

people are in need of having him air his savage notions about a class of crime that has no existence, and popular movements and opinions regarding which he is evidently in profound ignorance.

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The Denver Election Exposures.

It is strange that any persons whatever who allow themselves to be governed in the least by honest impulses, can contemplate the election exposures in Denver without holding in supreme contempt those judges of the Supreme Court of the State, those leaders of the Denver bar, those public officials of Denver, and those business men of that city, who have lent themselves to the infamous work of suppressing the facts about the election frauds whereby the public utilities corporations were made to appear to have received a popular vote for their plundering franchises. Every foul means seems to have been adopted to check these disclosures, until the ingenuity of the lawyers for the corporations and possibly the rascality of the judges who aided them, had run their course. When finally the matter came before Judge Lindsey, under circumstances which enabled him to proceed with the long delayed and obstructed investigation, the reasons for obstructing the investigation became obvious. That investigation has now gone far enough to show that the corporations (which means "respectable" business and professional men, for corporations are only business masks for living men) committed fraud upon fraud by sending their employes to vote upon the basis of fraudulent tax receipts, and that even then they would have failed to accomplish their purpose had they not bribed election officials to return a fraudulent count. It is from such men as these that the public are being constantly warned about "anarchists." Yet in the very worst possible sense of the word "anarchist," they themselves, these men of the bench and the bar and the business office, are anarchists of the most despicable and dangerous species.

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The Labeled and the Unlabeled Thieves.

"Another good man gone wrong," was the way the newspapers used to announce detections of a certain type of successful business men, until a witty editorial writer approximated the truth more closely by altering the formula to "another bad man found out." Of all the exposures of successful business men that have recently been made, hardly one would answer to the description of "a good man gone wrong"; they answer better to the description of "a bad man found out." But even

that description is not quite candid, for these men were long commonly known to be bad. It is not so much the being found out that seems to condemn such men, as being stopped in their careers of wickedness. Here, for example, is the case of Stensland of Chicago, the president of a bank which through his financial treachery has failed, bringing ruin upon thousands of people. That he was doing what has brought about the catastrophe, namely, using other people's money for private speculation, was as well known in business circles months ago as it is to-day. He was not known to be a forger, to be sure; but that is only a detail. Yet he was a successful and respected business man, esteemed worthy of any trust by the business crowd, until the crash came. Then everybody condemned him for the ruin and misery he had brought upon the depositors in his bank. The truth of the matter is that when the crash comes is the time to pity rather than to condemn men like Stensland. The time to condemn them is while they are in the full tide of getting something for nothing, and not after they have been caught. There are to-day in the city of Chicago, in New York, in every other large city men who are doing, with more or less respect for the law, precisely in moral principle what Stensland was doing. They are known to be doing it. Yet they are held up to public admiration as successful business men and honorable public citizens. These men—it may be in legal form, or it may be not, that is a detail—are spreading ruin and misery broadcast with every stroke of what they call business. All who are sophisticated know that they are doing it. But they contribute to churches, they contribute to colleges, they flourish in social clubs, their opinion about public affairs is accepted when the opinions of honest men are rejected, their friendship is sought, they are fawned upon; and if the crash does not come, as in Stensland's case it did, they pass out of this world with honor, and monuments are raised to their memory. They are regarded as examples of business success and civic leadership. More evil is done by one such man who passes through life undetected by the general public than by a dozen who come to grief. It were better to pity the Stenslands who fail and get caught than to admire the Stenslands who succeed.

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The Passing of the Sullivan.

Roger C. Sullivan's protestations that Mr. Bryan falsifies the character of the Illinois convention of 1904, from which he derives his credentials as national committeeman, are wholly