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All communications must reach this office not later than 3 o'clock Monday afternoon. Any communications received after that hour will be left over until the following week, as our forms close Tuesday noon.

State Senator Fred Eidemiller says the primary law is unconstitutional for the reason that it forces the voter to declare his party affiliation before he can secure a ballot. Mr. Eidemiller's total unfitness to pass upon questions of this kind is very generally recognized; if any doubt existed on this score, he has removed it by assuming that the primary law is unconstitutional, not because it is in conflict with the state constitution, but because it doesn't square, in his view, with other laws passed by the legislature; which shows that Mr. Eidemiller doesn't know a great deal about the subject he has presumed to discuss.

The provision in the primary law which requires the voter to declare his party affiliation was inserted in the law at the behest of the enemies of the primary principle, and it is not surprising, therefore, that it should now be brought forward to prove the inefficiency, unfitness and unconstitutionality of the statute. That is a very common legislative trick.

At the same time, it is an open question whether the mere declaration of party affiliation is, in any sense, a violation of the secrecy vouchsafed the voter in the constitution of the state. A provision of the constitution which may have some bearing upon the point raised is section 6, article VI., and is as follows:

All elections shall be by ballot. The legislature shall provide for such method of voting as will secure to every elector absolute secrecy in preparing and depositing his ballot."

This provision is merely in furtherance of the declaration in the bill of rights in the constitution of this state, that all elections shall be free and equal, and no power, civil or military, shall at any time interfere to prevent the free exercise of the right of suffrage. If the legislature had undertaken to force the voter to declare his preference as between individual candidates, instead of limiting the declaration to the question of party affiliation, undoubtedly it would have trenched upon both of these provisions in the state constitution, for such a provision would have violated the freedom of elections, upon the one hand, and the secrecy of the ballot upon the other.

A provision which requires the voter to declare merely his party affiliation still leaves the voter free to elect, in secret, between a number of candidates offering for the same position, and to vote secretly his own personal choice. While the wisdom of this provision in the primary law was questioned on grounds of public policy, and may still be questioned upon the same grounds, it does not seem to be repugnant to provisions in the state constitution which declare that all elections shall be free, and that every elector shall enjoy absolute secrecy in preparing and depositing his ballot. Elections are free when election laws bear equally upon all classes of citizens, and voting is in secret, within the meaning of the constitution, when the voter is allowed to express, in secret, his choice as between individuals.—P. I.

While there is an apparent tendency to criticize the food bureau of the agricultural department for delays and conservation in the enforcement of the national pure food law, it is certainly better policy to be sure of it's ground before going ahead than to proceed along the lines which will ultimately have to be redrawn. The government cannot afford to be constantly backing and filling in its operations, and it is probable one of the most favorable features of the situation that Dr. Wiley and his assistants have arrived at an appreciation of the seriousness of the problem which they have undertaken to solve before putting into effect the cocksure plans which had been outlined when the bill was being advocated in congress. When the department proceeds to the rigid enforcement of a ruling it should be unmistakably the right one, and where questions of doubt are involved the public can afford to wait until the matter has been thoroughly sifted out, while the officials of the government cannot afford to go ahead until assured of its position. Undoubtedly special interests are helping to promote delays for their own ends, while it is practically assured that the courts will be resorted to for the settlement of a number of disputed points, but some progress is being made, and certain reform worked out. The evolution is disappointing a good many people but it is certainly preferable to too great haste, for nothing would serve to bring the national pure food law into disrepute so quickly as ill-considered action in its enforcements.

"It is a complete and profound mystery to me why so many people think that no man can be great till he gets into the senate. There is today in the house of representatives an opportunity for the use of the very best brains of this republic. If there is anything in a man he doesn't have to get into the senate to demonstrate it."

So says Congressman Cushman of the state of Washington. It has been the belief of the people for a long time that there was a great amount of brains in the senate. It has been demonstrated on numerous occasions, but there has never been a time when there was not need for a fresh supply.

