

fore and yet the roads cannot do the business that they have always done. The crops are no larger than in former years, while the elevators all over the west are full of grain and no cars to be had to ship it.

The effort to confine the business of thousands of miles of railroad in one office where it was formerly transacted in a dozen, has resulted in this confusion in transportation which yet may have results so serious that it will be a national calamity. No one can tell what the end may be.

The effort to revolutionize the business of 80,000,000 of people was a mighty undertaking. The determination to place it in the control, as the New York Herald says, of thirteen men whose only object was to accumulate vast fortunes instead of serving the public welfare was a satanic impulse. The calamities that are certain to follow are enough to stagger the bravest man. Where it will all end or how it will end is beyond the knowledge of the wisest. It is a revolution of vaster proportions than can be comprehended by any man at the present time.

In warning the people of what was coming, The Independent two years ago quoted from Lord Byron and it may not be out of place to repeat that warning now.

But hark! that heavy sound breaks in once more,

As if the clouds its echo would repeat;  
And nearer, clearer, deadlier than before—

Arm! arm! it is—it is the cannon's opening roar!

Did you not hear it?—No; 'twas but the wind

Or the car rattling o'er the stony street,

On with the dance.

LEADING NEWSPAPERS

The Independent is in receipt of a neat little volume from George P. Rowell & Co., 10 Spruce st., N. Y., entitled "Leading Newspapers." Its object is well expressed in the preface.

"Experienced general advertisers," says the publisher, "where business admits of buying publicity in all parts of the country, are quick to realize that all papers are not available for them and that the comparative value of service rendered often bears little relation to price demanded. It would not be an extreme case where, at the same cost, the advertising value of two papers might be as a hundred to one. That is to say, of two papers costing a dollar each for a specified service, the chance of returns from one might not be more fairly worth a single cent than that the other should be fully worth a hundred cents or more. It is by buying space in papers of the last named class and keeping out those of the other sort that good advertising managers earn handsome salaries and great advertisers accumulate satisfactory profits from an advertising investment. . . . The list of papers named in this little volume is sufficiently large to exhaust almost any advertising appropriation. . . . It is to aid advertisers in selecting the best, and thereby avoid using those that are less desirable, that this compilation of newspaper names has been undertaken."

Under the head of "Nebraska" is the following information:

"Nebraska has about one-fourty-fifth of the area of the United States, about one-seventieth part of the population, and more than one-thirty-fifth of the newspapers.

"The leading newspapers are: Bee, Twentieth Century Farmer, News, World-Herald, and Nebraska Farmer, of Omaha; Evening News, Commoner, Duetsch-American Farmer, Freie Presse, and NEBRASKA INDEPENDENT, of Lincoln; and Drivers' Journal-Stockman of South Omaha.

These are the Nebraska newspapers which George P. Rowell & Co. believe are the best advertising mediums in the state. The price of "Leading

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GEN. MILES' UNIFORM

The dailies must think that General Miles is a danger to plutocracy as they keep up a constant assault upon him, and some democratic dailies have no more sense than to follow the example set by the trust organs. Their attacks are usually directed at his uniform, finding nothing in his life to jibe about. General Miles, when on duty, and at no other time, wears the uniform prescribed by law and no other. There is not a button or a speck of gold lace on it that is not required to be there by the rules and regulations governing the United States army. These chaps seem to have a hatred for the uniform of the officers of our army when worn by any one who is not a sychophant or an imperialist. The editor of The Independent has had a personal acquaintance with General Miles for more than a quarter of a century and has been with him on these western plains in his Indian campaigns. General Miles never assumed at any time any of the stylish airs ascribed to him by the dailies. At Pine Ridge, instead of following the style of General Brook, who was in command before Miles arrived, Miles forsook the fine rooms, the elegant silver ware and table service that Brook used and ate his meals from a tin plate with a black-handled knife and fork, in a tent like the other soldiers. The plutocratic dailies never use their space to vilify and ridicule a man whom they do not think is an enemy to their supporters, the trusts and plutocracy. The trouble with Miles' uniform is that it is worn by a soldier who is a true American and a believer in the Declaration of Independence.

THE ELKINS BILL

The plutocratic dailies are making strenuous efforts to commend the Elkins bill for the suppression of trusts to popular favor. The following is one of their efforts and is better than the average attempts, for arguing in favor of a manifest absurdity is a hard undertaking for the most accomplished. It is as follows:

"The Elkins bill not only makes the granting or receiving of rebates a misdemeanor punishable by a fine, but empowers the interstate commerce commission with authority to present a petition to the circuit court embodying any proof of violation of law which it may have secured. It then becomes the duty of the court to institute an inquiry and to enforce the provisions of the statute. The imprisonment clause of the commerce law is repealed on the very doubtful theory that the substitution of a heavy fine is better calculated to secure testimony and conviction of offenders."

Any unprejudiced man will no doubt agree that the whole thing depends on a "very doubtful theory." The knowledge of giving and receiving secret rebates is confined to the two parties and it is next to impossible for any outsider to get evidence of such transactions. When both the parties are made criminally liable, where is the evidence to come from? Under the constitution no man can be made to give evidence incriminating himself, and the Elkins bill cuts off every source of evidence. That is the intention of the scoundrel who drew it up. Those voting for the bill do it, not to stop secret rebates, but for political effect. There are many such laws on the statute books of the different states and never a conviction has been obtained under one of them.

BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

William H. Lincoln, president of the Boston chamber of commerce and an old friend of the editor of The Independent, who has much to do toward the change in the government's policy toward the Indians, basing his action on the constitutional provision

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that all persons born in the limits of the United States or territory subject to its jurisdiction, were citizens and entitled to all the rights and privileges of any other citizen, has now gone into municipal reform. Mr. Lincoln says that Mayor Collins is an honest and capable man, but that the city council which spends the people's millions is composed of men who could not secure any position whatever with any business house and that the city's money is squandered in the most reckless manner. It appears that notwithstanding Boston baked beans and culture, that they have the same kind of city councils down there that the republicans gave us here in Omaha and Lincoln. Mr. Lincoln is a man of energy and sound judgment,

but he will find out, if he has not already done so, that corruption in city councils can never be eradicated as long as franchises are given away and the street railways, city water, gas and electric lighting is allowed to remain in private hands.

People are getting frightened at the confusion resulting from trusts and railroad mergers. Communities everywhere are suffering for the want of some of the necessities of life because of the inefficiency of the trusts and railroads. The destruction of competition has resulted in amassing heretofore unheard of fortunes and producing chaos in business.

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