

# SAYS INITIATIVE, REFERENDUM AND RECALL BEST CURE

## John Z. White, Noted Lecturer, Declares These Are Three Forms of Government People Should Have.

Finishing a lecture tour of the northwest with an address last night on "National Taxation," at the Arlington club, John Z. White of Chicago, representing the Direct Legislation league of Washington, D. C., left early today for California, where he will deliver a series of addresses.

Mr. White, who has been prominent in Democratic politics of the Windy City for many years, has occupied the lecture platform for eight years. He was largely instrumental in getting direct legislation for the state of Missouri and the commission plan of government for Kansas City, Mo.

**Recommends Three Forms.**

In an interview on "Direct Legislation," Mr. White said:

"The initiative, referendum and recall are the three forms by which the people can get for themselves actual self government.

"By the initiative the people can enact any law they want. If the legislature enacts all the laws desired by the people, the initiative will not be involved or necessarily invoked. If, however, that body fails, as sometimes occurs, the people in the initiative, have at their disposal the machinery of genuine popular government.

"By the referendum the people can prevent the legislature from enacting laws they do not want. So long as the legislative body conforms to popular desire, the referendum will not be called into action.

"Then the recall. The recall allows election out of office of incompetent and untrustworthy officials. Though used but twice in history, this power is possessed by a large number of our municipalities. Officials who might otherwise prove troublesome, behave when they know the people have power to remove.

"Direct legislation consists of these three forms of invoking sovereign power. Constituting a method which protects the people from being balked of their will by their own political servants, it once more makes the office holder an employee.

"Direct legislation is undoubtedly growing in popularity, and still many seem to think it a new device whose merits and demerits are vague and uncertain. In fact, the initiative and referendum are the forms of united action with which we are all familiar, for the initiative is really nothing more or less than 'making a motion.' The process is to draw up the law desired and then secure signatures to a proposal to submit the proposed law to the judgment of the voters. Drawing up a law is 'making a motion' to the people of the state, or other territory, where the law

is proposed. Signing the petition is seconding the motion.

"Will any man conduct his private business on any other plan than that here outlined?"

**Legislation and Business.**

"If he should give his management an irrevocable power of attorney for two years, as we do our legislators, with no authority save that of changing managers every two years, in what shape would he reasonably expect to find the concern in the space of three or four years? Most men anticipate that the concern would be conducted with great extravagance, and no doubt something like that would occur.

"Roughly outlined, is not the giving of irrevocable power the mode of administration of many our American municipalities, where graft is rampant?"

"Ask any housewife if she would give her cook, or second girl or maid of all work, full power to control the entire establishment for two years, and at the end of that time attempt to correct conditions by employing another on similar terms?"

"There is but one sort of intelligent opposition to this plan, and it comes from those who do not believe in popular government. Law controls the disposition of property. Property is what men work for, whether it is in the form of food, clothing or legal power. Whoever controls the fundamental law has power to dispose of property. This power is not with the people of today, but direct legislation will place it in their hands.

"Because of this it will put an end to political corruption, for who will seek to buy lawmakers when the people have free opportunity to review legislative acts? The corrupt lobby disappears before direct legislation.

"It is not intended that all acts shall be reviewed by the people, but that they shall be free to review such when they choose. Further, direct legislation is not a partisan measure, for it has been advocated by Democrats and Republicans. To fully appreciate the virtues and merits of direct legislation one should read some of the so-called editorials published in opposition.

**Direct Legislation is Remedy.**

"Direct legislation would have saved all the trouble and disgrace in Colorado a few years ago. The people expressed a desire, by a great majority, for the constitutional amendment, permitting an eight hour day, but the legislature failed to enact laws pursuant to the people's mandate. If they had possessed the initiative would the strikers have gone out, with a majority of 46,000 in their favor?"

"Bringing specific matters to the immediate attention of the people has the strongest possible educational effect. Laws introduced as they are in states where direct legislation is in effect, are not likely, if there is good in them, to be pigeonholed or logrolled or destroyed by vicious amendments. There is no method under direct legislation whereby the desires of the people can be sidetracked or buried.

"For the first time in history, we of the United States have attempted popular government on a large scale. We installed governmental machine rules to this end. Would it not have been profoundly astonishing if that machinery had proved to be perfect? And if not perfect, is it not the part of wisdom to discover the defects and to correct them as soon as may be?"

"Our governments are all right save for one thing—we cannot make them do what we want done. We are like an engineer whose engine is without a governor. It will go, but it is beyond orderly control.

"Direct legislation is in operation in

Oregon, Montana, South Dakota, Oklahoma, Missouri and Maine, and in some degree, in Utah and Nevada. Government of some sort we must have. We have two methods from which to choose—one government by the people, the other government by part of the people. A government by part of the people finally uses its power to the disadvantage of those who have no voice in its action. Government by the whole people is the only form that necessarily calls moral and self interest on the same side. And this is not because the whole people are morally, intellectually or otherwise better, but because it is physically impossible for the whole people to profitably swindle themselves.

