

WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT

"Bill" Coffin Wrote Letter to Kansas Legislature—Refinery Bill Passed

Senators and Representatives of Kansas: Over a year and a half of time has floated into the dim and mystic past since I shed the official robes of a public servant, backed out of the political game and adopted the rural reveries of an agriculturist. Pardon this reference of a personal nature but I have never regretted the change.

After drawing your mileage and postage stamps and locating the "bubbling blinds" of Topeka you will be expected to do something for the men who are pumping crude oil from nature's store house. The daily press tells us the octopus has Kansas by the hind legs. It is now up to you. The people are asking for cheaper gas and oil and the man who fails to meet the emergency at this time will be cast into outer darkness where the beautiful golden harps of peace play eth no music and the salamander dieth hard. By all means establish a state refinery somewhere, declare a pipe line a common carrier and place the fixing of rates on some board who will be compelled to answer to the people of the state for their actions.

Amend the tax law and tax everything in Kansas at its actual cash value and hasten the day when every man will be his own assessor and file his on property valuations at such prices as the public may have the privilege of buying.

Make the office of notary public respectable by requiring that a man who holds that office should know a deed from a porous plaster. Make it an office of record and fix a system of charges. Deeds and other instruments of importance should contain the sworn statement of consideration and the postoffice address of all parties concerned. The law relating to abstracts should be amended so as not to require a record of over fifteen or twenty years back.

Cut the circle out of our present ballot law or substitute the Massachusetts law in its place.

The bill prohibiting free passes on railroads and fixing a rate of two cents per mile for passenger travel, is a law the people want. Our public officers should be protected against influences of all kinds and this is a long step in the right direction. When a transportation company doing business as a public institution advertises a time card it ought to be compelled to have its trains there on time barring accidents, or be liable to the public for damages to business and to the United States by delay in the delivery of mail.

Thousands of dollars were lost last year by people who failed to get freight cars. The reason given the public was the old song of "car famine," but it did not explain how a lot of superannuated engines with cystitis collectively did not have the pulling powers of a jaded and sore-back team. When it costs \$42 to ship \$40 worth of hay it looks like we ought to return to the early day conditions of Kansas when we fed cows on moonshine and the delightful climate. You will be expected to do something along the line of better terms for shippers or the man who believes that "what all of the people use, all of the people should own," will have got in his work.

It is not my province to furnish you statutory pabulum or entertain you with intellectual sabulosity, but I want to remind you that Kansas is the cornucopia of the universe and you are its legally elected representatives to see that the blessings of the earth are properly distributed and the store house under the earth placed there by an allwise Providence when the beautiful stars sang together in the great morning of creation shall be protected and preserved to the chosen people of a great common wealth. If I call your attention to a few things at this time it is only to warn you not to "tread the primrose path of dalliance" but to play ball. In other words I want you to "shoot or give dad the gun." I do not want to be audacious and appear as a dabbler or the ringer of an alarm bell at midnight, but I close this chapter with the self assurance that if you neglect the great opportunity and are lost in the labyrinth of boodle and corruption or drawn into the more common vortex of partisanship, my words will go with you as you kneel before the Stygian king to the great temple of torment or are turned away from the door of the New Jerusalem as St. Peter informs you that the passport you hold is not a passport at all but an old railroad pass on which is written across its face the startling announcement that it is "good only in Kansas."

Assuring you of my sincere sympathy in your efforts and again reminding you that partisanship must be forgotten; that political parties exist on

prejudice and the spoils of office; and that men live in history and in the hearts of their countrymen by brave deeds and honest actions, I am sincerely your.—G. Bill Coffin. Council Grove, Kan., Feb. 6, 1906.

ARRAIGNS ROCKEFELLER

Rev. Washington Gladden Says He is a Brigand

In his protest against the reception of Rockefeller money for missionary purposes, Rev. Washington Gladden declared:

"John D. Rockefeller is the responsible representative of the system known as Standard Oil. This system, to say nothing worse of it, is convicted, by a mass of testimony which it is puerile to dispute or ignore, of using its vast power in the most unscrupulous ways to crush competition and to build up colossal fortunes on the ruins of happy homes and honest industries.

"Anything more hostile to the whole genius of the Christian religion than the career of this enterprise it would be difficult to conceive. It has done what it would reduce business to brigandage. Espionage, bribery of the employes of competitors, and all other underhanded methods have been its constant weapons.

"But the case is worse than this. The Standard Oil could never have gained its power to oppress but for its alliance with the railways. From the beginning of its career it has been able to coerce the railways into the most humiliating submission to its behests. By a system of rebates of the most astonishing injustice, it forced the great trunk lines not only to do its business for half of what its competitors had to pay, but to pay over into its treasury the excess which it extorted from them.

