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The Question at Issue

The initiative and referendum amendment to the constitution has merit. While it is a new experiment and may not be the acme of perfection within itself, as a club over the legislature, it is invaluable. The way legislatures have been conducted in recent years, a check of some sort is absolutely indispensable. It has been a long time since Oregon has had a legislature that could not justly be charged with reckless disregard of the people's wishes. Under our system, swapping and "log-rolling" rules. Appropriations of doubtful merit are coupled in general appropriation bills, with appropriations that are absolutely necessary for the maintenance of government and under our constitution a governor cannot get at objectionable appropriations without vetoing with them necessary appropriations. The initiative and referendum empowers the people to bring the legislature up with a sharp turn.

If the legislature passes a law that is obnoxious the people can vote it down. If the law-makers refuse to enact a measure desired, the people can enact it themselves by the initiative. The tables have turned. Instead of the people being at the mercy of the legislature with its high-priced clerks and extravagance with the people's money, the legislature is largely in the hands of the people. True the initiative and referendum mode of procedure is more cumbersome than law-making by the legislature, but it has come to be an absolute necessity.

But the members of the legislature chose to please the state-aided school combine and gratify the wishes of Dr. Kuykendall by voting \$21,000 of the people's money out of the state treasury to help out a school down at Drain, where the Dr. has a son or daughter on the pay-roll rather than heed the unmistakable demands of the people to cut down the number of Normals. It is no wonder that the people protest. Had Senator Haines' bill, eliminating the Drain Normal from the list of state-aided schools, prevailed, the people possibly would have accepted that act as some evidence on the part of the legislative body to pay heed to the demands of the people. But when \$15,000 was appropriated for the Drain school, and just before the adjournment, this amount, on motion of Senator Booth was raised to \$21,000, it looked like heaping on the last feather to break the camel's back.

There was not a member of the last legislature but knew the people were opposed to appropriations for four Normal schools and extravagant expenditures for the University and Agricultural College. The absurdity of trying to run four Normals was further emphasized to the ways and means committee by the presidents of the schools them-

selves, when the presidents stated they had teachers under them at \$500, at \$450 and as low as \$400 a year. The ways and means committee was also told by the Drain Normal's president, that only two graduates were turned out from that school last year.

The remedy sought for the uncalled for items in the general appropriation bill, by applying the referendum, contains elements of danger. It is dangerous to the usefulness of the referendum. The referendum is new. It has never been tried in Oregon and on first trial is entitled to a fair test. It can not have it against House Bill 370, for to vote down \$21,000, the cost to the state, in interest, discounts, and impaired service of the main institutions would probably be at a cost exceeding \$100,000. Furthermore, the voting down of the entire bill is not the only remedy in the people's hands. The people can do as they please with the schools through the initiative and this is the more rational thing to do. Through the initiative, rebuke can be administered to the legislature, and save the state the expense and complications the drastic measure of applying the referendum to the general appropriation bill. A bill can be prepared, eliminating one school, two schools, three schools or all of them and with the names of 8 per cent of the votes cast for supreme judge signed to a petition for it, that bill can be submitted to the voters at the June election 1906. By this means the Normal school question or any other objectionable appropriation or law passed by the legislature can be settled and the general appropriation bill allowed to stand. As a friend of the referendum, and in hearty accord with those who object to the manner in which appropriations were forced through the legislature, this paper advises against applying it on House Bill 370, and cautions people against signing the referendum petition.

The Telegram says the citizens of Yamhill county met in the court-house at Independence and appointed a committee to prepare blank referendum petitions. The Telegram ought to be satisfied with saddling the court-house on to Independence without having Yamhill county people come up here to hold their meetings. Recently the same paper stated that the Independence post office had been discontinued. It will now be in order for the Telegram to have the Willamette river removed from Independence and the Lewis and Clark Fair moved up here.

With Normal schools at Ashland, Monmouth and Weston, none too well equipped, \$21,000 for the Drain school with its two graduates last year, is practically money thrown away. But to turn down the general appropriation bill is a measure too drastic to meet the situation.

"I have no personal interest in an appropriation for the Drain Normal," remarked Senator Kuykendall in an appeal to the senate for \$21,000 for that school. And the Senator has for years been a member of the board of regents at Drain and his son is on the pay-roll as a teacher in the school.

Many democrats are saying Roosevelt is good enough for a democrat.

"The Dr. will have to pray with me tonight," is the statement accredited to Senator Booth when his colleague, Dr. Kuykendall, cast his vote with the Jayne's bill people to amend the local option law. They were together in a room that night. The presumption is they prayed. Booth and Kuykendall at prayer! No wonder the acts of the last legislature are in disrepute.

There is little hope for Speaker Mills in this political world. Before the convening of the late legislature of which he was a first term member, Mr. Mills declared that thirty days was plenty long for the solons to be in session. Now he says there was no machine at Salem, or if there was, he failed to see it.

The Independence Improvement League meets Monday night in the city hall.

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