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. . . Will Feature Many Prominent Speakers. Justice Hugo Black, Hatton W. Sumners, Justice Florence Allen, and John Perry Wood Will Deliver Addresses. Important Projects to Come Before Bar for Action.

Many nationally known members of the legal profession will be featured speakers at the Forty-fourth Annual Convention of the State Bar Association meeting to be held in Colorado Springs at the Broadmoor Hotel on September 12th and 13th. This year's meeting will see as chief speaker, Justice Hugo Black of the United States Supreme Court, who will address the meeting at the Friday evening session to be held at the Broadmoor Little Theatre.

Hatton W. Sumners, chairman of the Judiciary Committee of the House, accepted the invitation of the State Bar, to be the principal speaker at the annual banquet on Saturday evening, September 13, according to Edward L. Wood, convention chairman. William E. Hutton, state president, who completed the arrangements to have Mr. Sumners speak here, announced that the subject of the address would deal with the concentration of the powers of government in Washington.

Justice Florence Allen of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals will deliver a brief address before the association. John Perry Wood of Los Angeles, an outstanding authority on the methods of judicial selection, will speak on this subject at the Saturday luncheon.

The Friday afternoon session will be devoted to Federal administrative practices and procedures which will be discussed by Albert Vogl, David P. Strickler and Harry Silverstein. The Saturday morning session will take up the new proposed probate code, and the Saturday afternoon session will feature the trial of a negligence case which will illustrate some of the important points in practice and procedure of this type of case.

District Judges to Meet Thursday, September 11

Preceding the state Bar Convention, the District Judges of the State will hold their first annual conference on Thursday, September 11

at the Broadmoor Hotel. The conference will begin at 10 o'clock A. M. and will be presided over by Judge Stanley H. Johnson, presiding judge of the Denver District Courts. This will be the first conference of district judges in the state and it is planned to make it an annual event in order to enable the judges to discuss common problems arising in the procedure and administration of their courts.

The County Judges Association will also meet with the State Bar and will join in the Saturday morning meeting on probate code revision, and the District Attorneys Association have scheduled a session for Saturday morning.

The Junior Bar plans two meetings. On Friday, September 12, 5 P. M. the Council of the Colorado Junior Bar Conference will meet and on Saturday, September 13, at 8 A. M. the annual meeting of the Colorado Junior Bar Conference, with John W. O'Hagan, presiding, will be held.

At this meeting the proposed by-laws for the Junior Bar Section of the Colorado Bar Association will be presented and, if adopted, the Colorado Junior Bar Conference will become a section of the Colorado Bar Association. For this reason, all members of the Colorado Bar Association under the age of 36 years are urged to attend the meeting. A copy of the committee reports will be forwarded to the members of the Colorado Junior Bar Conference prior to the meeting and will not be read at the meeting, but an opportunity will be offered for discussion. The proposed by-laws of the Junior Bar section of the Colorado Bar Association will be forwarded to all Junior Bar members of the Colorado Bar Association prior to the annual meeting, so that they may be discussed without being read.

The Friday morning meeting of the state Bar Association will be devoted solely to a consideration of the business affairs of the Association and the hearing of reports of the committees. Following the opening session, the convention will gather at a luncheon in the hotel at which time the Law Club of Denver will provide entertainment.

The afternoon session will open with an address by William E. Hutton, President of the State Association, and the remainder of the afternoon will be devoted to a panel on Federal administrative procedure.

Sectional Meetings Saturday Morning

Saturday morning has been left open for the meeting of the various sections. The Committee on National Defense, under the Chairmanship of John L. Zanoni, will hold a meeting to discuss matters of policy and technique for a uniform program with that of the National Committee in the courts of this state, so that no rules of a District or County Court will conflict with the State Committee's uniform policy. All members of the State Committee, County and Regional Committees are expected to be present. Fraser N. Arnold of Denver, Regional Chairman of the American Bar Association Committee on National Defense, will give a brief address.

County Judges and Probate Section to Discuss New Probate Code

Also on Saturday morning the Committee on Probate Code Revision will hold a meeting at which time there will be a discussion of the proposed new probate code, according to Hubert Day Henry, Chairman of the Committee, and all members attending the meeting will have an opportunity to approve or criticize the various suggestions and to make additional suggestions. The County Judges Association will join in this meeting.

District Attorneys Plan Attractive Program

The District Attorneys Association has also planned an attractive program for all district attorneys attending the District Attorneys' meeting, according to James M. Noland, president of that association. This will be the first time the district attorneys have attended the state bar meeting as an association.

Water Rights Section Working on Water Code

The Section on Water Rights which will also be held at the same time will have for its consideration the writing of an entire water procedural and administrative water code for the state, to replace the present inadequate laws and statutes which now exist, according to the plan outlined by Malcolm Lindsey, Chairman of the Section. There has never been a revision or codification of the laws of Colorado in

regard to water rights and this Section has been making a study of this problem and will no doubt have a very interesting report to make.

Plans Laid to Improve Methods of Judicial Selection

The Saturday noon luncheon will be under the auspices of the Committee on Judicial Selection, of which Charles A. Baer of Denver is Chairman. The Committee, according to Mr. Baer, plans to present a proposed plan on judicial selection to be placed on the ballot in 1942. At this meeting, John Perry Wood will outline the work being done throughout the United States on judicial selection and tenure and comment on a proposed plan to be offered for this state.

The closing session on Saturday afternoon will be devoted to the presentation of a trial of a negligence case which has been prepared by the participants. A. X. Erickson and Harry S. Silverstein, Jr., will be counsel for plaintiff, and W. A. Alexander and Allan Phipps will act as counsel for the defendant corporation. G. Dexter Blount will be the presiding judge. It is planned that this trial will illustrate some of the more important aspects of negligence cases in general and will highlight some of the situations occurring in the new rules of civil procedure.

Following the trial, the convention will conclude its business and select new officers for the coming year.

An unusual program of entertainment has been prepared by the committee, including the various luncheons and dinners before mentioned, the banquet on Saturday evening and a cocktail party preceding the banquet.

The women attending the convention will find ample entertainment planned for them, according to Mrs. Irl Foard, chairman of the Ladies' Entertainment Committee. Mrs. Foard has arranged for a luncheon party on Saturday noon in addition to the various other entertainments.