"For the service which cost the Standard \$1 its competitors had to pay \$2; and the extra dollar extorted from them was paid over to it by these meek and subservient railway officials. This is not rumor; it is a matter of public record; it is action which has been denounced by upright judges in Ohio courts. It was upon this foundation that this structure was reared. Methods have been subsequently modified, but the hold upon the railroads has never been relaxed, and they are used today all over this country to extort tribute from the industries of the people for the aggrandizement of Standard Oil.

"This use of the railways, by overpowering aggregations of capital, as instruments of oppression, is the tap root of social injustice. It is the one stupendous and threatening social evil. The way in which it is working today is shown in Mr. Russell's astounding exposure of the methods of the meat trust. The railway officials have become mere puppets in the hands of these trust magnates, who use them to squeeze the life out of all independent enterprise.

"This is the business in which Standard Oil has been engaged from the beginning until now. It represents, as no other aggregation in the land represents, the method of using public utilities for private aggrandizement. The railways, which are chartered to render to all the people an equal public service, and which could not have been granted the power they possess on any other terms, have been employed by this system from the beginning to despoil and to oppress.

At present this system owns a large majority of the principal railways of the country and its methods of oppression are illustrated by what has been going on in Kansas.

"Against all this there is now, all over the land, an insurrection of public sentiment. The blindness of the people to what has been going on has been amazing, but they are beginning to be aroused, and a great battle is imminent."

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Hundred (\$400.00) dollars, evidenced by two certain promissory notes of Two Hundred (\$200.00) dollars each signed by the said Andrew Eulich and Adolph Schunne, and payable to said A. W. Stevens Co., on the 1st day of January 1902, and the first day of December 1902, respectively with interest from June 25th 1901 at 6 per cent per annum. Default having been made in the condition of said mortgage, and no suit or other proceedings at law having been instituted for the recovery of said debt or any part thereof, and there now being due to said A. W. Stevens Co. thereon the sum of Three Hundred and Sixty Four dollars and eighty four cents (\$364.84), the said mortgage will on Friday the 14th day of April 1905 at the hour of 2:00 p. m. o'clock of said day sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash the following described goods and chattels, being the property described in said aforesaid mortgage to wit:— One Stevens 16 H. P. Traction Engine No. 2135; one water wagon plain with force-pump and hose with all attachments and fixtures belonging thereto and to said machinery; one J. I. Case separator with U. T. stacker. Said sale to take place at the time aforesaid in Lincoln Nebraska in the presence of the property to be sold at the S. E. Cor. of 10 and W 4th Sts., Lincoln Lancaster county Nebraska. A. W. Stevens Co., Mortgagee.

C. T. KNAPP, Attorney NOTICE TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND DEVISEES Susan Hubbard, PLAINTIFF, vs. The Unknown heirs at law and devisees of Edward Heller, deceased, Peter Gerkin, deceased and Emerson H. Eaton, deceased. DEFENDANTS. To the Unknown Heirs at Law and Devisees of Edward Heller, deceased, Peter Gerkin, deceased and Emerson H. Eaton, deceased: You will take notice that on the 28th day of March, 1905, Susan Hubbard, the plaintiff filed a petition in the District Court of Lancaster County, Nebraska against you, the object and prayer of said petition being to quiet in the plaintiff the title to the following described premises, to wit: The South West Quarter (S. W. 1/4) of Section Thirty-Two (32) in Township Eleyen (11) North Range Six (6) East of the 6th P. M. in Lancaster County, Nebraska, and to bar the interests claimed by said defendants or any of them in said premises, by virtue of a certain warranty deed bearing date of November 25th, 1870, executed and delivered by Emerson H. Eaton and wife to Edward Heller and Peter Gerkin, and purporting to convey said described premises, said deed being recorded in the records of Lancaster County, Nebraska, in deed book "G" at page 485 thereof. Also to bar the interests claimed by said defendants or any of them in and to said premises by virtue of a certain mortgage deed, bearing date of November 22nd, 1870, executed by Edward Heller and Peter Gerkin in favor of E. H. Eaton, to secure the payment of two promissory notes of \$300, each, due respectively in one and two years from the date of execution. Petition alleges that said notes and mortgage have been long since fully paid and satisfied and prays for a decree barring the interests claimed by said defendants in said premises and quieting the title to same forever in the plaintiff. You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday the 8th day of May, A. D. 1905. Susan Hubbard, By C. T. KNAPP, Her Attorney. Dated March 28th, 1905.