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ADDRESS AT TEMPLE

WHITE SPEAKS ON "INITIATIVE
AND REFERENDUM."

ARISTOCRACY VS. DEMOCRACY

Believes it impossible to Reform as
Long as the People Delegate Of-
fices of Government to
the Few.

John Z. White, president of the People's Rule league, delivered an address at 5 o'clock yesterday at the Temple theatre. The attendance was poor, only about seventy-five people being present. Mr. White gave a talk on "Initiative and Referendum" worthy of a much larger attendance. He began by warning the audience against believing everything everything he or anyone else had to say. "Don't believe your teacher," he said, "until you know that what he says is true." In the olden days the philosophers said that it was necessary to believe in order to understand, but today we insist on knowing that a thing is true before we believe it or its worth. It is upon these basis," he continued, "that the initiative and referendum is promulgated." He then went on to state that he had no fear of his audience not grasping the subject.

He pointed out that the initiative and referendum is new and untried. We know that it has been used in various cantons of Switzerland, but the American people believe that here things are different. It is the popular belief that laws don't work out here like they do elsewhere. Hence to America, the measure is a new one.

Not the initiative and referendum, he said, are a part of the universal philosophy and must be accepted with it. "There are two conditions of society: One composed of a few rich families having all the advantages of learning and wealth, to whom the people look for leadership. This is a classed society: the kind to which Carlyle gave his support an Aristocracy. In the other kind of society each individual is equal to every other in his power to express opinion and to determine the action of the mass

of the people. This," he said, "is Democracy."

The First Democracy.

Carlyle says the mass of the people will take but slight interest in government. Democracy says the few will devote their power to their own interests. He stated that these two forms of government were the only ones possible, and that to those believing in the Aristocracy he had nothing to say. Democratic society, he said, never had a great example. The United States is the first attempt in the history of the world to spread democracy over a large territory containing a great number of people.

In explaining the initiative and referendum he said that the vast majority of even the cultured men and women of today do not know its meaning. "Yet," as he put it, "it is the essence of Democracy." He explained it simply as a plan whereby any number of men and women could secure concerted action and yet preserve the rights of individuals. He compared it to parliamentary procedure. "Any one in Nebraska," he said, "might under this law draft a bill or law in proper form and induce his neighbors to sign it, eight per cent of the votes in the territory affected being the usual number. This corresponds to the motion and second in parliamentary practice.

The law would then be filed with the secretary of state, and after four months be submitted to the people. This is the initiative.

On the other hand, if the legislature passed a law that the people didn't like, any person could introduce proceedings against it in the same manner that he would introduce a bill, by getting the endorsement of his neighbors and filing it with the secretary of state ninety days after the law was passed. Then the bill would have to come before the people. This is the referendum.

The speaker then showed that we are not and never were a self-governing people. A democracy at the time the constitution was formed, was thought to be the worst possible form of government. "Benjamin Franklin," he said, "was the only man in the constitutional convention who favored it." He attributed the popular ideas which we hold today regarding our self-government, as the result of our literature and history and laid the difficulties under which we are living today to the constitutional convention.

Methods of Reform.

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business man who would delegate to someone irrevocable power as his attorney for two years, and who at the end of that time could not regain control of his business but must either retain his present attorney or get another one.

He declared the method of reforming officers by placing them in jail as absurd. Here he cited Chicago in its struggle to free itself from the Grey Wolves only to find itself in the hands of men whom they had elected as good business men. He showed that, where the politician has only his personal thirst for gain to prompt him in bad government, the prominent business man has a thousand interests which may lead him to misgovernment.

"As a result," he declared, "we have to put the power in the hands of the people themselves. Democracy is forced to it whether he wants it or not. Here he brought up examples of St. Louis and San Francisco to prove his point. He attributed the continuance of wrong doing to lack of faith and courage in the masses. "The predominant idea seems to be," he said, "that things will stand about where they are." Yet he showed that the white people never stand still. Owing to their inventive tendency they experiment and the nation either advances or goes back. Another habit of mind, of the people, he pointed out, is the readiness to defer these questions to superior wisdom, as too difficult to understand. "Never," he said, "depend upon the judgment of other people."

He closed by showing that the initiative and referendum is the one plan whereby any association of people may secure concerted action and yet preserve the rights and power of the individual. "When we obtain this," he concluded, "we will have secured an active government by the people."



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