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Lawyers' Amateur Hour

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the Coal Land cases, were cases for which the same administration was responsible.

The state had reached a stage of maturity at which it concluded to assert its inherent dignity of statehood, when its officials must obey its laws and when fashionable schemes for plundering its resources must be frustrated.

Note: What was done with the unpaid warrants? This question is not within the purview of the above caption, but the young lawyer and the lawyer who has forgotten will probably like to know its answer. The Eleventh General Assembly submitted an amendment to the state constitution which provided for the issue of not exceeding \$2,115,000 three per cent refunding bonds. The preamble of the bill recited that, "Whereas, a major portion of the above indebtedness is held in the State School Fund as an investment, which, under the constitution of the State, must forever remain inviolate and intact, any loss thereof to be supplied by the State," etc. The bill was introduced in the Senate by Senator Frank E. Gove and put over in the House by majority leader Henry A. Hicks. Being submitted, the teachers of the state went at it tooth and nail and secured its adoption by the people. The credit of the state was redeemed and financial infamy was effaced.

EDITOR "DICTA:"

I want to thank the participants and the splendid audience for their response at the "Major Bowes" lawyers' amateur hour and stag smoker on the evening of November 12th at the Denver Athletic Club. Such affairs as this are directly successful in proportion to the response and spirit of the audience and those participating, and I feel that I would be remiss if I did not say that I never saw a more responsive and happy audience over which I have had the pleasure of presiding than the members of the bar on this occasion.

I also want to thank the officers of the Denver Bar Association, particularly "Bob" More, its President, and "Jimmie" Wood, its Secretary, for their untiring help and support in having the tickets distributed and in arousing interest in the smoker, also for the fine co-operation of my

entire Banquet Committee, and particularly my very able stage manager, Joe Lilly, who also won the Dunklee cup as the best amateur of the evening, with his magnificent singing. The writer is only sorry that there was not a prize for each of those who appeared on the program, particularly for Garwood and Blackman, in their duet, Frank Grant for his musical number, Roy O. Samson and Elson Whitney for their singing, Fred Harding, pianologist, Sam Parlapiano and his flute, George Crowder, monologist, Harold Spitzer, impersonator, and Frank Fetzer for his act, which, however, he seemed loath to bring to an end, and particularly I wish to thank the Judges, from the Supreme Court down to the Justices of the Peace, for their co-operation in being the star amateurs of the evening, which event was won by Judge Henry Lindsley.

As stated in the cards advertising the meeting, the sole purpose was that of fellowship and friendship between the Bench and Bar, and I believe it is not too much to say that a long step was taken in this direction, for which the writer is duly appreciative.

Nor would this note of thanks be complete if I did not give a word of appreciation for the splendid co-operation of the Denver Athletic Club, whose guests we were that night, and also to the out-of-town guests, particularly the splendid group from Colorado Springs, with their "Senator Fishface," and Senator Alva Adams and his group from Pueblo, and his amateur, Sam Parlapiano, the former President of the Pueblo Bar Association.

Finally, you who attended made this affair whatever success it achieved, for which "Major Bowes" thanks you. "All right, all right."

EDWARD V. DUNKLEE,

Chairman Banquet Committee.

* P. S.—Your Chairman is calling a meeting of the Banquet Committee to plan for the best Annual Banquet the Bar Association has ever had, as soon as Prexy "Bob" More returns from California. It is the committee's desire to have one address by some outstanding speaker of note, and to have the dinner excellent and the program short and snappy. Announcements of this event will be made later. E. V. D.