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organization?  
 Where is the James Johns project?  
 Where is Mr. Fiedly of Pilot Rock?  
 What has become of Od Teel?  
 It is time to do something.

**A GENERAL COMPLAINT.**

There are other places than Pendleton where the electric trust is more or less in disfavor and where people are seeking to better conditions. The Dalles, North Yakima and Pasco are examples close to home. Down in the south the city of Atlanta, Georgia, is having a set-to with the trust and in commenting on the situation the Atlanta Constitution recently declared itself as follows:

"The commission and representatives of the city are hereby pledged The Constitution's aid in seeing that every feature of the electric supply problem in Atlanta is brought into full light.

"The complaint of the city alleges that exorbitant charges are being made for light and power.  
 "The electric trust must show cause for these charges; they must be sliced to the scale asked by the city if, as now appears probable, that scale is well founded.  
 "The second city in the south, Atlanta is paying more in proportion for light, power and transportation than the majority of municipalities of her importance in the country.  
 "This condition cannot last. It will uncorrected, grow worse as the city expands. It will act as a positive detriment to the city's growth, since a plentiful and cheap supply of electricity is indispensable to the continuation of that growth."

The complaint seems to be general.

**FOR CHILD PROTECTION.**

One of the very best arguments advanced for equal suffrage is that giving the ballot to women tends to promote good legislation relating to women and children. There is need of legislation protecting the rights of women and the welfare of children. There is need for the enforcement of such laws after they are enacted.

If we are to believe so eminent an authority on children as Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver, then equal suffrage is an aid to the child. "Colorado has the sanest, the most humane, the most progressive, most scientific laws relating to the child to be found on any statute books in the world," Judge Lindsey is quoted as saying. And Colorado has long been an equal suffrage state.

**A BALANCER.**

In a speech at Columbus yesterday Bryan brought out a point worth considering in connection with the recall of the judiciary. He said that a judge that would be swayed by fear of the recall would not be fit for his place anyway. It might also be said that if there is a judge who is fearful of the people that fear in all probability no more than offsets the fear he also has of those who stand for interests opposed to the general welfare. The recall balances the affair.

It is reported that President Taft has "bluntly told his campaign manager, Congressman McKinley, to desist all controversies of a personal nature with Roosevelt supporters." Then upon what ground will the Taft fight be waged? Will it be necessary for McKinley to confine himself to showing that the people are not fitted for self government?

It is significant that most of our auto accidents occur at street corners. It often occurs an autoist in doubt what a pedestrian will do and the party on foot is uncertain as to the automobiles intentions. Therefore the need of caution.

### FROM THE PEOPLE

#### THE PEOPLE ARE MASTER.

Missouri Writer Defends Recall of Judges and Decisions.  
 Pendleton, Ore., March 13.  
 Editor East Oregonian:  
 I have read a good deal in the magazines of the recall of judges and court decisions but have seen nothing anywhere on this subject so tersely and succinctly, to my mind, written as is given in the subjoined letter taken from a little weekly paper printed in a little city of less than 2000, which 30 years ago was my trading point.  
 A. RUPE.

#### Shall the People Rule?

Editor of Torchlight:  
 Dear Sir—Certainly from the tone of an editorial, in last week's issue of the Torchlight, you have been misinformed, or for some reason have made a misconception of Mr. Roosevelt's attitude regarding the recall of the judiciary.  
 If you will look over Mr. Roosevelt's Boston speech, I believe you will agree with me that his proposals apply only to the legislative acts, which the courts declare unconstitutional.  
 The benefits derived from what is known as the recall of judges, as I understand it, is when a court declares laws made by the legislature unconstitutional, it simply gives the people a right if they desire to avail themselves of that right to ascertain for themselves, whether or not the court is right.

### TESTIMONY OF FIVE WOMEN

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Courts have repeatedly defeated the aroused moral sentiment of a whole commonwealth, by the abuse of the power to declare laws unconstitutional. The courts have become a law making instead of a law enforcing agency. And any man that can conscientiously criticize the recall of a court decision, when they declare laws made by the people through their representatives unconstitutional, certainly does not believe that the people are capable of self government. The courts are but servants of the people delegated with power from the people, but not parted with by the people and no servant is greater than his master.

We do not part with our power delegated to our representatives in the legislature and why should we from the gentlemen on the bench? Under that wise rule known as the initiative, referendum and recall, if our legislature fails to make such laws as a majority of the people deem for their best interests and progress of their commonwealth, it leaves the way open so that the people may act themselves.

How often have the several states tried to eradicate themselves of certain abuses by monopolies, and after several years of litigation in the courts which has cost the people thousands of dollars, only to meet a federal injunction or some judge declaring the law is unconstitutional? Is a judge such a dignified and sacred creature that it would be impossible for him to accept a bribe, or do any-

thing wrong? They may have wings, but I am "from Missouri."

You say we had just as well do away with our courts and submit all litigation to the people. I just as well say that we do away with our legislature and if the people through their representatives in the legislature are not competent of making laws to govern themselves and the constitutionality of such laws must be determined by a judge regardless of the already expressed will of a majority of the people's chosen representatives, then I say we had as well abolish our legislative form of government and let the courts make the laws to suit themselves and administer them accordingly. No doubt that kind of law making device would be popular in Russia, but I cannot believe it the popular attitude of the American people.

Thomas Jefferson said that this was a government of the people, for the people and by the people. Then an expressed will of a majority of the people should rule. If a court is delegated with power by the people to do good deeds then the people should not part with their power to recall their bad deeds. If that court delegated with power by the people tells you that you have no power to recall his acts, then that servant has grown wiser than his master and, as I have said before, no servant is greater than his master.

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