

19. That they have established and will maintain local option on the liquor question.

20. That they require a reasonable measure of employers' liability for workmen's accidents.

21. They have granted the people of each county power to exempt from all taxation any class or classes of property, subject to any general laws approved by the people of the state.

22. That no citizen shall be tried in a circuit court for crime unless accused by a grand jury.

23. That general elections shall be held in November when most other states vote, instead of in June.

24. That the public credit shall not be used to aid, build or operate private or government railroads.

25. That counties may issue bonds to build permanent highways.

26. That private schemes for looting the public treasury cannot be worked by the initiative method.

In conclusion, I may say that we want Direct Legislation because:

#### Summary.

It and it only can and will destroy the private monopoly of legislative power, and establish public ownership of the government.

It will purify our public life.

It will destroy the power of the lobby. It will remove the motive for bribery and corruption.

It will diminish partizanship, elevate public questions above mere party considerations.

It will have a profound educational effect upon the people, intellectually and morally.

It is a great non-partizan reform that makes for the social and moral uplift of the whole people.

It is the open gateway to all other reforms.

It is practical. It is being successfully used in other countries, and what others can do we can do.

It is necessary to good government.

It is essential to true self-government.

It will disentangle issues and separate the men from the measures.

The fundamental principles of religion and ethics, the law of love, the Golden Rule and the brotherhood of man necessitate the Referendum. Love and brotherhood deny me the right and banish

the wish to assume more power than my fellows, or deprive them of equal participation in the development resulting from decision and responsibility.

We would not abolish the representative system of government, but we would implement it by means of Direct Legislation, in order that we may correct the political evils which now exist.

#### Politicians Not to Blame.

I have stated the case for Direct Legislation as plainly as I have been able without indulging to any great extent in the popular pastime of roasting the politicians. A story is told of a little boy who was one day crying very bitterly in the streets of Winnipeg, when a kindly stranger gently approached him and said, "Don't cry my little man, some day you may be premier of Canada." To which the boy responded, between the sobs which were shaking his tiny frame: "I must be headed that way, everybody seems to be roasting me."

If the time which is devoted to roasting the politicians were devoted to the introduction of a system which would make the roasting unnecessary, we would make more progress than we are doing.

#### The Burning Question.

It is not the men we should attack, it is the system, and we are each individually responsible for the system in so far as we allow it to exist without protest. No question has arisen within the records of history that pressed with the importance of the present. It is not whether this or that party shall be in or out, or Grit or Tory shall prevail; but whether man shall inherit his rights and universal civilization take place.

Whether the forces of democracy or aristocracy shall prevail.

No man can be neutral in this fight, "He that is not with us is against us."

We shall never obtain our rights until we conscientiously perform our duties.

We must realize that no man can obtain justice for himself alone, that in this matter it must be each for all and all for each.

Let us, then, unite under the white banner of Democracy to fight shoulder to shoulder for the common rights of humanity, for the establishment of the kingdom of righteousness upon earth, in which injustice and freedom, peace and prosperity shall prevail for all the people.

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