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Dicta Observes

At the time of going to press a complete personnel of the various committees of the Denver Bar Association for the coming year has not been determined but will be published in the August issue.

Roy O. Samson, as Editor-in-Chief, will succeed Louis A. Hellerstein, who very ably edited *Dicta* during the past two years.

William H. Robinson, formerly with the Rocky Mountain Law Review at Boulder, has accepted the post of Associate Editor and Mr. Hellerstein has consented to stay with the staff as an Editorial Amicus Curiae.

In connection with each month's preparation of *Dicta*, it is astonishing and frequently dismaying how soon after one issue has been made up that the necessity appears of preparing for the succeeding issue, and an apparent healthy supply of "copy" has shrunk alarmingly. So, ye editors bespeak the cooperation and aid of the members of the bar and ask you to submit articles for publication, and do not fear it may be taken as an indication of decadence, according to Fred Y. Holland's "The Lawyers' Tool Chest" (*Dicta*, October, 1932), that "every man wants to write a book" was included among the signs of a speedy earthly disintegration along about 2800 B. C.

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According to the May issue of the Oklahoma State Bar Journal, Judge C. Guy Cutlip of the Superior Court of Seminole county, in trying jury cases where the jury fund has become exhausted, has adopted a practice of using two attorneys of the Seminole County Bar as triers of the facts. The plan is wholly dependent upon the waiving of the regulation jury, and is not applicable in all cases. The juror-attorneys are designated to sit with the Court as triers of the facts and are sworn to do so, and render a written decision to the Court.

Judge Cutlip has a docket working under this procedure and the article states that the system works entirely satisfactorily to litigants and attorneys.