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How to Avoid Becoming President of the U. S.

While it would readily occur to most that the simplest way to avoid becoming President is to run against Franklin Delano, there is another and apparently as equally efficacious a system. Under this method all you have to do to dodge becoming the White House resident is to practice in the court of U. S. District Judge John C. Knox.

We learned all this by careful study of the invitation extended to us lawyers by Milt Keegan and Don Leshner to hear Judge Knox on October 16. Milt and Don, without, we are sure, any intention of advertising the then Republican candidate for President, pointed out that before Judge Knox had appeared such eminent practitioners as Charles Evans Hughes, John W. Davis and Thomas E. Dewey.

So, brethren, if you want to get elected President resist any proffered employment that will take you before Judge Knox. And note, if you will, that the curse applies to both parties.

*Do You Like Our Brother, Who Practices in Reno?**

Peter H. Holme, recalling the days when Colorado was peopled with giants, has favored us with an anecdote concerning the distinguished Edward O. Wolcott who, among other things, was the uncle of all the Tolls. It seems the Senator had delivered one of his stirring and masterly speeches and the presiding genius suggested that any who wished to shake hands might do so. When the little fellow at the end of the long line finally and somewhat reluctantly got on the platform he said, before holding out his hand, "Senator, I believe in being honest at all times, and I therefore must tell you that I have always liked your brother, Henry, much better than I do you." Whereupon the Senator, grasping the little fellow's hand warmly, replied: "Don't feel the least bit apologetic for what you are saying. I am sure that if you had ever had a brother, I should have liked him better than I like you."

Political Anecdote No. 2

We learned this one from our distinguished forbear who also has a memory reaching back a few years. It has to do with the campaign of

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1888 when Grover Cleveland and Benjamin Harrison were the contestants. It appears that the national committees of the two parties, anxious to avoid a repetition of the mud-slinging, name-calling campaign of 1884 when Cleveland had bested Blaine, entered into an agreement there would be none of that stuff. During the campaign the celebrated Republican orator, Senator Foraker, took many an occasion to explain the agreement to the multitudes. Said the Senator, after describing the agreement to the audience: "You see, the idea of this is that the Democrats have agreed not to lie about Harrison and the Republicans have agreed not to tell the truth about Cleveland."

We Are Now Clear on One Point

A contemporary of DICTA is THE WEEKLY JOURNAL which, while it doesn't say so, seems to be the house organ of *The Colorado Bar Association*. In proof of this, your direction is attended to the mast-head thereof, where the names of the luminaries who guide said Association are set forth. We had been of the opinion for many weeks that Benjamin E. Sweet had been president of the Association since September, but it was not until the issue of November 21 that THE WEEKLY JOURNAL found it out. It is now clear to us that the JOURNAL knows of the change and we wish to be among the first to congratulate it. We are still in the dark, however, as to the meaning of this headline in the JOURNAL for August 2 last:

"EVERY BUSINESS IN CITY COVERED
OF LICENSE TAXES PRACTICALLY
RICHMOND MAKES GOOD THING"

Well, maybe it does.

**IN MEMORY OF COLORADO LAWYERS WHO
HAVE GIVEN THEIR LIVES IN THE SERVICE
OF THEIR COUNTRY**



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