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THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLORADO BAR ASSOCIATION

By Albert G. Craig of the Denver Bar

GLOOM and depression have invaded the outlook and touched the purses of those dedicated to many lines of endeavor, but judging from the attendance of the Colorado Bar Association at its last annual meeting neither gloom nor depression had invaded any of its precincts.

Colorado Springs was at its best on September 25th and 26th, 1931, and no more delightful setting could be conceived than the Antlers Hotel on a typical autumn day.

In attendance and interest, the meeting just past has had no equal in thirty-four years.

I shall say nothing of the reports. They have all been printed and were circulated among the membership. The program however deserves some reviewing.

The annual address was made by James Hamilton Lewis of Chicago and United States Senator from Illinois, member of both Houses of Congress, author of works both legal and historical, orator and advocate. In him the Colorado Bar Association had as its guest a citizen of no mean ability. The fame of our guest brought out many of the Colorado Springs town people and as large an audience greeted him as ever greeted an annual speaker of the Colorado Bar Association.

"Ham Lewis" as he is termed the nation over is in himself sufficient to warrant a reasonable journey just to see, but more than an unusual personality, a great mind could only hold the American people for these many years.

The Senator discussed with infinite clarity and ease America's loans abroad as touching our International influence. The predominating theme and conclusion of the discussion being that he believed this Republic should make no more loans to Europe.

The Episcopal Convention in session in Denver at the same time enabled the Association to entertain noted lawyers and Divines. On Saturday afternoon Professor Beal of Harvard Law School came to Colorado Springs and supplemented his address of 1916 on the subject of the expanding

law, at which time he was the annual speaker at the Colorado Bar Association meeting.

Mr. A. B. Andrews of Raleigh, North Carolina covered matters of Judicial Salaries, of which committee he is chairman of the American Bar Association. I wondered as Mr. Andrews pleaded for larger salaries for the Federal Judiciary what was his secret mind as regarding our present Nisi Prius and Supreme Court Judges salaries of four and five thousand dollars a year respectively. We should be humiliated indeed.

Unfortunate lawyers in the eventide of life will not be without hope in this State. The Colorado Bar Association has thru the efforts of Edward Ring adopted an endowment fund. Its details will be worked out later by a committee appointed by the president for that purpose.

Mr. Charles J. Munz who has done much for legal aid during the past year and has presented an unusual survey of that important and interesting subject.

Miss Mary F. Lathrop does at her own expense a generous thing for the Bar of this State. At the American Bar meeting she gives a dinner each year to many of the "men of parts" in that body and at those dinners she always invites Colorado people sufficient to give the whole affair a Rocky Mountain atmosphere. It does much to keep our State in the minds of the foremost men of America. For the past two years she has given a dinner to the wives of the past presidents and certain other ladies and at both of these dinners the attendance was nearly forty.

The president's paper dealing with Ethics and Practical Operation of the Grievance Committee was a masterful presentation of this important question. As a model of english and expression I recommend it to you. Mr. Humphries has presented an old subject in a new light. Special copies of this address will be available to all and should be read by every lawyer in this State.

Membership in the Colorado Bar Association is voluntary. In many states the question of an all inclusive incorporated bar is being agitated. It will be here in this State unless the lawyers of this State stand back of their own Association both morally as well as with monetary support.

The banquet was the best I have attended since I became a member in 1916.

The "Ben Hilliard" of the Protestant Episcopal Church of America was present in the personage of Dr. Percy Silver of New York City. His wit was superb and his humor scintillating.

Dr. Z. B. T. Phillips, Chaplin of the United States Senate and boyhood friend of Mr. Harrie Humphreys touched the hearts of all with his eloquent and patriotic fervor.

Bishop Johnson brought his friend, Mr. Page of Virginia who exhibited all the culture and eloquence of the old South.

And last but far from least was our own Judge Burke who gave us a picture of an Inn of Court to be established in connection with the University of Denver Law School that should be, and being, would afford a model for all students of legal education far and wide.

To our president just retiring, Harrie M. Humphreys the Colorado Bar Association owes much. For many years he has served the Association well. In the last year past he has led our body much farther than it has yet travelled.

In our new president, Mr. Mortimer Stone of Fort Collins, Colorado, known to some as "The Philosopher" we have all faith. As a wit and speaker he is par excellence, a good lawyer and a delightful gentleman. We congratulate him and wish him well.

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