

CHAPTER XXI.

[S. B. No. 2.]

DECLARING LABOR DAY A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

AN ACT declaring labor day a legal holiday.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. That the first Monday of September of each year is hereby declared to be a legal holiday in the State of Washington, to be known as labor day.

Approved February 24, 1891.

CHAPTER XXII.

[S. B. No. 76.]

PROCEEDINGS SUPPLEMENTARY TO EXECUTION.

AN ACT relating to proceedings supplementary to execution, amending 384 of the Code of Washington of 1881, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend section 384 of the Code of Washington Territory and to secure to the people of the territory the right of trial by jury," approved January 15, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Section 384 of the code of Washington of 1881, as amended by an act entitled "An act to amend section 384 of the code of Washington territory and to secure to the people of the territory the right of trial by jury," approved January 15, 1886, is amended to read as follows: Witnesses may be compelled to appear and testify before the judge or referee upon any proceeding under this chapter as upon the trial of an issue of fact; and if the judgment debtor deny that he has property which he unjustly refuses to apply towards the satisfaction of the judgment, then and in such case the judgment debtor may demand a trial by jury, and upon such demand being made the proceeding shall stand as an action for trial in the court

Compulsory attendance of witnesses.

Judgment debtor may demand a jury.

from which the execution issued, and be tried by a jury as other civil actions are tried.

Approved February 24, 1891.

CHAPTER XXIII.

[S. B. No. 78.]

CONSTRUCTION OF STATUTES.

AN ACT concerning the construction of statutes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. The following provisions relative to the construction of statutes shall be rules of construction and shall constitute a part of the code of procedure of this state: The provisions of this code shall be liberally construed, and shall not be limited by any rule of strict construction. The provisions of a statute, so far as they are substantially the same as those of a statute existing at the time of their enactment, must be construed as continuations thereof. The term "person" may be construed to include the United States, this state, or any state or territory, or any public or private corporation, as well as an individual. Words importing the singular number may also be applied to the plural of persons and things; words importing the plural may be applied to the singular; and words importing the masculine gender may be extended to females also. That the word "month" or "months" whenever the same occurs in the statutes of this state now in force, or in statutes hereinafter enacted, or in any contract made in this state, shall be taken and construed to mean "calendar months."

The term
"person."

Singular and
plural.

The term
"month."

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