In fact there is a suspicion that there is more conservatism than gray matter tucked away in the head of the average senator. Cushman might never come up to the typical senator's idea of himself. He has not enough false dignity. He says what he feels, and a senator should never feel—he should reason.

The senatorial toga makes many a small man appear big. It is a cloak for many defects. It adds dignity, and that is much of the capital of a senator.

While the administration is being criticized in certain quarters for preserving forests on the Pacific slope, it is interesting to note the people are clamoring for forest reserves in the Appalachian chain and the White mountains. The experience of a century teaches the wisdom of preserving the forests. The older settled communities east have suffered and will continue to suffer from the evils of forest destruction, and they now ask for the preservation of the remnant left. Hence the organization of the American Forestry Association, composed of men interested in the preservation of our forests. It may be necessary to modify the boundaries of some of the western reserves, but the principle is a good one and will tend to prevent utter destruction. The effort to get hold of western forests by certain interests shows what will take place if they are successful. Continue the reserves!—Cofax Gazette.

Roosevelt may be a god shot on bears, but it seems that he can't shoot the third term in vital a spot. It keeps coming and growing as it comes. The country might do worse than to adopt the Mexican policy of keeping the right man in the right position even if it should strain the unwritten law a little. The precedent would not be dangerous now though it might have been in the early days of the republic before the new form of government had crystallized. No man could grab the reins away from the American people at this late day, and if they are satisfied with the service of their chief executive they have both the moral and the legal right to extend its duration.

The first attempt to enforce the law passed at the last legislative session forbidding ranchers to allow their cattle to run at large in counties which were three quarters under fence resulted in Edward Byrnes of Touchet being fined \$10 and costs amounting to \$17.04 in Judge Huffman's court this afternoon. The complaint was sworn out by J. A. Weathers of Touchet.—Walla Walla Bulletin.

Congressman Cushman does not need to worry about brains — he wants to grow dignity, if he is to please the rest of the senators. They need in the senate less ponderous, mentality and a little more mental activity. The United States senate is like the fleet of battleships — it is all right in battle, but the war may be over before it gets into action.—Chronicle.

The fuel problem is becoming complex indeed when a logging company abandons wood as fuel and adopts oil in its stead. But this is what an Astoria logging company has done. It will sell its wood.

**CHURCH NOTES.**  
**CATHOLIC SERVICE.**  
Father Cunningham, of Sprague, appointed by the Bishop for this parish, will hold services in Ritzville on the third Sunday in each month. Instruction for children in the forenoon.

**ST. MARKS CHURCH.**  
Sunday Nov. 10th.  
Morning Prayer Litany and Sermon 11 o'clock; Subject: "The Opening of the Eyes."  
Evening Prayer and Sermon 7:30; Subject: "The Coming of the Kingdom."  
Sunday School at 10 a. m. Every one invited to attend these services.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.**  
Sunday School..... 10 a. m.  
Preaching..... 11 a. m.  
Junior Endeavor..... 3 p. m.  
Senior Endeavor..... 7 p. m.  
Preaching..... 8 p. m.  
Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening..... 8 p. m.

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Adams. In the matter of the Estate of (Show Cause Order) Carolina Lobe, Deceased. The petition of August Kuhn, as Administrator of the estate of Carolina Lobe, deceased, having been filed in the said court, the real estate named in the said petition, to-wit: The North East quarter of Section Thirty-two (32), T. 19 N., R. 39 E., W. 4 M., should not be sold or mortgaged to pay the expenses of administration, and that all proceedings in the cause are regular, and it is necessary that said land should be so sold or mortgaged. NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given to all persons interested in said estate, to appear at the Courtroom in Ritzville, Adams County, Washington, on Monday, the 2nd day of December, A.D. 1907, then and there to show cause, if any, they have, why an order should be granted to the Administrator to sell or mortgage the said real estate. And it is further ordered that this notice shall be published for four consecutive weeks in the "Washington State Journal". Done this 2nd day of November, A. D., 1907. 11-12-07 W. W. ZENT, Judge

