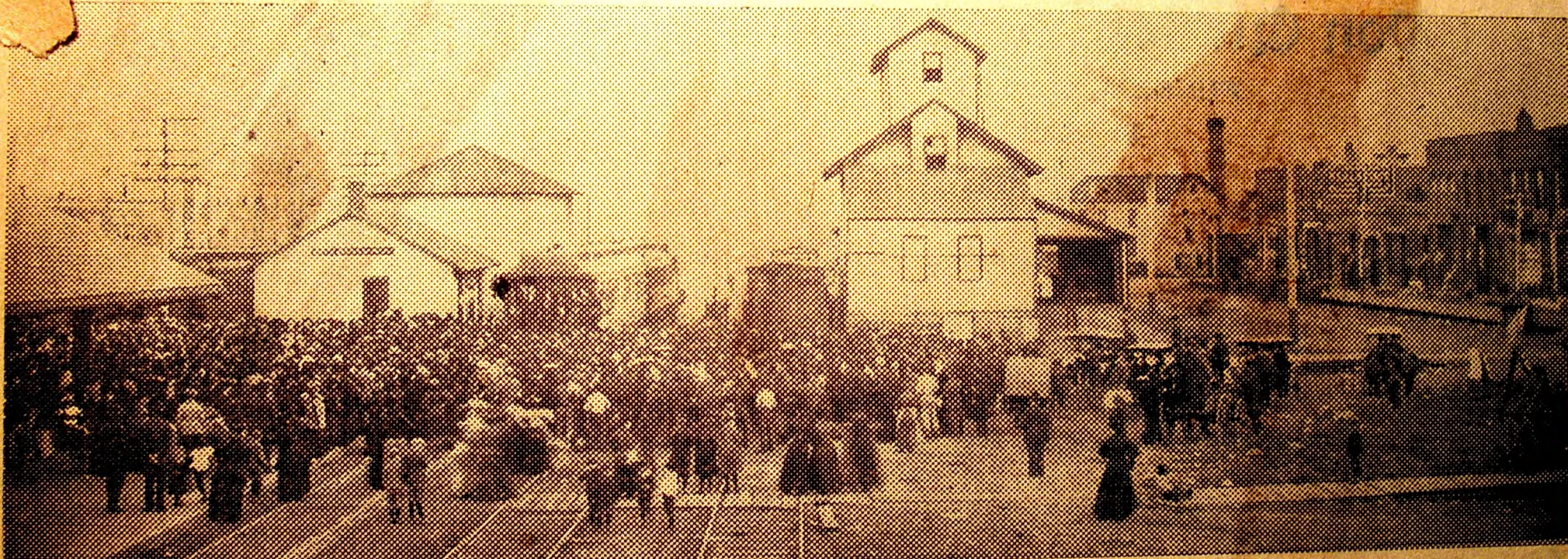


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WILLIAM J. BRYAN SPOKE HERE IN 1896, WHILE MAKING TOUR OF THE COUNTRY IN "FREE SILVER" CAMPAIGN



During the Presidential campaign in 1896, when William Jennings Bryan was a candidate for President on the Democratic ticket, against William B. McKinley on the Republican ticket, Bryan spoke here at the Alton depot, during the latter part of October. The picture shows the large crowd assembled in anticipation of his arrival. Our files tell of the arrival of the train, the speaker being accompanied by Messrs. Kelagher, Ketcham and Dwight Morgan, the latter introducing Bryan. The business places of George Z. Flagler, B. A. Buck, Charles Crandall, W. H. Ketcham, and many others were decorated. At Bloomington, Pontiac and Joliet Mr. Bryan spoke to large audiences on the same trip.

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