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If what is loosely and inaptly called "democracy" is to be saved, we had better start salvaging what is left of our particular brand right here at home, where for the past several years executive, legislative and judicial branches of our government seem to have been cooperating wholeheartedly, if unwittingly, to destroy its free institutions.

To the pessimists of the profession, our constitutional system may seem hopelessly lost, but I, for one, do not share their pessimism. Though the pendulum has swung much too far to the left, it will right itself in due time and sane opinion will once more control.

I do not impugn the good faith of those who have misled us, but I do assail their judgment in the process, and I believe that our only hope of salvation is for the whole Bar, pulling together with all its might, to prevail upon the Courts once more to reverse themselves, as they have recently so glibly done, so that this nation can go forward to the fulfillment of its destiny of leadership in liberty and progress.

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### **Justice Hugo Black to Speak at Annual Meeting**

Associate Justice Hugo Black, of the United States Supreme Court, will be the principal speaker at the Forty-fourth Annual Convention to be held at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs on September 12, 13, 1941. Justice Black will speak on Friday evening in the Little Theatre. The topic of his address has not been selected, but it will be of a non-political nature, William E. Hutton, President of the State Bar announced.

The Committee on Judicial Selection announces that they have a tentative acceptance from John Perry Wood of Los Angeles as a speaker at the Saturday luncheon meeting. Mr. Wood is a nationally known authority on judicial selection and will speak on the possibilities for approved methods of judicial selection and tenure in Colorado. He is chairman of the American Bar Association Committee on Judicial Selection and Tenure, and is a long and ardent advocate of improving methods of selecting judges in state courts. Attorneys who plan to attend the meeting are requested by Edward L. Wood, Chairman of the Convention Committee, to make immediate reservations at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. The rates will be the same as last year, and full information concerning the convention and hotel accommodations will be contained in the advance program which will be mailed to attorneys in a few days.

Three vital projects will come before the association for action at this meeting. These are: (1) the adoption of a complete probate code; (2) the adoption of a water procedural code, and (3) a plan for an improved method of judicial selection. Committees from the Junior Bar and the State Bar have worked on the probate code for nearly two

years and will press the convention for approval of a complete act to be placed before the legislature, according to Hubert D. Henry of Denver, chairman of the committee:

The council on water rights has also drafted a preliminary code dealing with proceedings in courts concerning water rights. This code will be considered by the Water Rights Section during the annual meeting of the State Bar.

According to Charles Baer, Chairman of the Judicial Selection Committee, an outline for action will be presented to the state meeting looking forward to improved methods of judicial selection somewhat along the lines of the Missouri or California plan which removes the judiciary from politics.

Other important committee reports will be delivered by the Publications Committee which will announce a free and important service which will be distributed to lawyers in lieu of the annual report. The Committee on Economic Survey will have a preliminary report. This committee has worked two years on this matter and will have some very interesting facts to release to lawyers about their profession. The report from the Law Libraries and Legal Publications Committee will probably lay before the association a concrete plan to save lawyers money in the purchase of books, supplements, and services affecting Colorado law and decisions.

One of the highlights of the convention will be the actual trial of a negligence case. This case is being planned by A. X. Erickson, W. A. Alexander and G. Dexter Blount. Mr. Erickson will act as one of the attorneys for the plaintiff, Mr. Alexander as an attorney for defendant and Mr. Blount will be the judge. Actual vexing problems arising in the trial of a negligence case will be presented and solved. Saturday afternoon will be devoted to a session on Federal administrative practices.

Entertainment features of the convention will feature a cocktail party Saturday afternoon, a banquet Saturday evening, and a luncheon Friday, at which the Law Club of Denver will present one of its unpredictable programs. Plans are being arranged for the ladies attending the convention, the full details of which will be announced in the next issue of Dicta.

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## ***More or Less Personal***

Lawyers and bankers went back to school on July 17-20 at the University of Colorado when they attended a mid-summer conference on the problems in the law of banking and trusts. The conference devoted the first two days to banking and trust administrative problems which arise in banking practice, while the last two days were

devoted to the legal problems arising in this field. Among the speakers at the conference were D. J. Needham, General Counsel for the American Bankers Association, and Austin W. Scott, and W. Barton Leach, both of Harvard Law School. One of the sessions was devoted to a panel discussion of investing in war time.

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### **Law Books for Sale**

The Secretary of the State Bar is advised that a Denver lawyer wishes to dispose of the first 223 Pacific reports, miscellaneous text books, and Globe Wernicke sectional bookcases. These books and cases are available at bargain prices. Address all inquiries to the Secretary, 619 Midland Savings Building, Denver.

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### **Mesa County News**

The Mesa County Bar Association had a dinner and business meeting at the LaCourt Hotel on July 9, 1941. Plans for forming a County Law Library were discussed, and the attorneys agreed to pay into the library fund all fees received for representing defendants who might be in the service of the United States Army. A motion was passed that the 1941 amendment to the statute concerning Justices of the Peace be sent to all of the justices in the county. There was also a discussion concerning the amendment of the District Court Rules to conform to changes made by the new Rules of Civil Procedure.

Samuel G. McMullin, member of the Grand Junction Bar, has recently completed fifty years of active practice.

William Weiser of Grand Junction has just returned from St. Anthony's Hospital in Denver. He has been there about two months. Mr. Weiser has practiced law in Grand Junction for thirty-five years and has a large acquaintance among members of the bar over the state.

*John C. Banks.*

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### **San Luis Bar Holds Series of Meetings on New Rules**

A series of meetings under the leadership of various local attorneys is being held by the San Luis Valley Bar Association to familiarize themselves with the new Rules of Civil Procedure. At the June meeting held at Monte Vista, Raphael J. Moses of Alamosa led the discussion of rules one to six. The July meeting, held at Alamosa on July 12th, was devoted to a discussion of rules seven to fifteen, under the leadership of Frank Burris Goudy of Monte Vista.

The annual meeting of the association was held at Del Norte in May. After the business of the association was transacted, the following officers were elected: Charles R. Corlett, president; Raphael J. Moses, vice-president, and R. C. Ellithorpe, secretary-treasurer.

*Jesse E. Pound.*