

PLUTES AGAINST THE I. AND R.

In the past, rich men have got away with a big bluff in the way of having the people accept their views as gospel because they were "prominent, influential," and all that. For which the toadying newspapers are largely to blame.

But it doesn't work as it once did. The people know more than they used to know, and they understand these "prominent" and "influential" citizens better.

The newspapers announced with due solemnity yesterday that "many prominent Republicans and business men" signed the petition protesting against the endorsement of the initiative, referendum and recall, which was presented to the Republican managing committee.

These prominent Republicans and business men gravely assure the people that instead of giving the people more power, the initiative, referendum and recall "will take power from the people, etc."

Then follow the signatures of a bunch of Chicago's greatest beneficiaries of special privilege.

If there is any man on the list who would like to see the people get more power than they have now, we don't know who it is. Many of them have accumulated great wealth or position through the stand-pat and let-well-alone policies of Mark Hanna.

And if the average man who works for his living can't understand the initiative, referendum and recall, he would be pretty safe in copping the bet of such men as Fred W. Upham, J. Harry Selz, Thos. E. Donnelly and others of that class.

If the initiative, referendum and recall took power from the people, men of their kidney very likely would be shouting themselves black in the face for all three.

There are some men of brains in the list, but most of them would never get their name in the papers if they were not rich. About all they have accomplished in life was to get rich.

WEATHER FORECAST

More Wind—Increasing cloudiness tonight followed by snow Friday; for Chicago and vicinity: rising temperature; lowest tonight about 20 degrees; light variable winds shifting to southeast and increasing Friday.



Cousin Bill Taft advises that the patronage club be taken away from the president. You see, some time ago, Bill aimed to knock the stuffing out of a progressive party and smashed his club on his own shins. No fellow is fond of clubs after that.

Getting a bun on brings no biscuit home to the babies.