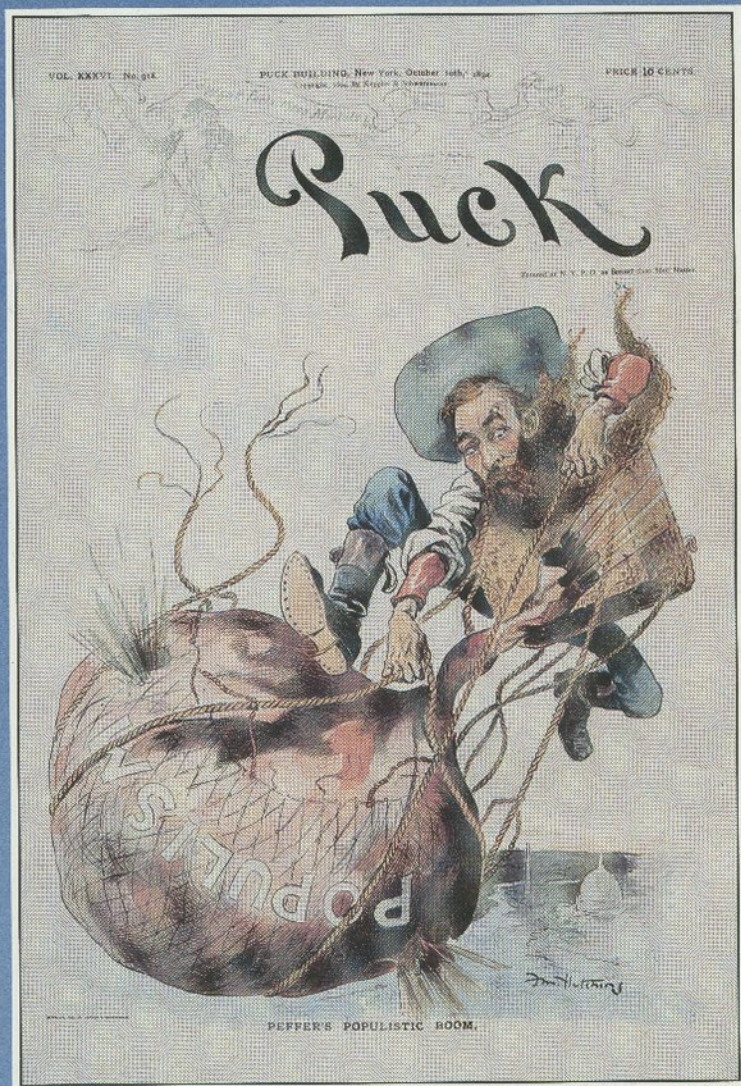


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The purposes of the Society are the advancement of knowledge about and the preservation of resources related to the history and prehistory of Kansas and the American West, accomplished through educational and cultural programs, the provision of research services, and the protection of historic properties. The Society is governed by a ninety-nine-member board of directors, elected by the membership, and is administered by an executive director and an assistant executive director.

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Cover: Populist senator from Kansas, William A. Peffer, is the subject of this issue's first article, "Rustic Rasputin: William A. Peffer in Color Cartoon Art, 1891-1899." Although Peffer was treated more kindly by some eastern publications such as *Harper's*, which produced the drawing shown on this issue's back cover, political journals and their cartoonists had a field day as they made caricature of Peffer's appearance and politics. Shown on the front cover is the 1894 "Peffer's Populistic Boom," just one of the many cartoons de-

voted to this Kansas senator and the Populist movement.

Also presented in this last issue of *Kansas History* for 1988 is the final part of the World War II "Newelletters." In addition, illegal stills and homemade spirits are discussed in an article on bootlegging in the Kansas "Balkans," and the international implications of "Bleeding Kansas" to the Caribbean are examined through translated and edited documents found in the Archive of the Minister of External Affairs in Madrid, Spain.

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