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DICTAPHUN OBSERVES

That in IX DICTA 3 the Editors announced that "Dicta will hereafter contain an editorial page under the title of 'Dicta Observes.' Items of interest will be noted, recommendations will be urged and suggestions made."

That in the two issues perpetrated on the world since the announcement of that department, it has called attention to the following items of interest, urged the following recommendations and made the following suggestions:

1. It hails the admission of 31 more lawyers.
2. It cites Will Shafroth and Harrie M. Humphreys to show that there are two times too many lawyers already.
3. It feels that candidates for admission to the bar have to wait too long for their grades.
4. It suggests serious consideration of pensions for aged lawyers.
5. It agrees with a contributor, Bentley M. McMullin, that 300 days is too long a time to spend in getting a judgment in the District Court.
6. It denounces the filing of dilatory motions.
7. It congratulates the Judges of the Denver District Court for following their own rules.

DICTAPHUN OBSERVES SOME MORE

In IX DICTA 50, we read that Benjamin Franklin Hall, First Chief Justice of Colorado, wrote no opinions during his tenure.

In IX DICTA 38 the weighty problem of the right of an attorney who appears *pro se* to get judgment for the fee provided in a note is discussed but not decided.

If IX DICTA 3 is compared with IX DICTA 26 the veracity of the Editor-in-Chief and of the Editor of *Dictaphun* challenges investigation. For one the Editor of *Dictaphun* will stand on what is left of his constitutional rights.

DICTAPHUN CONTINUES TO OBSERVE

That the practice of the Editor-in-Chief and his two deputies in using fillers where an article or department is not sufficient to complete a page may become dangerous. For example (*e. g.* to us), in the December issue of this lawyer's beacon and housewife's guide *Dictaphun* ended in the middle of page 54. The filler immediately following was not a part of this department and although we reprint it here we disclaim any thought that it should have been included. Here it is:

"Laws were devised for the safety of citizens and the preservation of states.—*Cicero.*"

WHAT SENATOR CICERO HAD IN MIND

Chapter 153, S. L. 1931, making *calamospiza melancorys stejneger* the state bird.

Chapter 118, *idem*, fixing liability in damages upon a motorist when an "accident shall have been intentional" on his part.

Chapter 75, *idem*, establishing Costilla as a fourth class county for its judge, and giving him a fifth class clerk.

Chapter 60, *idem*, allowing Recorders fifty cents for filing chattel mortgages, followed by the solemn phrases of the safety clutch, to-wit: "Section 2. It is hereby declared that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety;" and adding the emergency clause.

Chapter 59, *idem*, calling down the wrath of the sovereign people upon any person who shall "kill for his . . . own use and consumption (*sic*), any beef . . . without preserving the hide of such animal intact, with a complete unskinned tail attached thereto."

Chapter 161, *idem*. *Q. v.*

THE LEGISLATURE GOES DOWN TO THE SEA IN SHIPS

Senate Joint Resolution No. 13 (S. L. 1931, p. 875) commends the President of the United States for his efforts to open the St. Lawrence waterway, and stresses its importance to "this section of landlocked country."

A LETTER WRITTEN BY S. D. CRUMP

The recent death of Sam D. Crump recalls to memory the letter he addressed to his Colorado friends when he removed to Nevada, in 1906. The letter, as reported in 10 Law Notes 219, follows:

"To my Colorado Friends:

"Ely, Nevada, December 15, 1906.

"I wish to announce that I have removed my law office to this city. I don't know my street or number or which side of the street it is on, because I am still 'turned around.' But am in suite 23, just around the corner from the 'Palm' which is immediately across from the 'Palace' whence the 'Capitol' (owned by Tex Rickard) bears toward Poker Pete's place a few hundred feet. The sign will be up as soon as the artist gets his materials.

"If you can't find the office by these directions inquire of Piute Joe's squaw, Casino, who has promised to build my fires. She stands opposite Billy Root's print shop. Am not yet admitted to practice in all courts of the State, but will be, as a young lawyer from Utah encouragingly told me 'It didn't take much to get a license out here.' But I have a lovely certificate of character from Judge Gabbert (for use only in Nevada) which the J. P. here says will do for a while.

"Respectfully,

"Sam D. Crump."

"P. S.—If Casino should be drunk, see Lee Glockner.