry. Lanes in patterns and colors. At 3 o'clock for... 8 1/2c Fine China Mattings, in pieces of 20 yards. Splendid variety of patterns and colorings; better than ever before sold for the money. TWENTY YARDS FOR 1.98

Sale No. 5. Clock icon. Begins Promptly At Four O'clock. The last sales of the day and we "warm up" to the occasion. Great values, to be sure. You'll be glad to stay for them, I know. Great Sale Wash Silks, enough of a kind for a Dress or a Waist. The lot includes 20 inch Jap Silks, in shades of Olive, Cardinal, Garnet, Curlew, Orange, Lemon, Cadet, Light Blue and Heliotrope, guaranteed all silk. Also 20-inch satin finished Foulards, with navy and white figures on exquisite grounds. Cheap at 20 cents, most of them. Lengths of from two to ten yards. At 4 o'clock for... 27c Men's and Women's Umbrellas, that we have sold at a bargain at 75c, though worth a dollar. 26 and 28-inch genuine Canvas handles, iron frames, serviceable covers. An Umbrella worth talking about. At 4 o'clock for... 59c Boys' Finest Caps, clean-up of all styles, including Gaiters, Yachets and Tan O'Shirts in each selection; also in light weight woollens. All sizes and former's all sizes. 25c, 30c, 35c, each. At 4 o'clock and 2 for, for... 15c Toilet Articles and Notions, winds up the list for the day, and a worthy list it is for an hour: Your Choice For One Hour 6c.

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