THE REFERENDUM.

It is No New Thing in American Political History.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 11, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

Your editorial on "The Referendum" in last evening's NEWS has been read with great interest, and inasmuch as I have had the opportunity for a number of years, to observe the practical workings as well as the results of "the referendum" I desire to add a few words in support of the institution, not only in town and city, but also in state governments.

It is more apparent every day that a closer union between the legislative bodies and the people whom they represent should in some way be effected in order that the will of the people may be more fully respected by those whom they have chosen to serve them. True, the right of petition is granted to the people, but it does not always follow that petitions receive that careful consideration to which they are entitled. Legislation is too often the result of powers of combination and money, and that disgraceful machine known as "the lobby" has often been more powerful in the enacting of laws than the will and wishes of the people. Through "the referendum" will the laws which have been framed by the representatives be referred back to the people for their acceptance or rejection. This can have but a beneficial influence upon legislatures and people, and serve at the same time as an important factor in education.

You very truly refer to the fact that this great principle of more direct legislation was known to and in usage among the ancient inhabitants of this continent centuries ago. Permit me to show that this great privilege was also enjoyed by the founders of our nation. W. D. McCracken, in his "Swiss Solutions of American Problems" says: "The referendum as a separate institution seems to have existed at the very dawn of our national history, although unnamed and unnoticed by students of comparative politics. The articles of union framed by the united colonies of New England in 1643 were referred to the approval of the inhabitants. Under the Rhode Island colonial constitution as early as 1650 the fundamental law required that all laws passed by the general assembly should be submitted to the people, and the law, after stating this provision, continues: '* * * As alsoe wee further enact that if apearinge by the returne of the voates that the mayore parte of the free inhabitants of this collony have disapproved or disannuled any such law or lawes, then the sayd law or lawes to be of noe force, although any one towne or other should be wholly silent.' This law was in operation seventeen years, until superseded by a royal charter."

From that day to this the principle of the referendum has been in use in one form or another in the different states of our Union and in accordance therewith the enabling act under which we are now privileged to draft the Constitution for the State of Utah provides that the same shall be submitted to the people for approval or rejection.

Together with the referendum should be found its natural twin sister "the initiative" or the right of a certain number of legal voters to propose laws or initiate measures themselves through the medium of the governed. Here again Mr. McCracken says: "The right of the initiative, it must be remembered, is not only the privilege of petition enjoyed by the inhabitants of every state which makes any pretensions whatever to political liberty. *It is a constitutional demand, not an irregular request.*"

All political parties are, or should be, alike interested in the measures herein mentioned inasmuch as they tend to more direct legislation.

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TETON, Fremont county, Idaho, March 6, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

Seeing reports from almost every ward, I thought you may also listen to a report from the Teton ward, Bannock Stake.

We have a growing settlement, the most beautiful location in all the Snake River valley, and a very prosperous, happy people, fast becoming well-off in this world's goods, and possessing very liberal minds. We have spent the winter, which has been very mild and favorable, with our horses wintering out; they are in good condition [illegible] spring. Now, when the snow is almost all gone, the people are enjoying good health, only a few cases of measles (but very mild), for all of which we continue to give thanks [illegible]. We have a most excellent Sunday school and primary class. Our Y. M. M. I. association is held on Sunday night with a crowded house all the time, [illegible] by our young and old men. Our Y. L. M. I. A. is also largely attended, being held every Tuesday evening. Our amusements consist of a dance every Friday evening which is well patronized and conducted with strict propriety, opened and closed by prayer in our ward meeting house, with plays and surprise parties all the time, we believing ourselves to be a social set of people as well [illegible]. We have [illegible] home missionaries and two Sunday school missionaries called from our ward, and they are always at the place of their appointment.

Our young men have cut a [illegible] week ago [illegible] all [illegible] were able (we know they were willing) to turn out and haul firewood for the widows that live in our [illegible] and in that meeting there was a large response, twenty-one loads being hauled to the [illegible] widows, and twenty-five loads to our ward meeting house. During the time the boys were after the wood our young ladies (they never being [illegible]) got together and arranged for a [illegible] and dance at night to warm and cheer the boys; and at early lamp light our meeting house was full. The dance went on for a while, then supper was announced, and this was in every respect a credit to our ladies, well suited for the occasion; all ate until they cried, "no, thanks." Then some

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songs, recitations and speeches for a short time, when, to gratify the youth, the dance was again indulged in. Finally, after again invoking God's blessing, all went home.

Our worthy Bishop, John E. Pincock, did not feel, however, like giving it up that way; so next Sunday he gave it out in meeting that on Tuesday all hands would turn out and chop the wood that had been hauled. At the time appointed over forty turned out and chopped all the widows' wood, and they have a better and larger supply of [illegible] now than they will burn this year. Besides, a big quantity was chopped for the meeting house.

Well, here we are, and if you know of any that need a home, send them along; all we want is for people to mind their own business; there is plenty of room for a great many more families, and wealth for honest labor.

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A CONCRETE WALK.

foundation for the concrete to rest on. The concrete should be four inches deep and mixed in the following manner: One measure Rosendale cement, 1½ measures clean sharp sand and 3 measures clean and coarse gravel.

This should be well rammed. Before it has had time to set the surface should be scratched so as to hold the top coat. The top coat is made as follows: One part portland cement and 2 to 2½ parts clean fine sand.

This is spread on about 1½ inches deep and then rammed down to one-half inch. Smooth off the top with a trowel. Cover with sand, grass or anything to prevent drying too fast. Keep it covered for at least ten days. When making concrete, be very careful not to get too much water. The mass of concrete when ready for use should, with repeated light ramming, show a thin film of moisture on the surface. If properly mixed with water, it will not show a jellylike motion under the rammer.

For a tar pavement dig out the walk to the depth of four inches. Thoroughly mix coal tar and coarse gravel and fill in about three inches deep; then roll it down with a heavy roller or else ram it. Then make another mixture of fine gravel or sifted coal ashes and tar and spread on a thin coat, cover it with sand and roll or beat it well. This has been made for about 75 cents per square yard. The concrete will cost more, according to a writer in The Old New England Homestead, who furnished these directions.

The report comes from Fort Scott, Kan., that the season of 1894 will mark the total failure of the sorghum sugar industry in Kansas, which was built up by government appropriations of $1,000,000 for experimental purposes in 1888.

In Nebraska the owners of the large beet sugar factories claim that they cannot afford to pay $5 a ton for beets under the new tariff law, but if farmers are willing to take $4 a ton for their beets the factories will be operated. Even at the last named price, says The Prairie Farmer, farmers about Grand Island and Norfolk, the location of the factories, will find beet raising very profitable.

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