

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

E. P. RIPLEY.
On Relation of Railroads and People.



The industrial leaders of this nation are talking to the public face to face through the columns of this paper. The time was when if a corporation had anything to say to the people they sent a hired hand, whispered it through a lawyer or employed a lobbyist to explain it to the legislature, but the men who know and the men who do are now talking over the fence to the man who plows.

When the leading business men of this nation get "back to the soil" with their problems, strife and dissension will disappear, for when men look into each other's faces and smile there is a better day coming.

Mr. E. P. Ripley, president of the Santa Fe railroad, when asked to give his views in reference to relations existing between the railroad and the public, said in part:

"Frequently we hear statements to the effect that these relations are improving, that the era of railroad baiting has passed and that public sentiment now favors treating the railroads fairly. As yet this change in public sentiment, if any such there be, is not effective in results.

"It is true that in the legislatures of the southwestern states during the past winter there were fewer unreasonable and unreasoning laws passed than usual, but a consideration of the hostile bills introduced shows that there is still reason for much disquiet even though they were defeated by more or less of a majority.

"Moreover, the idea that the railroads have been harshly treated does not seem to prevail in the offices of the state railroad commissions, which seem to cherish a notion that their business is not to act as an arbitrator between the railroads and the people, but which proceed on the theory that the railroads are able to take care of themselves and that their duty is to act as attorney for the people, even though in so doing they deny justice to the railroads. It requires no argument to demonstrate that the railroads are entitled to justice equally with other citizens and taxpayers. That they have not received it and are not receiving it is perfectly susceptible of proof. That they have practically no recourse in the courts has also been determined.

"The situation therefore is that the people, through their representatives, must elect whether the services of the railroads shall be adequately compensated or not; and it requires no fortune teller or soothsayer to predict that in the long run the service will take the class that is paid for and no better.

"The natural competition between the railroads and the natural desire to perform first-class service has heretofore resulted in giving the public much more than it was willing to pay for. Continuation of this will be impossible and no laws, however drastic, can long accomplish the impossible."

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