Washington Territory is pre-eminently a country free from poverty. It has no poor people; it has a wealth of land, water, forest and mineral resources that is not equaled by any other in the Union. It will be a full fledged State the first of next October.

Now that Washington is to become a state it would be a good idea to consider the various ballot reform measures under discussion in different parts of the country. The Australian system has many features that will commend it to the consideration of our legislators.