

ROOSEVELT FAVORS ARIZONA.

Recall Provision Should Not Bar It
from Statehood, He Says.

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 20.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt addressed one of the largest throngs ever assembled in the Southwest on the Plaza here to-day, his theme being Arizona Statehood. He arrived from Mesa at noon, attended a luncheon given in his honor by members of his former Rough Rider Regiment, and then proceeded to the Plaza. The Colonel said in part:

"I regret that Arizona was not admitted to Statehood by the last Congress, and I trust that the next Congress will admit it. The objections to admitting it I regard as without warrant of justice. Apparently these objections have been chiefly or entirely due to the fact that Arizona has adopted in its Constitution the referendum, initiative and recall.

"The principles of the initiative and referendum may or may not be adapted to the needs of a given State under given conditions—I believe they are useful in some communities and not in others—but to deny a Territory the right of Statehood because it has adopted these principles is as wrong as to say that Vermont should not be a State because its governmental system is based upon the principles of the town meeting. If the Constitution of the United States forbids the use of the referendum or initiative, then the Constitution should be amended without delay."

Col. Roosevelt took exception to that provision of the recall especially affecting the judiciary.

"I admit," he said, "the melancholy fact that there are States where Judges have so acted as to make it justifiable and necessary for the people to adopt measures for retiring all such Judges from office. I feel that it is to the interest of decent citizens not to adopt any measure which would make Judges timid, which would make them fearful lest deciding rightly in some given case might arouse a storm of anger, temporary, but fatal."

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