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Calendar

November 3—Denver Bar Association regular monthly meeting, 12:15 P. M., Chamber of Commerce dining room.

December 1—Denver Bar Association regular monthly meeting, 12:15 P. M., Chamber of Commerce dining room.

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Highlight of this year's annual meeting of the Colorado Bar Association was the discussion of the judiciary plan submitted by Col. Van Cise and the Judiciary Committee. The plan was presented at the Saturday morning session, and questions asked about it. At the Saturday afternoon session the plan was discussed pro and con by the members of the association after which the association voted to approve the plan in principle with the final details to be worked out by a joint committee consisting of a committee of three from the District Judges' Association, a committee of three from the County Judges' Association, a committee of four from the Board of Governors (one from each congressional district), the coordinating committee of the Judiciary Committee and the chairmen of the sub-committees of the Judiciary Committee. Before taking the final vote, the association voted down a motion to disapprove that part of the plan relating to the method of selecting judges. After receiving comments from the members of the bar on the present draft of the plan, a semi-final plan will be drawn up and submitted to the members of the bar for final suggestions, after which the final plan will be drawn.

On the recommendation of the Water Section the association approved the Hinshaw bill relating to the waters of the Colorado River, disapproved the McCarran resolution regarding suits in the United States Supreme Court concerning the waters of the Colorado River, and approved a resolution approving federal legislation recognizing that the right to the use of water should be determined by state law.

On the recommendation of the Real Estate Standards Committee, the association adopted for state-wide use standards 48, 49, 50 and 51 of the Denver Bar Association.

An amendment to the by-laws was adopted requiring each local association to elect its members of the Board of Governors. An exception is made in the case of the Denver Bar Association, to coincide with the amend-

ment adopted by the Denver Bar Association at its October meeting under which the secretary of the Denver Bar Association will be a member of the Board of Governors ex-officio during his term of office. All other Denver members of the Board of Governors will be elected.

Another amendment requires the Board of Governors to make an annual report to the association. A third amendment provides for honorary memberships for members who have been in practice for a long time.

William Hedges Robinson, Jr., of Denver, who has been secretary of the Colorado Bar Association since its reorganization, was elected president-elect to take office next year. Jean Breitenstein, of Denver, is senior vice-president, and the other vice-presidents are: Frank Dolan, Boulder; George H. Wilkes, Florence; and Frederick B. Emigh, Durango. President-elect Thomas M. Burgess, Colorado Springs, became president at the concluding banquet.

Will Shafroth, Washington, D. C., chief of the Division of Procedural Studies and Statistics, Administration Office of the United States Courts, speaking on the subject, "Modern Aids in Court Administration" gave high praise to Col. Van Cise and the Judiciary Committee for its work in developing the judiciary plan presented at the meeting. He said, in part, that the salaries paid to judges in Colorado are absurd. Even the salaries proposed by the committee are not high enough. The association must make big plans. There must be an adequate retirement system and the judges must be removed from politics. Mr. Shafroth wrote to lawyers in California and Missouri regarding the working of their judiciary systems. Eighteen of 22 replies from Missouri indicated approval and two disapproved with two undecided. Nine appointments have been made in Missouri. All but one of the replies said the judges selected under the plan were good or very good. All replies said the nominees were all outstanding. There has been one rejection, and all replies except one said the rejection was warranted. The experiences under the Missouri plan were eminently satisfactory.

According to replies received from California, the experience has varied with the governor. Some governors have made good appointments and some mediocre. Eight of the California replies favored the Missouri plan and six favored the California plan. Fifteen would vote for the plan again, three would vote for the Missouri plan, and only one would vote against either plan.

We have made a magnificent start but the road is difficult. In Michigan such a plan was defeated as the sole proposal before the people. Ohio defeated such a plan by a vote of three to two. In California the plan went through along with three "curb crime" proposals. In Missouri there was a strong campaign. The laymen must be brought in as soon as possible. The judicial council is an important part of the plan, and the council must have adequate appropriations. The administrative office is the business office of the court.

The Law Club of Denver went overboard to bring one of the finest entertainment features yet presented at a Colorado Bar Association meeting. Law Club members and spouses who participated in the presentation of Gilbert and Sullivan's *Trial by Jury* were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beise, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Blackman, Elmer Brock, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Don Graham, Mrs. Peter Holme, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Holme, Jr., Irving Hale, Mrs. Stanley Johnson, Mrs. Harold King, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicola, Mr. and Mrs. Warren K. Robinson, Mrs. William Hedges Robinson, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Rocchio, Pete Silverstein, Mr. and Mrs. Don Stubbs, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Van Cise, Alex Holland, and last but by far not least, Judge Hugh McLean. The production was ably directed by Howard Beresford, assisted by Virginia Beresford.

The Law Club also carried away top honors in the balloting when a Law Club member for the third successive year became president-elect of the association.

The District Judges' Association elected Harold H. Davies of Englewood, President, to succeed Claude Coffin of Fort Collins.

The Junior Bar Section elected H. Harold Calkins, Denver, chairman, Leonard V. Sutton, Colorado Springs, vice-chairman, and Leonard Campbell, Denver, secretary.

The El Paso County Bar Association gave another of its fine ice shows in the Broadmoor Ice Palace, the Broadmoor Hotel gave another of its well enjoyed cocktail parties, and Mrs. Thomas Burgess and Mrs. Merrill Shoup entertained the ladies at a lovely tea. Many fine addresses and unscheduled social events went to make this meeting another highly successful gathering of the barristers. One amazed elevator miss was heard to inquire if this was a meeting of lawyers from this state only.

Admitted to a Higher Court

CHARLES HERRICK, Craig, judge of the district court of the Fourteenth Judicial District died Sept. 29th of a heart attack suffered in his office at Craig. He was elected district judge in 1922 and served as such continuously since that date. He was county judge from 1913 to 1921. He was born in Exira, Iowa, in 1886, and homesteaded a ranch near Craig in 1910. He ranched and practised law until elected county judge.

GUSTAVE J. ORNAUER, well known and popular Denver attorney, died Oct. 27 at Mercy Hospital after a long illness. He was born in Denver and graduated from Denver University. He was admitted to the bar in 1917 and was an officer in World War I. He was prominent in civic affairs, having been active in the Red Cross, Community Chest and war bond drives. He belonged to the Guldman Community Center board, the Elks, Shriners, Masons and Breakfast Club. He was 53 at the time of his death.