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Colorado Bar Proposes:

*New Rules of Civil Procedure
Supreme Court Judicial Conference
Revision of Probate Practice
Improved Methods of Judicial Selection
Sections Organized at Annual Meeting*

Practical aspects of the practice of law were emphasized at the 43rd Annual Meeting of the State Bar held at Colorado Springs, September 27 and 28, 1940. After listening to the report of the Code Revision Committee on Friday afternoon and asking some questions regarding the proposed rules, the Convention unanimously approved the report of the committee. It referred the rules to the Supreme Court and requested adoption.

The convention also suggested to the Supreme Court that a judicial conference be held to enable the judges of all courts to discuss the rules.

The convention also recommended that the present system of electing judges be changed so that the selection of judges would be removed from politics. The exact details of such a plan were left to the committee for further study and report. The Convention also approved a resolution requesting that supplements to the Compiled Statutes be issued hereafter only every two years, and approved the creation of committees to study problems of procedure arising from domestic relations cases, and of small claims courts.

After completion of routine matters on the opening day of the convention, the association heard an excellent speech by Farrington R. Carpenter of Hayden on "The Law of the Range." Members attending the luncheon that noon were entertained by the Law Club of Denver, which, under the guidance of its president, Gordon Johnston, offered three humorous speeches by Allan (Haddock) Phipps, Thompson (S.A.L.S.) Marsh and "Senator" Cecil Draper.

As soon as a discussion of the report of the Code Revision Committee was completed that afternoon, Louis A. Hellerstein of Denver spoke on the timely subject of "The Sailors and Soldiers Relief Act—Its Provisions and Effect."

Because of the pressure of business, Robert H. Jackson could not attend the convention and Francis M. Shea of Washington, D. C., United States Assistant Attorney General, kindly substituted. The subject of his talk was "The Lawyer's Part in the Country's Defense."

The Saturday morning session was devoted to two sectional meetings—one was devoted to water rights and the other to probate practice. The section on irrigation, after listening to papers by A. W. McHendrie of Pueblo and Clifford H. Stone of Fort Collins, voted to organize itself as a regular section of the association. The probate section listened to splendid papers by Benjamin F. Koperlik of Pueblo, Ben S. Wendelken of Colorado Springs, H. Lawrence Hinkley of Sterling, Osmer E. Smith of Golden, C. Edgar Kettering of Denver, and Percy S. Morris of Denver. It resolved that the probate laws should be made uniform, consistent and concise and appointed a committee to study the problem.

The Saturday luncheon meeting was devoted to an address by Justice William Lee Knous of the Supreme Court on "Improved Methods of Judicial Selection" and to a discussion of proposed reforms as suggested by the committee report given by J. Ramsey Harris of Denver.

A symposium on trial practice was held on Saturday afternoon with Claude C. Coffin, Kenneth W. Robinson, and John N. Mabry relating their experiences and giving some helpful points in trial practice.

The convention then adjourned after electing W. W. Platt of Alamosa as president-elect, and Osmer E. Smith of Golden, John R. Clarke of Glenwood Springs, Harry S. Petersen of Pueblo, and Ben E. Sweet of Denver as vice-presidents.

Preceding the banquet that evening the Broadmoor Hotel entertained at a cocktail party in memory of Mr. Spencer Penrose. Jesse R. S. Budge of Salt Lake City delivered the banquet speech.

William E. Hutton of Denver was introduced as the new president and he announced the appointment of Edward C. King of Boulder as treasurer, and Wm. Hedges Robinson, Jr., of Denver as secretary. The banquet guests were entertained with several violin solos by Henry T. Ginsburg of Denver.

Junior Bar Recommends:

More Stringent Enforcement of Rules on Moral Qualifications of Embryo Lawyers

The annual meeting of the Colorado Junior Bar Conference was held on September 29, 1940 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. Hugh D. Henry, chairman, reviewed the activities of the year. He pointed out that the year saw 48 new members enrolled, which was a 240% increase in Colorado's quota for the year as set by the National Conference. Particularly laudatory of the year's efforts was the work of the committees on Bar Examinations, Judicial Selection, Placements,