WHY NOT PERCY DANIELS?

The recent populist state convention at Topeka, Kas., gave hearty approval of the bill for the control of allroads 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. Of course, there is no sense in following the socialist idea of allowing things to go from bad to worse in order that good may finally come, and if the federation bill will give some relief-which it seems likely it would -it should become law.

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. A hostile or a haifhearted governor could do much to embarrass the board in performing its duties under this proposed law. Why not have a whole state administration made up of officers who represent the economic interests of those who dig the wealth from the soil, as opposed to the interests of non-residents who draw millions from Kansas as dividends on watered stock and interest on aerated bonds as so-called "investments" in Kansas railroads?

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." Farmers and miners and merchants have been too easy; they have been willing to live and let live; they have recognized the great advantages derived from the building and operation of railroads, and they have proceeded upon the theory of "being conservative and fair." But they were opposed by railroad managers whose jobs depended upon their taking from the real wealth-producers of Kansas every cent the traffic would bear. The railroads have never worried their heads about conservatism

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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 be-tween 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

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-domi nated republican party of that state. He might not make the best candidate-as he is not much of a public speaker-but he would make the best governor; and it's a governor that the populists of Kansas are looking for.

********** PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

The most spectacular fight that has ever been seen in a court room is going on before four judges of the United States circuit court at St. Paul, Elihu Root, ex-secretary of war, heads one side of the corps of lawyers and W. D. Guthrie of New York the other. The question to be decided is whether each contributor who put into the jack pot when the Northern Securities company was formed shall take out the exact amount he put in, or whether the division shall be made in some other way. The fees that these lawyers will get would build a good line of raisroad. One interesting thing about the contest is that it brings out the cause of the bringing of the merger suit. Hill has been giving testimony to the facts as stated in The Independent about the way that suit was fomented. Hill says that "it was the scheming politicians" and "the outgrowth of the agitation begun by the enemies of the road." So it was not Roosevelt or Knox who brought about the merger suit at all. That is what The Independent has said all the time. Will the New York Post please take notice of this new evidence?

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 "redeemina legislature has imposed such taxes on the people that the income from the little savings of the poor is almost wholly destroyed. Even the most sacred of all of these, the money saved up to care for widows and orphans and put in an insurance policy, is almost wholly absorbed to pay extravagant appropriations of the "redeemer's" legislature. The white men of Kansas and Nebraska must bear the burden of Dietrich and Burton. The white men who are farmers have find some burdens to bear in the past, but none like those that are put upon their shoulders now. The white man's burden grows bigger and bigger. Many thousands of them in the near future will be exceedingly anxious to exchange it for that of the black man, the yellow man, the red man, or any other man,

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and he took his case clear up to the supreme court-the court that sets all of Folk's convicted boodlers freeand that court showed him that if a man puts money into a bucket shep 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 republican majority has been increasing of late years and just as the majority grows bigger, the saloons increase. Every officeholder from territorial days to the present, when his term expires, tries to locate in Lincoln and it may be called a town of republican ex-officeholders. There is a parity between republican exofficeholders and the number of saloons. . As the one increases, so does the other.

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 cal 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." It is as difficult a problem as "squaring the circle."

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 jeweis 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, Roxburghe, 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. They not only gave themselves, but all their property besides. That was not thought of when these alliances were made and future heiresses who want British tities will have to take it into consideration. No loyal American citizen will express any regret over the mat-

OF INTERNATIONAL FAME

On a busy corner in the still busier city of Chicago, where many thousands of people-Chicago peoplewith an eye and thought for naught but their own affairs pass and repass every day, stands a building, not an imposing, but a substantial, roomy edifice, the name of which is perhaps more widely known in all quarters of the globe than that of any other structure upon the American continent. People pass it by without giving it a glance of the eye, but countless thousands of eyes in all parts of the world are daily turned toward it, and countless thoughts are centred upon it and that which it produces and offers to



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