

For a long time the plutocratic dailies announced regularly six times a week that Bryan was dead. Now they say that they are going to kill him by taking the organization of his own state away from him. It is not Bryan that they want to kill, however. It is the principles that he advocates. If he would abandon those principles and join in with the Hill-Cleveland crowd and advocate the policies that they advocate, in the eyes of the republican and reorganizer dailies he would immediately become a great statesman, orator and patriot. One of the deceptions that plutocracy has always practiced is, instead of denouncing the good principles that men advocate, they denounce the men. Plutocrats and kings always declare that they have only the good of the people as their ultimate aim and object.

Judge Grosscup first issued a restraining order against the meat trust and after that he issued a temporary injunction. Meantime the trust goes on its peaceful way, continues its combinations and fixes prices just as it always did. After a while Judge Grosscup may make his injunction permanent, but that will not interfere with the operations of the meat trust at all. If, however, the trust was prosecuted under the criminal section of the law and the penitentiary loomed up before Armour, Swift and the rest of them, the situation would be different. Neither Attorney General Knox, Judge Grosscup nor the president have any idea of doing such a thing as that.

The democrats of this state seem to be "considerable riled" over the proposition of the reorganizers to come here and take charge of their organization and send a delegation to the national convention to vote for a Dave Hill candidate for president. But they will have to do something besides talking and writing letters to the papers to prevent it. They will have to see to it that democrats attend the primaries and that the fake democrat who has been voting the republican ticket for the last ten years is kept out of the county and state conventions. Democrats in Nebraska when thinking or talking about that party in this state are too apt to unconsciously include the whole fusion vote of the state, but when it comes to democratic primaries, populists are excluded. The only assistance that they can render will be to stand by and help the democrats keep republicans from voting.

TREASON, ANARCHY, SOCIALISM

A Republican Postmaster's Ideas of Which There are Several Hundred "Sich" in Nebraska

In one of Upham Adams' articles describing the three citizens of Lincolnville occurs the following from the republican postmaster:

"What are you looking so glum about, Brother Jenkins?" asked Colonel Monroe, pulling his chair up to the fire and passing his cigar case to Judge Sawyer. "Has the sale of stamps fallen off or a money order gone astray?"

"It's Flannagan," declared the postmaster.

"Flannagan? What's Flannagan done now?"

"Flannagan's the head brakeman on No. 81," explained Jenkins, noting the puzzled look on Judge Sawyer's face. "He was in here just before you came. Flannagan's an ungrateful dog if there is one. He showed me his pay envelope. His wages have been increased 10 per cent. Last month he got \$60, this month he gets \$66. Everyone but the conductors have been raised—engineers, firemen, brakemen, switchmen, and yardmen. Now what do you suppose Flannagan said?"

"Never could guess in the world," returned Colonel Monroe. "What did he say?"

"He said he oughter been raised ten years ago," declared Postmaster Jenkins, dropping the red hot poker on the zinc. "I'd raise him if he was working for me! There's gratitude for you! I told him right to his face that he'd been a long time in Ireland before he got \$60 a month, say nothing of \$66. On top of it all Flannagan says the company didn't raise their pay because they loved them, but because it knew they were ready to strike. He brags that their union brought the railroad to time. I'd like to be a railroad president, and see any union bring me to time! I tell you, unions are ruining this country. Yes, sir, ruining it! Things have come to a pretty pass when men like Flannagan can dictate to the president of the M. N. and W.! If that isn't treason, I don't know what treason is. It's treason and anarchy and socialism—that's what it is!"

"Don't take it much to heart, Jenk-

ins," said Colonel Monroe, soothingly. "Flannagan is only a rough working-man, without your delicate sensibilities, and hasn't had your educational advantages. Then again the loss of two or three fingers may tend to make him irritable and to bias his judgment. But you haven't told all the news about the railroad. They have increased something besides wages."

"You refer to the new freight rate schedule, I presume," observed Judge Sawyer. "I heard of it yesterday."

"The M. N. & W. has raised freight rates an average of 10 per cent," responded the colonel. "What do you think of that, Jenkins? Perhaps that accounts for Flannagan's good luck, which he so little appreciates."

"It's no money out of my pocket," returned Jenkins, doggedly. "I don't ship any stuff. Besides 10 per cent isn't much of an increase in rates. It will hardly be felt. Don't you think so, judge?"

Judge Sawyer was deep in the study of the blue flames through the isinglass and made no reply.

