

It will compel the people to think and act.

It will elevate the Press and dignify political discussion.

It will suppress the inducements that tempt ambition to pervert the government to private uses.

It will elevate the profession of politics, weakening the motives that lead bad men into political life and strengthening the attractions of public affairs for men of high character and attainments.

It will add to the dignity of every citizen. It will have a profound educational effect on the people intellectually, emotionally and morally.

It will favor stability, security and contentment, in many ways, affording a natural safety valve for discontent, and preventing its accumulation, bringing responsibility home to the people, stopping the schemes of political aggressors, etc.; radical changes of policy and delays disastrous to business will become less frequent, because of the speedy consideration and settlement of public questions in accordance with the popular will. It is a guarantee against disorder. Revolution has little chance where the people can easily mould the law.

Problems Peacefully Solved

It will do more than any other one thing, except the growth of sympathy and conscience, to secure a peaceful solution of the great industrial problems that are threatening our citizens.

It will furnish a strong decentralizing, counter-balancing force to save us from the centralizing combining trust and monopoly tendencies, that are hastening us towards industrial despotism.

It will save the cost of innumerable impotent petitions and powerless mass-meetings, lobby expenses, abortive investigations, excessive printing of special laws, local acts, private legislation, and so forth. The cost of legislative sessions of councils, legislatures and so forth could also be reduced, perhaps one chamber of moderate size would be sufficient with the Referendum.

It will put honesty in power.

It will make the right of petition impartial and imperative.

It will open the door to all other reforms as fast as the people desire them.

It will be no longer necessary to wait till the millionaires and political bosses are ready for the curtain to go up.

Neither will it be necessary to organize a new party in order to carry a reform. The full sentiment in favor of a measure may be expressed at each election and its growth recorded more perfectly than is possible by party action.

One delegate in the legislative hall or council chamber can initiate a measure, surely one thousand or ten thousand citizens, ought to have as much right as a single delegate, elected perhaps by themselves.

More General Knowledge

It will help the people to understand their own affairs, their city, state, nation, the age in which they live—a matter of the utmost importance, which cannot be accomplished without the Referendum, for the people will never thoroughly understand public affairs until they are called on to decide them.

Under the Initiative and Referendum, the people with the co-operation of councils and legislatures, will exercise the legislative power.

Direct Legislation will make it easier to elect good men and to keep them good after they are elected.

It will give the chief power in effective form to the great body of the common people, in whom the main hope of the future lies.

It is not a class movement, however, but will benefit all classes; even the bosses and politicians who oppose it will be lifted by it to a nobler plane of life.

It is not a party movement, leading members of all parties are working for it. It is being endorsed in 39 state platforms and by more than 3,000 newspapers and magazines representing every shade of political opinion and party affiliation.

It is in force in Switzerland for a number of years and partly in force in New Zealand.

Means Public Membership

Those who believe in private ownership of the government, do not like the Referendum, but other people favor it as soon as they understand it.

Has the day come that we as Great Plain People should make an honest effort to improve the personnel of the government and also the opposition?

If you think so, Direct Legislation will accomplish the end.

No independent candidate, no third party.

It will not disturb the Conservative Party.

It will not disturb the Liberal Party.

It will not disturb any fair-minded legislator who has the best interests of his country at heart.

It will not disturb the people, because it is justice to all and special privileges to none.

And people that cannot stand for justice and fair dealings to all if such there be, shall have to meet the great moment at no late date.

We are all anxious for the improvement of conditions in the grain trade.

We are all anxious for improving the conditions in the meat trade.

We are all anxious for having TARIFF REFORM.

We are all anxious for the improvement of educational conditions.

Direct Legislation will give us the power and as soon as the people decide to act, then the majority will rule.

Common Business Honesty

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rose slowly to his feet. "I'll have to leave for a few moments. I'm—I'm sick."

His face was white and he started unsteadily towards the door. Welch rose in front of him.

"Hold on," said Welch. "You'd better go to the window. All you need is a breath of air."

The old man stopped, met Welch's eyes, and then looked pathetically at Casper Dane, for many years his friend. But Dane avoided the appeal, and glancing away, struck a match and relighted his cigar.

"Yes," said Tweed bitterly. "The window will do."

He turned and walked around the lower end of the table. The window, in a recess in a distant corner of the room, was open; Tweed put his elbows on the sill and looked down two stories upon the murmuring traffic of the street. Behind him in the room the discussion was resumed, but leaning out, he did not hear a word. After a moment he raised his eyes and saw a man standing in the window directly opposite and nodding to him familiarly. Tweed stared, and then cunning and wild hope together rushed into his eyes. Cautiously he raised the middle and index fingers of his right hand and held them up for the man opposite to see. The man looked puzzled, and with his left hand Tweed pointed to himself. Then the man, with an excited expression flung out both arms comprehensively. Tweed still held up two fingers of his right hand and with his left pointed to himself.

Meanwhile, Welch, sitting at his desk, was submitting points for consideration.

"There's one thing," he said. "We directors are the ones that have done the work in this concern. We've worked faithfully, we've tried to get the best results for our stockholders. We are in a position to save something from the wreck; don't our efforts entitle us to the privilege? If we go down with the rest, it won't be doing them any good."

"What would you propose doing?" asked Shinn.

"Well, that's something to talk about, but my idea would be this. In the first place, for us five directors—"

He paused, for Tweed had turned and was coming back from the window.

"Feeling better, old man?" Shinn asked, sympathetically.

"Yes—yes, a good bit better; I was a little faint for the moment, but the whiff of air was all I wanted." Tweed spoke with a nervousness and a half repressed excitement which showed he was at least no longer in danger of collapse. His eyes roved from one to another of his associates with an odd sharpness. "I'm still a little shaky; you haven't any whiskey here, have you, Welch?"

"No, but I'll call the boy and send for some," Welch answered.

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