

WHY NOT PERCY DANIELS?

The recent populist state convention at Topeka, Kas., gave hearty approval of the bill for the control of railroads suggested and authorized by the Kansas Federation of Commercial Interests—a measure which, as The Independent reads it, would give the wealth-producers of Kansas a large measure of relief, although at best only a make-shift for the public ownership which must come eventually.

But be a law never so good, there is much in administration. The populists of Kansas need a man in the executive chair who will be a powerful ally of the state board of railroad commissioners charged with the administration of the law contemplated by this bill.

Railroads are a necessity; but so are farmers and miners and merchants. Railroads have dominated Kansas government, both under republican rule and populist administration, if we may judge from the disclosures made by Gen. Percy Daniels in his book entitled "Cutting the Gordian Knot."

and fairness. They have been "radical" in the extreme in shirking taxes and in boosting up rates. One cannot blame the railroad managers for what they have done—because the eastern, non-resident stockholders were always clamoring for another ounce of flesh, and if those managing Kansas politics and government showed any weakness or any heart—well, there are plenty of others to take the jobs.

The real issue in Kansas—as in Nebraska and every other prairie state—after all the little side issues are brushed away, is simply a contest between the farmers and the railroads as to how a given bushel of corn or wheat shall be divided, whether the farmer shall have his grain and live stock hauled to market at reasonable cost, or whether he shall be compelled to "throw up his hands" and submit to the most gigantic system of "highway robbery" the world has ever seen.

No farmer or miner or merchant in Kansas need worry for fear the railroads may suffer. Railroad interests have always shown great skill in taking care of their own. Let those who dig the wealth from Kansas soil for once in their lives look strictly after their own side of the question—they will find the railroads doing business right along. The issue is a tug of war between the two great property interests and there will be plenty of voters pulling on the railroad end, never fear; but it is the height of folly for anyone on the other side to push a little on the rope for fear his side should actually be able to pull the other!

The experience of Kansas populists ought to teach them to select as their standard-bearers men who have the moral courage to stand up for the interests they represent. The day of "good fellow" candidates is past, because the good fellow can't resist the enormous pressure placed upon him by the railroads. Looking over the field in Kansas, The Independent believes Gen. Percy Daniels is the man whose election as governor would mean permanent defeat for the railroad-dominated republican party of that state.

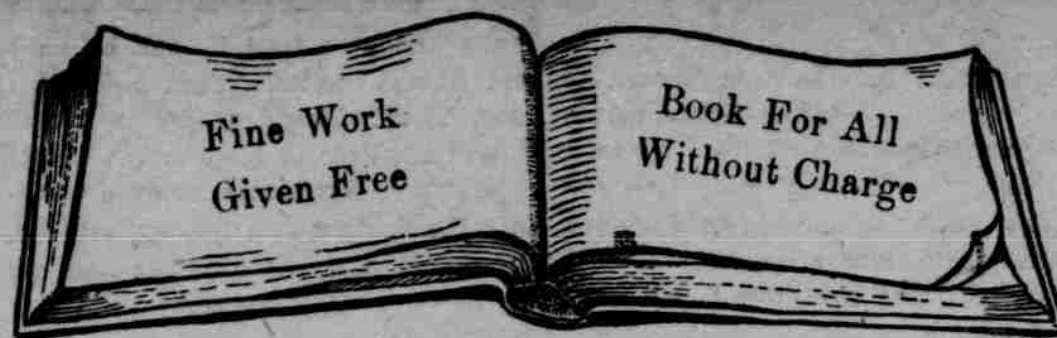
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THE WHITE MAN'S BURDEN

The white man's burden grows greater as the days fly by. The burden of the New York legislature in which "grab bills" transferred many millions to the hands of a few who gave nothing in return, will rest heavily on the shoulders of the people for many years. In Nebraska the white man's burden is also becoming too heavy to be borne. A "redeeming" legislature has imposed such taxes on the people that the income from the little savings of the poor is almost wholly destroyed.

It is true that they "have to be



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shown" down in Missouri. Every one else in the whole United States knew that money put into a bucket shop could never be recovered. There was a Missourian who wouldn't believe it and he took his case clear up to the supreme court—the court that sets all of Folk's convicted hoodlums free—and that court showed him that if a man puts money into a bucket shop there is no law that will enable him to get it out.

Lincoln, Neb., has about 1,800 republican majority, and that majority has provided booze and loafing places for the seven or eight thousand students attending the three universities and other schools located here by issuing a liquor license to forty saloons. Lincoln is a town of about 50,000, and being so small, the republicans thought that forty saloons would accommodate the students in any part of the place.

The millionaires of our time stand in exactly the same relation to the republican party that the lords and nobles did to their monarchs in feudal times. The nobles robbed the people and gave part of the loot to the king. The nobles called that patriotism then and millionaires call it patriotism now.

A Vermont Methodist preacher wants to know, "How shall a man support a sealskin wife on a muskrat income?" That is one of those things that no pop can find out. He is in the same fix as the young man who had "a champagne appetite and a beer income."

In making a contest for the presidency there is nothing so effective as a clever hired man.

The English supreme court of appeals has decided that all the jewels of a wife belong to her husband. This gives to every poverty-stricken duke and earl who has married an American heiress the ownership of all the jewels that she brought with her. Marlborough, Roxburgh, Curzon and scores of others are made actual owners of all the personal property that the American heiresses whom they married possessed when they swapped themselves for a title.

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