

Without calling for evidence, I expressed the opinion that "M. F." had, in connection with voters' lists matters, acquired the meaning of "Manhood Franchise," and the word "and" could be treated as surplusage. Was I right?

2. The notice of complaint as filed consists of fifteen sheets, each in itself in the form number 6 in the Act, the lists Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 being printed on the back of the notice of complaint. Only the notice of complaint on the last sheet was filled out and signed by the complainant, but evidence was given that the whole fifteen sheets were attached together as they now appear when the complainant signed the notice of complaint on the last sheet, and handed the whole to the clerk. I expressed the opinion that, considering it my duty to further the franchise, while entertaining great doubts, I thought that sufficient. Was I right?

3. The complainant asked leave to amend, if necessary, under sec. 32 of the Act, by making the signed notice refer explicitly to the annexed sheets. I refused the amendment upon the grounds that if any necessity for it, the effect would be to confer jurisdiction on myself, and that sec. 32 can be satisfied in its words by confining it to notices other than notices of complaint. Am I right?

G. H. Watson, K.C., for those against the ruling of the County Judge.

E. Bristol and Eric N. Armour, for those supporting the ruling.

Moss, J.A.—Question 1 must be answered in the affirmative. The Legislature did not intend to bind parties to exact observance of the words of the forms (sec. 4). What is intended is that the list should afford such information of the nature of the qualification of the person named as will enable the other voters to ascertain, by inquiry, the truth or untruth of the statement. In this instance it cannot be well imagined that other voters, or persons who usually interest themselves in the revision of the lists, will be misled by the form of statement. The right of a person to be on the voters' list ought not to depend upon a too critical examination of the forms in the schedule, which are inserted merely as examples, and are not required to be followed implicitly.

The second question must also be answered in the affirmative. It may be treated as really one of fact. It is impossible to say that the lists are not subjoined. They are annexed or attached, which means subjoined. Looking at the lists, and reading them in the light of the notice, there