"Let's see how Lincolnville comes out on these higher salaries and higher freight rates," suggested Colonel Monroe, reaching for a block of paper and a pencil. "This is a division point and more than the average number of railroad men live here. There are hundreds of towns in the state without a railroad employe as a resident. We have forty of them. We'll average their former wages at \$75 a month, or \$900 a year. The forty of them have therefore been receiving \$36,000 a year. The 10 per cent increase adds \$3,600 to their incomes. This is the railroad's contribution to Lincolnville. This money will be spent on our stores and some of it be deposited in Judge Sawyer's bank. Flannagan gets \$72 of it. That will pay his rent for six months. He is one of the winners. Now the question is, How does the railroad come out? How much freight business did the M. N. and W. do in Lincolnville last year? Do you know the approximate figure, judge?" Judge Sawyer consulted a notebook and after a pause said:

"The year's freight business of the M. N. & W. in Lincolnville was about \$160,000, Colonel Monroe."

"Very well," continued the colonel, jotting down the figures. "That is the amount, Jenkins, that the town of Lincolnville paid the M. N. and W. for bringing to us our groceries, meats, furniture, pianos, lumber and the thousand and one things we purchase from our merchants or consume as raw material in our factories. This year the company is going to pay Flannagan and his fellow workers \$3,600 increase in wages and charge the merchants and manufacturers of Lincolnville \$16,000 extra for freight bills. What have you to say to that?"

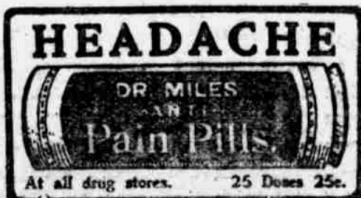
"It don't make any difference to me," asserted Postmaster Jenkins. "I only wish I was a stockholder in the road. It's their property and they have a right to charge anything they please. The same people that are always kicking about railroads and other corporations would do the same thing if they were railroads and corporations. I don't own nothing myself, except a house with a mortgage on it, but I stand up for property rights and vested interests. They have made the country what it is. What would Lincolnville be if it wasn't for the M. N. and W. railroad? Nothing! Nothing!"

When the colonel points out that the merchants will add that \$16,000 to the price of their goods and Mr. Jenkins' share of it will be about \$50, the postmaster suddenly changes the subject.

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Summary of report filed for the year ending December 31st, 1902.

INCOME	
Premiums.....	\$1,425,041.15
All other sources.....	373,532.50
Total.....	\$1,798,573.65
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid policy holders.....	750,762.49
All other payments.....	540,931.91
Total.....	\$1,291,694.40
Admitted assets.....	\$7,777,714.86
LIABILITIES	
Net reserve.....	7,338,799.72
Net policy claims, and matured installment policies not yet due.....	22,957.61
All other liabilities.....	11,687.63
Capital stock paid up.....	250,000.00
Surplus beyond capital stock & other liabilities.....	154,269.90
Total.....	\$7,777,714.86

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Summary of report filed for the year ending December 31st, 1902.

INCOME	
Premiums.....	\$ 1,288,188.06
All other sources.....	386,644.01
Total.....	1,674,832.07
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid policy holders.....	644,850.36
All other payments.....	666,774.82
Total.....	\$ 1,311,625.18
Admitted assets.....	1,158,424.28
LIABILITIES	
Unpaid claims and expenses.....	97,983.50
Unearned premiums.....	632,180.65
All other liabilities.....	3,176.99
Capital stock paid up.....	300,000.00
Surplus beyond capital stock and other liabilities.....	125,083.14
Total.....	\$ 1,158,424.28

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Summary of Report Filed for the Year Ending December 31st, 1902:

INCOME	
Premiums.....	\$ 53,932,423.44
All other sources.....	15,533,714.27
Total.....	\$ 69,466,137.71
DISBURSEMENTS	
Paid policy holders.....	\$ 29,191,250.79
All other payments.....	13,515,976.12
Total.....	\$ 42,707,226.91
Admitted assets.....	\$358,417,284.75
LIABILITIES	
Unpaid claims and expenses.....	\$279,450,753.00
Unearned Premiums.....	2,586,613.51
All other liabilities.....	2,230,674.44
Capital stock p'd up.....	100,000.00
Surplus beyond Capital Stock and other liabilities.....	74,049,243.80
Total.....	\$358,417,284.75

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