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Is Keynote of Bar Convention

The program of the forty-third annual meeting of the State Bar Association will feature sessions of practical benefit to the practicing lawyer. The Friday afternoon session will present a discussion of the proposed new rules of civil procedure for Colorado. After a brief statement by Chairman Philip S. Van Cise of Denver, the meeting will be open for suggestions and criticisms by all the lawyers attending. In order to eliminate confusion, fifteen lawyers who have specialized on various parts of the code will be present to discuss any questions regarding the portion of the rules on which they worked. This meeting will also afford attorneys a chance to familiarize themselves with the federal rules, as the proposed code is fashioned largely after these rules.

Saturday morning two concurrent meetings will be held. One session will devote itself to a discussion of underground waters and the relationship of state and federal governments in water problems. The other session will deal with wills and estates. Specific problems such as sales, claims, bonds and notices will be discussed by various county judges and practicing lawyers. This session will be under the joint auspices of the State Bar and the County Judges Association which will also meet at the Broadmoor on Saturday.

The Saturday afternoon meeting will be a symposium on trial practice at which time Judge Claude C. Coffin of Fort Collins, Kenneth Robinson of Denver, and John N. Mabry of Trinidad will speak.

The Convention Committee, headed by Edward L. Wood of Denver, secured the acceptance of Robert H. Jackson, the attorney-general of the United States, who will speak Friday evening on "Trends in Constitutional Law as Affecting Defense Problems."

The banquet program Saturday evening, which will close the meeting, will be very brief. The only speaker of the evening will be Jesse R. S. Budge of Salt Lake City. The subject of Mr. Budge's address is: "Are We Too Late?" Mr. Budge, who is a candidate for the Utah Supreme Court judgeship, is well known in his native state as a witty and entertaining speaker.

The County Judges Association, which is meeting in conjunction with the State Bar, will have a business luncheon Saturday noon at the hotel. Members of that Association are, of course, welcome, at any of the sessions of the State Bar Meeting.

The Colorado Junior Bar Conference will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, September 29th. After hearing reports from its officers and committees, it will select officers for the coming year.

An extensive entertainment program has been planned. Friday's luncheon again will be left to the Law Club of Denver to provide entertainment. Those who attended last year will recall the enjoyable program given by this club, and its president promises to exceed last year's standard. The Junior Bar will be in charge of the Saturday luncheon at which time Justice William Lee Knous of the State Supreme Court will talk on "Improved Methods of Judicial Selection."

The Broadmoor Hotel is honoring the late Spencer Penrose by a cocktail party late Saturday afternoon. Mr. Penrose who was a generous friend of the State Association and extended to it many courtesies, was host to the Association at a cocktail party last year.

A steak fry at Rotten Log Hollow will be another innovation on this year's program. This event, which will be under the direction of the hotel, will precede the address by Mr. Jackson. A complete two-day program of entertainment for the ladies has been arranged by the El Paso County Bar Association.

Members of the Bar of the Fourteenth Judicial District met at Craig on August 17th to formulate plans for becoming affiliated with the State Bar. Judge Charles E. Herrick of Craig presided at the meeting which was well attended. William R. Kelly of Greeley, State Association President, addressed the group on the subject of the responsibility of the lawyer, and William E. Hutton, President-elect, spoke on the various privileges enjoyed by members in the State Association.

Following these talks, a discussion of forming a local association was had. It was the consensus of the meeting that because of the small number of lawyers in the district a petition should be directed to the Ninth District Bar Association requesting it to receive into its membership lawyers from Moffat, Routt and Grand Counties. A committee

consisting of Addison M. Gooding of Steamboat Springs, Farrington R. Carpenter of Hayden, and Sidney M. Pleasant of Craig, were appointed to negotiate with the Ninth District Association.

M. J. Mayes, president, and Judge Carl W. Fulghum, secretary of the Ninth District Bar Association were present at the meeting and explained the program and structure of their organization. They agreed to lay the petition before the association for action before the State Bar Meeting.

A similar decision—whether to affiliate with the Ninth District Bar Association or to form a local association—will soon be made by attorneys in the Fifth District consisting of Lake, Eagle and Summit Counties. The scarcity of lawyers in this section has also delayed local organization, but several attorneys within the district are working for some form of local organization.

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THOMAS I. PURCELL NAMED PROSECUTOR AT COLORADO SPRINGS

Thomas I. Purcell, assistant district attorney for the fourth judicial district since 1933, has been appointed to fill the unexpired term of District Attorney Clyde L. Starrett, who died August 30th.

The appointment was made September 3rd by District Judges John E. Little and John M. Meikle, and Purcell immediately filed bond.

Purcell is a candidate on the Democratic ticket for the district office. Unless a candidate is elected November 5 for the short term, he will serve by appointment until the full term begins in January.