

VOTE BY MASSMEETING

Editor National Leader: I note in the June Leader that Thomas Keefe of Staples advocates a "new" method of election. However, his remedy is not new, but has been in operation in the oldest democracy, Switzerland, since the existence of that republic.

This has been operated in Switzerland even to a greater degree because they make their laws and elect their officials by massmeeting, where the poor man's vote is no joke, but a reality.

I agree with Mr. Keefe about the absurdity of "take your choice, they are all mine" present method.

The primary can be mended. I do not approve of the straight ticket. We ought to be privileged to vote as we see fit, regardless of party.

I wish the Leader might print a petition against the ship subsidy bill. The American farmer is a better investment of 2 per cent money and every one ought to be able to see it. Moreover, his relief lies that way a great deal farther than through a bigger ship monopoly than the one we have. Small chance of American controlled ships being cheaper. To everything else Wall street has a finger in, is always attached the cry "more money." Cheaper money is what we who pay 10 per cent to national banks want. The cry is not to be put off much longer.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: We have not offered a petition form for the ship subsidy, because in our opinion farmers would do better to spend what energy they have for such work in behalf of reviving the grain corporation and better credits for farmers.

There is no question that western farmers are against the ship subsidy. Farm, Stock and Home, which has conducted a vote contest, finds the farmer sentiment in Minnesota 50 to 1 against it.

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