"Direct legislation places ultimate power in the hands of the people, and is therefore, the only form of government that can be permanent. All other forms must break. The best forms may break—all others must.

"We demand the continuance of representative government, with optional direct legislation. We want representative government as a mere measure of convenience—but we demand direct legislation as our natural and inalienable right."

## THE STRANGER WITHIN OUR GATES

**A. S. TRUAX, East Aurora, N. Y.**—I think the east is more wrought up over the dismissal of Pinchot and other matters of that nature than the Pacific coast. You may say for me that a new political party must be formed before the people will be satisfied. We must have a battle between honesty and greed before many years have passed and I am of the opinion that the next three years will bring it about.

**Henry Bowman, Opel, Wyo.**—At least 20,000 sheep have frozen to death on the ranges tributary to Opel within the past two months. The severe storms and extreme cold came so unexpectedly that the shepherds were not prepared. The greatest loss of stock in years has already resulted and I am afraid it is not over. February is usually the worst month of the year in Wyoming.

**Herbert Bridgeman, San Diego, Cal.**—San Diego will eventually have to give in to San Francisco in the 'Panama-Pacific' exposition controversy. I am afraid. San Diego is the only city that is entitled to the honor of holding the fair, it is her idea, but might makes right so far as San Francisco is concerned. She thinks she is the whole thing down there.

**Road Increases Capital Stock.**

**Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 21.**—At a special meeting held today by the stockholders of the Atlanta & West Point Railroad company favorable action was taken on the proposal to increase the capital stock of the company from \$1,252,200 to \$2,500,000. The new stock, which will be offered to present stockholders at par, will be used to retire the debenture bonds amounting to \$1,252,200 and drawing 5 per cent interest.

**Cooperative Store at U. of O.**

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**  
**University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 21.**—A university cooperative store is being urged among the students. Several prominent people among faculty and students have expressed themselves as favorable to the plan, and the "Emerald," the college paper, is taking up the crusade.

## APPROPRIATION FOR MONUMENTS ON OREGON TRAIL

### Bill to Expend \$50,000 for Markers Proposed—Seattle Has Ambitions—Land Office for Vale.

**By John E. Lathrop.**

**Washington, Jan. 21.**—Congressman Humphrey proposes an appropriation of \$50,000 for the erection of monuments along the "Oregon Trail" from the left bank of the Missouri river to Puget sound. He has introduced a bill for that purpose. His measure gives as one of the objects "to fittingly commemorate the valorous deeds of those who established and traveled said trail." He provides that monuments of granite and other material shall be erected such as will designate the general route which was followed by the pioneers. A commissioner is to be appointed by the president, with the approval of the secretary of war, at \$2500 salary, and the bill stipulates that none of the \$50,000 shall be expended until the secretary of war is satisfied that no further draft will be made on the national treasury. Probably it will be assumed in Washington, where the courses of legislation of this character are well known, that if this \$50,000 is not appropriated, it will be discovered later that additional funds are needed, and there will be another asking for money from Uncle Sam.

**Seattle's Ambition.**

Seattle wants to be the seat of a federal judicial district, according to the terms of a bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain, which makes provision for that. That part of the Ninth circuit, comprising Washington, Idaho, Montana and Alaska, shall be set aside as a new district, to be called the Twelfth circuit; that therefor shall be named by the president three circuit judges; and Seattle shall be the seat of the new district.

**For Land Office at Vale.**

Malheur county, Oregon, asks for the creation of a new land office district, with the headquarters at Vale, seat of Malheur county. The new district is proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Chamberlain, which makes provision for it. If formed, it would be carved from the present district, of which Burns, Harney county, is the headquarters. It is claimed that Malheur county is larger than any one of the several eastern states, and that patrons of the land office at Burns, who live in Malheur county suffer unnecessary hardship in having to travel such distances to reach the offices of the register and receiver at Burns.

**Bourne's Bill May Pass.**

Senator Bourne's bill to appropriate \$250,000 for the relief of the Sherman county settlers seems likely to pass the senate. What fate it will meet in the house cannot yet be told, although of course if it passes the senate its chances will be apparently good in that body. This old issue has never been questioned as to its legitimacy. Certain settlers of stock lands as homesteads, in good faith, improved them, lived on them and made actual homes. These homesteads represented their all. Along came the Dalles Wagon Road company, a corporation which never carried its land grant, which is true of all of the wagon road and military road companies which have been given hundreds of thousands of acres of land in Oregon. The wagon road corporation claimed the settlers' lands, and the courts and the government confirmed its title. The settlers were 'out and injured.' They turned to the government for relief; they were entitled to relief, but congress as usual did nothing. The justice of the claims for redress weighed nothing with the national legislature. For years senators and representatives have sought to gain recognition of these claims for redress. Many bills have been introduced, and pushed, too, by their authors, but 'nothing doing' was congress' answer. If Senator Bourne gets his bill through it will be regarded as a bit of effective labor, and it will be merely justice to the persons who were mulcted by the wagon road company.

