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gets the impression that the Nebraska senator was confused. He seemed to be contributing nothing toward the making of the law. His energies were all expended in an effort to find out what he did not know. He was in doubt at every point.

Nowhere, in this, his own record, printed and sent out by the government, does he show knowledge of the work in which he was supposed to be engaged. He appears in this record, not as a self-reliant man among men, meeting squarely his responsibility, with knowledge and equipment, but rather as the boy of the senate, the irresponsible member who must be shown, for always, as appears by his own utterances, he seems to have been, not assisting in the construction of the law, but appealing for help to understand what others are doing.

He seems as one lacking information, uncertain of his ground. All through this record he says "I do not know."

On April 23, turning to Senator Aldrich, he said, "I do not know whether it is right or wrong, but I should like to know why the rate is increased." Answered sharply by the Rhode Island senator, the Nebraskan instantly surrendered with the statement, "I do not know that this rate is too high. I have not had time to read any of the evidence."

May 5, as to the white lead, Burkett said, "I do not know whether the Dingley rate is too high or too low. I do not like to vote to reduce this rate when I do not know whether it is low enough now or not and I do not like to vote to increase it."

Reading the confession of ignorance one is not surprised at the apparent disrespect shown to Senator Burkett by his colleagues. "I am not criticising," said Burkett, "because I know the wisdom of the chairman (Aldrich) of that committee. It does seem to me that we, at least those of us who do not know about the schedules ought to be treated patiently."

Contrasting himself with Aldrich and the other high tariff jugglers on the committee, Mr. Burkett said, "I have agreed that the members of this committee are the best posted men in this body on this subject."

When Bristow of Kansas tried to enlighten Burkett and to line him up into a more positive attitude, Mr. Burkett said, "But, as I have said to the senators, I have tried on two or three paragraphs to find out what portion of each was admitted, and I was not able to find out from the department. I do not know whether anybody knows."

The pamphlet shows what the senator said, and what he said shows that he did not know. The record, the senator's own words, is a confession of what is charged against the senator, that he does not know, is not equipped and is therefore incompetent. Western states can not afford men in congress who constantly plead ignorance and beg for information. The people want, not doubting and uncertain men, but men who are positive and certain, because they know.

In the magazines is a picture of a young man before a board of directors. Under this picture is printed: "The world makes way for the man who knows." The man who knows is never afraid of himself in debate. But the man who does not know is always more or less of a coward, and those who are depending on him generally lose out. The high tariff interests won in the tariff debate and in making of the law, because Aldrich and his helpers knew and because Burkett and his kind did not know.

The pamphlet will weaken rather than strengthen Senator Burkett in Nebraska. It certainly ought to.—Sioux City Tribune.

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