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Adams. (In Probate) NOTICE In the matter of the guardianship of George West, Jane Hope West and Lizzie West, Minors. State of Washington, ) ss: County of Adams ) Whereas William J. West, of Lind, Adams county, Washington has filed in this court his verified petition and alleging that George West, Jane Hope West and Lizzie West are minors; That the said George West is a resident of Adams county, Washington and that the said Jane Hope West and Lizzie West are both residents of Lane county, Oregon; That each of said minors has property in Adams county, Washington, and that the said William J. West is a guardian and praying for the appointment of the said petitioner, William J. West, as such guardian, and WHEREAS, notice is hereby given to each of said minors, to-wit: George West, Jane Hope West and Lizzie West, to appear at the Courtroom in Ritzville, Adams county, Washington, on Monday, the second day of December, 1907, at ten o'clock a. m., or as soon thereafter as may be convenient to the court, at which time any and all persons interested may appear and show cause, if any they have, why said William J. West should not be appointed as such guardian. WITNESS: The Hon. W. W. Zent, Judge of the aforesaid court and the seal of the court affixed this seventh day of October, 1907. (SEAL) S. D. DOUGLASS, County Clerk and Clerk of the Superior Court in and for the county of Adams, State of Washington. 10 9 to 11 20 1907.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Spokane, Washington, September 30, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Henry L. Richter, of Ritzville, Washington, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 14894, made August 8, 1902, for the S. E. 1/4, Section 5, Township 17 N., Range 36 E. W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. L. Cross, U. S. Commissioner for the eastern district of Washington, at Ritzville, Wash., on November 20, 1907. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Fred Kison, John Kison, Gottfried Grotz and Henry Richter, all of Ritzville, Washington. HAL J. COLE, Register. 10-2x11-6-07.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**  
Department of the Interior, Land Office at Spokane, Washington, October 3, 1907. Notice is hereby given that Victoria Pfleger, widow of Antoine Pfleger, deceased, of Ritzville, Washington, has filed notice of her intention to make final five year proof in support of her claim, viz: Homestead Entry No. 14788 made August 4, 1902, for the S. W. 1/4, Section 4, Township 17 N., Range 36 E. W. M., and that said proof will be made before J. L. Cross, U. S. Commissioner for the eastern district of Washington, at Ritzville, Washington on December 2, 1907. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, the land, viz: Fred Kison, Dan Roloff and Henry Richter, all of Ritzville, Washington, and Frank Lengett, of Leon, Washington. HAL J. COLE, Register. 10 9 to 11 13 1907.

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, for Adams County. Ethel Cothron, Plaintiff vs: James E. Cothron, Defendant. State of Washington, to James E. Cothron, defendant; You are hereby summoned to appear within SIXTY days after the date of the publication of this summons, to-wit: within SIXTY days after the 30th day of October, A. D., 1907, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer or other pleading upon the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, at their office in Ritzville, Washington, and in case of your failure so to do, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said Court.

The object of this action is to obtain an absolute divorce by the plaintiff from the defendant and further to secure to the plaintiff care and custody of Mildred Cothron, the minor child of plaintiff and defendant. ADAMS & NAEF Attorneys for plaintiff. Date of first publication, Oct. 30, 1907 Post Office address, Ritzville, Wash. 10 30 x 12 4'07.

