# FAVOR REFERENDUM

LABOR UNIONS NOW ADVOCATE THIS GREAT REFORM

New Jersey Federation Decides That It is the Best Means of Driving Graft Out of Municipal and State Govern-

Three years ago the American Federation of Labor, with its membership of about two million, representing one-eighth of the people of this country, adopted a program for a nonpartisan movement to install the optional referendum and the direct initiative, declaring that the establishment of the people's sovereignty is the dominant issue. To teach the members the real scope of this political movement, which has required considerable work, has steadily progressed, however, until practically every member of the labor unions heartily favors the program and is prepared to carry it out, even to the severing of party ties if necessary. to take up the work is that of New Jersey. At its annual meeting during the last week in August a resolution was adopted declaring,

## Calls It a Most Vital Reform

Resolved, that "The initiative and referendum is one of the most vital reforms now being demanded by the working people in the interest of the masses and indeed of the entire community."

Another paragraph says: Resolved, That "we heartily endorse the program of the American

federation of labor, the Pennsylvania THIS POOR WOMAN HAD NO PASS state Grange, the People's Sovereignty League and the National Direct Legislation League fo rthe establishment of the advisory initiative and advisory referendum in pational affairs as the result of next year's campaign, the majority vote in the house hurtful to the interest of the people to be secured through the questioning at the time. of candidates for congress and the majority vote in the senate by pledging the candidates for the legislature that, if elected, they will vote to instruct the hold-over senators and will vote only for such candidates for the United States senate as are pledged to the system."

## Will Destroy Corruption

That is a political program that is far reaching and when placed in operation will wipe out the corrupt party machines in national affairs, also private monopoly in interstate commerce. The convention did not stop there, but added:

Resolved, "That the incoming executive board be instructed to have introduced in the legislature a bill for the immediate establishment of the initiative and referendum in municipal affairs, also a bill for the immediate establishment of the advisory initiative and advisory referendum in state affairs and a bill for direct nominations for public offices."

That program will revolutionize The latest state federation of labor New Jersey's corrupt city governments, while the advisory system in state affairs will overcome the delay that an effort to directly amend the state constitution would entail.

## A Silent Revolution

The proposed changes to the people's sovereignty in New Jersey and throughout the country that is being pushed by the non-partisan questioning of candidates of all the parties, is a silent revolution which, when accomplished, will effectually reform the abuses that have grown up under our representative system. It monopoly and secure equal rights to

# STANDARD HOUNDS A PEDDLER

Drivers For the Trust Followed Him And Cut Prices

Cleveland, O., Sept. 3.-Frank H. Lewis, the oil peddler who is fighting the Standard Oil company, today forwarded his statement to Commissioner of Corporations Garfield at Washington with a request for an investiga-

Lewis formerly drove one of the wagons of the Cleveland Oil Delivery company, a Standard Oil concern. Only recently he went into the business for himself.

"The first day I was out for myself," he says, "I noticed the delivery company wagon on my route with five men on it. These men followed me around my route, going into the homes of my customers and asking them not to buy oil of me. They still have the wagon and men following my route. Recently they cut the price of oil and gasoline one cent under my prices. I was told by men on the wagon of my competitors that if I persisted in trying to dispense oil on my route I would have to give it away. One of the foremen of the delivery company told me after I started that he wished me good luck, but he would hate to risk what I was risking. The delivery company men have secured many of my old customers.

"There are but two independent oil companies that I know of in Cleveland from which I can purchase oil. I get my oil from the Columbia Refining company."

Lewis says that when he drove the Cleveland Oil Delivery company's wagon he was instructed to say to customers that it was not Standard oil they were getting.

Only One in the Car and State Official Reformed

For years this scheme of bribery has been growing and becomeing

A government or state official (now dead) said to us two years ago: "One night coming out of Austin during the sitting of the legislature, the car in which I was seated was crowded with members of the legislature and other officials. I noticed one old lady shabbily dressed who was sitting near the center of the car and only a few feet from me. When the conductor came through collecting tickets every man in the car had a free pass and that poor old woman was the only passenger who presented a ticket she had paid for." This, the state official said, disgusted him with the free pass business and if he had to live to see the time when his pass expired he would never accept another.

Our contention is and has always been for a quarter of a century, that the official who accepts and uses a free pass is in the pay of the corporations while he at the same time pretends to serve the people. Hence so much class legislation, and the people must rise up in their might and retire to private life the gang who have continually sold their interests to the corporations for the privilege of riding free on the railroads. Let the people begin today to mark for political slaughter the men who have thus prostituted the confidence reposed in them by a confiding public.-The Watchman, Cleburne, Tex.

on Monday and proceeded to the American consulate, where its members were met by a battalion of the ness, one disk harrow, one pipe harviceroy's guards. After a reception at row, one Plano binder, one iron beam will abolish corruption and private the consulate, the party became guests of the New Canton railway, covering its entire distance. At 1 o'clock the visitors were entertamed at luncheon by invitation of the viceroy, who, however, was ill and unable to be present. His representative made a

speech referring to the friendly relations between the Chinese nation and America.

# Notice of Incorporation

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have associated themselves together to form an Insurance Cons pany. The name of the company is Endowment Health and Accident Insurance Company. The principal place of its business is at Lincoln, Neb. The general nature is insurance on the mutual assessment plan against loss of time caused by sic ness or accident or accidental death. The business of the company to com mence June 1, 1905, and terminates in 99 years. The affairs of the com pany shall be governed by a board of directors, a president, vice-president, general manager, secretary, and treasurer.

W. E. Unland, M. D. Wilson, L. E. Wetling, W. J. Adamson, T. C. L. W.

### NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage, dated May 14th, 1905, and duly filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lancaster County, Nebraska, on the 8th day of June 1905, executed by William A. Robison, by the name of W. A. Robison, to A. Heater to secure the payment of \$183.75 to become due on the 24th day of June, 1905, and upon which is now due \$129.75, default having been made in the payment of same, and no suit or other proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said debt or any part thereof, therefore I will sell the property therein described: one rubber-tired road wagon, one grey mare, weight about The Taft party arrived at Canton 1300 pounds; 1 gray horse, 950 pounds; two wagons with box, two sets of double harness, one single set of harplow, at public auction at the farm of L. L. E. Stewart, in section thirty-one, Township 10, range 6, in Lancaster County, on the 13th day of September. 1905 at 10 o'clock a. m., of said day. A. HEATER, Mortgagee.

Lincoln, August, 21st, 1905.

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