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reverter in case of a new location for an existing line on repayment of any sum therefor. *Denver & Rio Grande R. Co. v. Mills* (Colo. 1915), 138 C. C. A. 77, 222 Fed. 481. It must be noted that this right of way under consideration in the above case was an absolute grant "of a limited fee made upon an implied condition of reverter in the event that the company ceased to use or retain the land for the purpose for which it was granted"—*Northern Pacific Ry. v. Townsend*, 190 U. S. 267; *Northern Pacific Ry. Co. v. Ely*, 197 U. S. 1; *Union Pacific R. Co. v. Snow*, 231 U. S. 204. Some have given such rights of way the name of "easements." But they are not easements. In a true easement the fee simple absolute remains in the grantor. (Continued in August Issue)

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CALENDAR

July 17, 18.....Colorado Banking Institute, Boulder
 July 19, 20.....Institute on Trusts, Boulder
 September 11.....Meeting District Judges, Colorado Springs
 September 12, 13.....Annual Meeting Colorado Bar Association, Colorado Springs
 September 13.....Annual Meeting County Judges Association
 September 22.....Annual Meeting Commissioners on Uniform Laws
 Sept. 29-Oct. 4.....Annual Meeting American Bar Association, Indianapolis, Indiana

Lawyers in Military Service Get Reporter Advance Sheets and Dicta Free

The West Publishing Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, will send free of charge to each young lawyer member of the Colorado Bar Association inducted into military service the advance sheets of the Pacific Reporter containing the current cases of Colorado Supreme Court as well as the advance sheets of the Supreme Court of the United States.

"We feel that this current weekly service of advance sheets will assist these young lawyers in bridging the gap between training and return to practice, and would serve to preserve their interest in their chosen profession," said Harvey T. Reid, editor-in-chief of the company. "It will be a privilege that we associate ourselves with the Colorado Bar Association in this undertaking which we believe will be keenly appreciated by many lawyers who are sacrificing time and practice during this period."

If all lawyers inducted into service will send their names and addresses to the company, it will see that the advance sheets are forwarded promptly and currently to each applicant as a Bar Association service.

Also, the Colorado Bar Association will send to each lawyer from this state who is enrolled in the military services copies of Dicta each month during the period of his service without any charge to him.

Arch White Retires as Clerk of Supreme Court

Arch H. White, 67, one of the most widely known and best liked court officials in Colorado, resigned as clerk of the state Supreme Court because of ill health.

His resignation, effective August 1, was accepted with reluctance by the justices, who were unanimous in praise of his efficient service and who regretted his retirement.

To succeed White as clerk of the Supreme Court, the justices selected O. E. Rickerson, present chief deputy, who has been a member of the clerk's staff twelve years. Previously, Rickerson was chief deputy clerk of the El Paso County District Court at Colorado Springs.

Clarence W. Sheafor, also formerly of Colorado Springs, who has been with the Supreme Court eighteen years, will succeed Rickerson as chief deputy.

Twelve years ago, White succeeded James Perchard, who had been clerk of the Supreme Court and of the state Court of Appeals since 1901.

Both before and after his appointment as clerk of the Supreme Court, White made an enviable record. His unflinching courtesy, consid-

eration for all who came into contact with the court, and his efficient handling of the work of the office made him a favorite of bench, bar and press. He was acquainted with and enjoyed the respect and confidence of almost every lawyer in the state who ever had business with the Supreme Court.

Local Bar Associations Select Officers

Herman W. Seaman of Loveland, Colorado, was elected president of the Larimer County Bar Association at its annual meeting held at the Northern Hotel in Fort Collins on March 4, 1941. Arthur E. March of Fort Collins and Dale E. Shannon of Fort Collins were re-elected as vice-president and secretary of the association.

Roy M. Briggs of Greeley was elected president of the Weld County Bar Association at its annual meeting held at the Greeley Country Club on May 17th. William R. Baab and Karl R. Ahlborn, both of Greeley, were elected respectively vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the association. William E. Hutton, president of the state bar, spoke to the meeting on bar association activities. Justice Francis E. Bouck and W. W. Platt were guests.

Some Sage Advice in Simplicity

Edward H. Warren, a long-time member of the faculty of the Harvard Law School, in his recently published book, "Margin Customers," states that he advises students as follows:

1. Never dictate anything which calls for careful thinking. Write out everything (except quotations) in longhand. If you dictate you are likely to get into a habit of using words of many syllables like "formulated" or "constituted." If you write in longhand you are likely to get into a habit of using words of one syllable like "made" or "was."
2. Make it a habit of life to spend ten minutes a day in reading something in the Psalms or Proverbs or Gospels; and treasure the short, terse, depicting, dynamic, devastating words and expressions.
3. See to it that no less than sixty-six per cent of your words are words of one syllable, and that not less than eighty-three per cent are words of one or two syllables.
4. Go over the drafts as they come back from the typists and rub and rub and rub again until you have massaged away every muddy word and every waste word.
5. If you are dealing with a tough juristic topic, lighten the strain from time to time. If one page has to contain a headache, balance it with another page that contains a smile. A joke may be the most effective of arguments, and the most dignified dignity is an unstilted dignity.

6. But avoid being "cheap" as you would shun the plague. You are living in a picture age; picturesqueness is the order of the day. All right, adapt yourself, be picturesque; but never be cheap. And be keenly conscious of the fact that the line between the picturesque and the cheap is not a bright line.

Let learning be your servant, not your master; the deepest learning is the learning that conceals learning. The bread of an idea is worth more than a stone of information. Do not spread out in full your laboratory notes. Do not be *magis in operatione quam in opere*. Appraise your "productivity" not by quantity but by quality. Read much, discuss much, ponder most, write a little.

Tentative Program for State Bar Meeting

Federal Administrative Procedure and Negligence Cases Featured

Symposiums on Federal administrative practice and the trial of negligence cases will feature the forty-fourth meeting of the Colorado Bar Association, to be held at the Broadmoor Hotel at Colorado Springs on September 12, 13, 1941, according to an announcement made by Edward L. Wood of Denver, committee chairman. This convention will probably see the State Association embarked on a program of preparing a new code for water procedure and a new code of probate procedure, as Malcolm Lindsay of Denver and Hubert D. Henry of Denver, chairmen of the water rights and probate sections respectively, have indicated that their sections are already at work on the drafts.

The Junior Bar Conference plans to launch action looking forward to a complete revision of the methods of judicial selection in the state. It is hoped that John Perry Wood of Los Angeles, an outstanding authority on this subject, will be present to address the entire convention thereon. There is some talk also of a complete reorganization of the Junior Bar machinery, according to John W. O'Hagan of Greeley, conference chairman, with the idea of gearing it to the state rather than the national association.

The symposium on Federal administrative procedure will be devoted to such subjects as the wage and hours act, securities and exchange commission, Federal tax appeals, and general administrative technique. An actual trial of a negligence case is being prepared for presentation at the meeting. It will highlight the more important problems of an aver-