In the Superior Court of the State of Washington, in and for the County of Adams. In the matter of the Estate of (Show Cause Order) Johanna Bunger, Deceased. Now, upon this 10th day of October A. D., 1907, this matter coming on to be heard before the Court, upon the petition of the Administrator of the above entitled estate, to sell certain of the real property described therein, and appearing to the Court that there is not sufficient personal property in the hands of the Administrator to pay the expenses of administration, and that it is necessary to sell or mortgage some portion of the real estate to provide funds for the payment of the debts, and that the North East quarter of the above entitled tract, to-wit: Eight (8) on Township Eighteen (18), North of Range Thirty-five (35), E. W. M., in Adams county, would be for the best interest of the estate, NOW, THEREFORE, notice is given to all people interested in said estate to appear on Monday the 11th day of November, A. D., 1907, then and there to show cause why the said real property hereinafter described, shall not be sold at public auction to pay the expenses of administration in said estate. And it is further ORDERED that this Show Cause Order shall be served by publication in four issues of the Washington State Journal. Done this 10th day of October, 1907, in open Court. W. W. ZENT, Judge. LOVELL & DAVIS, Attorneys for Administrator. 10-16 to 11-6 07

**Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate**  
State of Washington ) ss: Sheriff's Office, County of Adams ) Ritzville, Wash. Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of an execution and order of sale issued out of the Honorable Superior Court of the State of Washington, for the County of Adams, on the 7th day of October, A. D., 1907, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of St Paul & Tacoma Lumber Co., a corporation, versus Conrad Meir, No. 1406 and to me as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon and will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, within the hours prescribed by law for Sheriff's Sales, to-wit: at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday, the 16th day of November, A. D., 1907, at the front door of the Court house in the city of Ritzville, in Adams County, Washington, all the right, title and interest of the said Conrad Meir in and to the following property to-wit: Lots nine, 9, and ten, 10, in Block one, 1, of N. H. Greene's addition to Ritzville, Adams County, Washington, according to the recorded plat thereof now on file and of record in the office of the county auditor of Adams County, Washington, levied on as the property of Conrad Meir and Katie Meir, his wife, in and to a judgment amounting to \$70.85 in favor of St Paul & Tacoma Lumber Company, a corporation and costs of suit and increasing costs. Given under my hand this 14th day of October 1907. E. D. GILSON, Sheriff of Adams County, Wash. HARTCOURT M. TAYOR, Attorney for Plaintiff. 10-16 to 11-13 07

**SUMMONS**  
In the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for Adams County. Lucy Gebert, Plaintiff vs: George Gebert, Defendant. The State of Washington, to George Gebert, Defendant: You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit: within sixty days after the twenty-fifth day of September, A. D., 1907, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled Court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys at their offices as below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgement will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint which has been filed with the Clerk of said Court. The object of this action is to obtain a decree of divorce from you on the ground of fault to provide. LOVELL & DAVIS Attorneys for Plaintiff P. O. address, Ritzville, Washington. 9-25 x 11-6 1907

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**Lavista, Nov. 23, 1907**

RALSTON is situated on parts of Section 7 and 12, T. 17 N., Rs. 35 and 36 E., W. M., in Adams County, 13 miles East of Lind, in what is known as Rattlesnake Valley, one of the best wheat and fruit districts in the state. REVERE is situated in Section 5, T. 18 N., R. 39 E., W. M., in Whitman County, 24 miles East of Ralston, and several miles from any existing town. It is surrounded by a fine farming and fruit country. LAVISTA is situated in Section 13 and 18, T. 19 N., Rs. 40 and 41 E., W. M., in Whitman County, at the foot of Rock Lake, 13 miles East of Revere and 8 miles North of St. John, its nearest competitive point. Rock Lake is nine miles long, and from one-half to two miles wide. A beautiful body of water, surrounded by a most fertile country. These towns are located in the unequalled wheat and fruit districts of the famous Palouse Country, at present well populated by industrious, thrifty and intelligent people. The distance from any existing town insures to each of these towns the exclusive business of territory sufficient to give large and permanent value to property. The Chicago, & St. Paul Railway Company will construct and maintain at each place an ample depot, and provide the most modern facilities for handling farm products and merchandise.

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