## STATUE FOR VETERAN DAKOTA EDUCATOR

**Pierre, S. D., Jan. 21.**—Pursuant to a movement started by the state educational association, special exercises in celebration of "Beasie Day" were held in the public schools throughout South Dakota today. The purpose was to arouse public interest in the plan for the erection of a monument in the new state capitol in honor of the memory of W. H. H. Beasie, who was the pioneer of educational work in the Dakotas.

In 1889 General Beasie was appointed surveyor general of Dakota and in the years that followed he devoted his entire attention to the development of the resources of the territory. From 1879 to 1885 he was superintendent of public instruction and under his direction the entire school system was organized.

General Beasie was a native of Indiana and a graduate of the University of Michigan. In 1861 he entered the army as first lieutenant of an Indiana regiment and at the close of the war was brevetted brigadier general. After the war he practiced law for several years in Wisconsin before taking up his residence in Dakota.

**Eugene Plans for Revival.**

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**  
**Eugene, Or., Jan. 21.**—The Eugene churches that are planning a big union

## LIFE OF CHEMIST IN SWOPE CASE THREATENED

**(United Press Leased Wire.)**  
**Chicago, Jan. 21.**—That efforts are being made to stop the investigation of the death of Colonel Thomas H. Swope, the Kansas City millionaire, believed to have been murdered by persons hoping to benefit financially by his death, has been revealed here. Dr. Ludwig Hickpen, who is examining Swope's stomach for possible poison, has received a letter warning him to drop the investigation, saying he will "be sorry" if he does not.

The letter was evidently written by an intelligent man and was signed "A Friend."

**To Visit in New York.**

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**  
**Hood River, Or., Jan. 21.**—Willis Van Horn and his wife left Hood River today for New York city, where they will spend several weeks. Mr. Van Horn is a member of the Davidson Fruit company, which this year shipped several hundred cars of apples into the New York market.

**Notarial Commissions.**

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**  
**Salem, Or., Jan. 21.**—Notarial commissions have been issued to C. R. Mead, Springfield; Wallis F. Eastman, Portland, and E. J. Frasier, Eugene.

revival meeting have decided to erect the big temporary tabernacle outside the fire limits. The advance agent of Dr. Branch Oliver of Kansas City, who will conduct the meeting, has arrived and all arrangements have been made to erect the tabernacle, which will seat 2000 people.

**Anniversary of Chicora Disaster.**

**Chicago, Jan. 21.**—This is a black day in the annals of lake navigation, being the fifteenth anniversary of the wreck of the steamer Chicora, of the Graham & Morton line, which went to the bottom of the lake with 29 men on board during a terrific gale on Lake Michigan on January 31, 1895. The steamer, which was commanded by Captain Edward Stines and, in addition to the crew carried only one passenger, sailed from Milwaukee, Wis., the night of January 29, bound for St. Joseph, Mich., and was never heard from again. The steamer foundered the following day, but the exact spot has never been located.

**Sues for Divorce.**

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**  
**Albany, Or., Jan. 21.**—Divorce proceedings were filed yesterday in the case of Nelson O. Powell, plaintiff, versus Francis A. Powell, defendant. The couple were married on July 24, 1905, and have been making their home in Lebanon. The husband states in his complaint that the wife on several occasions deserted him.

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### REAL BABY IN HOME ECONOMICS COURSE

**(United Press Leased Wire.)**  
**Columbia, Mo., Jan. 21.**—Charles Addison Jones of this city has been selected as a subject upon whom 35 fair co-ed students of the Missouri State university will practice all the arts taught in the home economics branch of the institution. Charles will be petted, coddled, fed and dressed by the girl students. As Charles is but a few months old, it is probable he will receive more strenuous objection than he would later in life. Recently Dr. Edna D. Day, professor, decided that it was "criminal" to raise girls without any knowledge of the care of children. Desiring to overcome that lack the professor decided to secure a live baby for experimental purposes. If the trial is a success half a dozen babies will be engaged permanently until they outgrow their usefulness.

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### CIGARETTE SMOKING BANNED AT DAYTON

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**  
**Dayton, Wash., Jan. 21.**—That cigarette smoking is still considered an offense here was forcibly emphasized yesterday when Sheriff Ed M. Davis arrested Bert Odell, a young Tukanon lumberman. The law enacted by the last legislature has been suddenly revived in Dayton, and the officers intend to punish all offenders. This is the first arrest made since last June, although cigarette smoking has by no means been discontinued, it is said. Odell was placed under cash bonds, which he forfeited when he refused to appear for a hearing.

**Jetty Town Depopulated.**

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**  
**Fort Stevens, Or., Jan. 21.**—Since the recent announcement that there would be no appropriation for continuing Jetty construction, the town of Hammond is becoming 'depopulated.' People are leaving as rapidly as possible, though assured that sufficient funds have been left from former grants to continue the work for some time. Real estate valuations are showing a marked decrease.

**New Hood Realty Office.**

**(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)**  
**Hood River, Or., Jan. 21.**—Hartman & Thompson, bankers and real estate dealers of Portland, have, through their real estate department, opened a branch office in Hood River for the purpose of handling Hood River orchard lands. J. F. Batchelder will have charge of the Hood River office.

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