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Mr. Metzger's Comma

The transitional disappearance of a comma between House and Senate during the period of gestation of House Bill No. 154 seems to have caused some uncertainty in the mind of the Attorney General as to what may have been the legislative intent with or without this comma.

It is gratifying to know that, in his opinion, the absence of the comma in the enrolled bill, does not seriously affect the legislative intent.

May I suggest the probability that the comma went out to take a drink during the transitional period and failed to reappear when he should have been enrolled.

E. B. ADAMS,
Grand Junction.

More On John G. Johnson

In reference to Mr. McAllister's article in the June DICTA on the great lawyer John G. Johnson, the late John Ewing of the Colorado bar told me of an occasion when he was present in the U. S. Supreme Court where Johnson was representing an appellee. Before the appellant's counsel began to speak, Johnson arose apologetically and told the court he was compelled to be in New York that afternoon; that he had spoken to opposing counsel and it was agreeable with them, if it was with the court, for him to state his views first, and then catch his train. This was not done in any arrogant manner, as though implying contempt for his opponents or their case, but simply that he felt he could present his contentions for what they were worth and then leave, without inconvenience to court or counsel. The court consented; a very important question was involved; and the later decision adopted Johnson's contention.

FRAZER ARNOLD,
Denver.

New Southeastern Bar Association Officers

At an election on September 21, J. Woodson Railey of Lamar was designated president of the Southeastern Colorado Bar Association, and Ray A. Gunning, also of Lamar, was elected secretary-treasurer.

William L. Branch and Robert A. Lauterbach, who restrict their practice to tax matters, have moved their offices from the E & C Bldg. to the Majestic Bldg., Denver.