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James H. Hunter of 175 South Emerson Street, Denver, Colorado, librarian and crier for the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver, died in St. Luke's Hospital in Denver, on April 21, 1943, after a brief illness. He was 84 years of age.

Mr. Hunter was born in Scotland in 1858, and came to the United States when he was 10. He moved to Murphysboro, Illinois, and there married Miss Sarah Wild in September, 1879. He came to Denver in 1886, and worked for the Colorado Midland Railway, later becoming yardmaster in Aspen. He was employed by the Denver Tramway Company as a motorman in 1889, and resigned in 1914 to become superintendent of the zoo, which position he held until 1923. He then became a deputy United States marshal and was later a bailiff of the United States District Court in Denver. In 1931 he was appointed crier for the Circuit Court of Appeals and assumed the duties of librarian for that court in 1937.

Surviving are his wife, Sarah, a son, James W. Hunter, two daughters, Mrs. Harry F. Chrysler and Mrs. David B. Sauve, a sister, Mrs. L. R. Greiner, and several grandchildren.

Mr. Hunter was well known in Denver, and has been a familiar figure in the federal court rooms for many years. His passing leaves a vacant space in the hearts of many of us.

"All politics is the rivalry of organized minorities; the voters are bleacher athletes who cheer the victors and jeer the defeated, but do not otherwise contribute to the result."—WILL DURANT.

One Hundred Years Ago

The following items appeared in the New York *Tribune* of April 5, 1843:

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER arrived in this city yesterday, and took lodgings at the Astor House.

THE LEGISLATURE OF MAINE at its recent session passed a law declaring that every person of good moral character might practice law in the state.

THE PEITHOLOGIAN SOCIETY OF COLUMBIA COLLEGE held their thirty-seventh anniversary this evening at Niblo's saloon.

—Submitted by FRANK L. FETZER.

Lawyer Population and Judicial Salaries

According to G. Dexter Blount, a committee of American Bar Association has recently issued statistics with reference to the lawyer population of the United States and the several states, and salaries paid to Supreme Court Justices. They contain the following information based upon the United States Census of 1940:

In the United States there were 179,544 lawyers, or one lawyer for each group of 733 residents. In Colorado there were 1,454 lawyers, or one lawyer for each group of 772 persons. Colorado ranked 17th among the states in the ratio of population to each lawyer. Alabama ranked last, with one lawyer to 1,731 persons.

In the fifteen largest cities in the United States the average was one lawyer to each group of 398 residents. These cities ranged from one lawyer to 137 residents in Washington, D. C., to one lawyer to 885 in Cleveland, Ohio.

Other interesting facts disclosed are that Colorado, which paid each Justice of the Supreme Court a salary of \$6,500, ranked 40th among the states in the size of the salaries paid to Justices. The 48th is South Dakota, which paid \$4,800. The top ranking state is New York, which paid \$22,500. All states bordering on Colorado except Kansas and Utah paid higher salaries to their Justices than did Colorado.

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