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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.

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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-

age trial. G. Dexter Blount will act as judge and A. X. Erickson as counsel for plaintiff and W. E. Alexander as counsel for defendant.

On Saturday morning the probate and the water sections will have their meetings. It is planned to discuss some of the more important suggested changes in the probate code. The program for the water section is announced on other pages of DICTA.

John L. Zanoni, Chairman of the Committee on National Defense, has called a committee meeting for Saturday morning, as has John W. O'Hagan for the Junior Bar Conference. The County Judges Association, which is meeting in conjunction with the State Bar, will convene Saturday morning.

A tentative outline for the convention as announced by Thomas Keely of Denver, vice-chairman of the committee, is as follows:

September 12

Friday, 10:00 A. M., Opening of Meeting and Committee Reports.

11:00 A. M., Board of Governors Meeting.

Friday Noon, Luncheon—Entertainment by Law Club of Denver.

Friday, 2:00 P. M., Symposium on Federal Administrative Procedure
—Wage and Hours Act, Securities and Exchange Commission,
General Administrative Procedure.

Friday Evening—Annual Address by a national figure.

September 13

Saturday, 8:00 A. M., Board of Governors Meeting.

Saturday, 10:00 A. M., Sectional meetings:

National Defense

Water Rights

Probate

County Judges' Association

Junior Bar Conference

Saturday Noon, Luncheon—J. Perry Wood of Los Angeles, probable speaker on Judicial Selection.

Saturday, 2:00 P. M., President's Annual Address.

Saturday, 2:30 P. M., "How to Try a Negligence Case."

4:30 P. M., Election of Officers and unfinished business.

5:00 P. M., Cocktail Party.

7:30 P. M., Annual Banquet.

9:30 P. M., Dancing.

A program is also being arranged for the ladies.

Water Section Plans Procedural Reform

Shortly after the appointment of the Council of the Water Rights Section last fall, the suggestion was made that the statutes of Colorado in regard to water rights were greatly in need of revision and codification.

There has never been a revision or codification of the laws of Colorado in regard to water rights. The Council took up the study of the problem and found that the statutes on this subject could properly be divided into four subdivisions:

(a) Laws dealing with proceedings in court concerning water rights, which might be made the subject of a code termed Water Procedural Code;

(b) Laws dealing with the administration of water rights by the State Engineer and other water officials, which might be included in a Water Administration Code;

(c) Laws dealing with the formation of irrigation districts of various types and classes, which might be termed the Water Organization Code;

(d) And finally, a number of miscellaneous provisions dealing largely with substantive rights in water, which might be termed a Miscellaneous Water Code.

The members of the Council of the Section held several meetings and it was decided that the proper place to start the revision was on the Water Procedural Code. The Council also decided that the revision of the Water Administration Code should necessarily be a joint engineering and legal matter and we requested the Colorado Engineering Society to designate a committee to start work on that subject.

So far as the Water Procedural Code is concerned, a preliminary draft has been prepared and is now under consideration by the members of the Council of the Section. It is hoped to have this code far enough advanced so that it can be considered during the meeting of the association in Colorado Springs in September.

The Section is also considering the question as to whether or not the Water Procedural Code can be adopted by Supreme Court rule. If the final conclusion is to that effect, it will not be necessary to wait until the next session of the state legislature in order to get action.

In regard to the Water Administration Code, legislation will be necessary and possibly even some constitutional changes. The Section cannot make much progress, however, on that division of the work until after the engineers have reported as to what they deem desirable in the way of an administrative setup.

—MALCOLM LINDSAY,
Chairman of Council on Water Rights.

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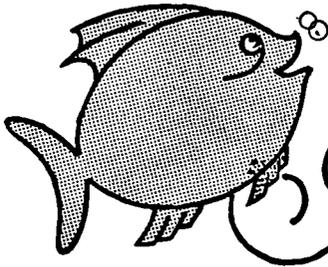
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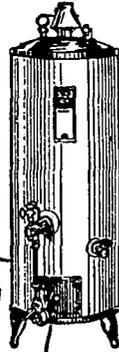


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