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REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

To the Members of the Denver Bar Association:

Accompanying this memorandum are the reports of most of our Committees for the past year. Personally, I desire to add to these reports only the statement that the Chairmen and other members of these Committees have worked faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully throughout the year. The Bar Association, and the community as well, are indebted to these attorneys for the work which they have performed.

Such other matters as I might mention here will be found in my report entitled "The Present Year", in the Denver Bar Association's Year Book, which is fresh from the press.

I take this opportunity to thank each member of the Bar Association for the friendly, tolerant, and helpful attitude shown toward me during the past year. It has been a pleasure as well as an honor for me to serve the Association during the past year.

Faithfully yours,

HENRY W. TOLL

April 27, 1929.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LUNCHEON MEETINGS

This is, and we take pleasure in submitting it to you, the report of the Luncheon Meetings Committee of its activities during 1928-1929.

It seems to us, and we say it with modesty, (for, after all, any credit goes to our President and the speakers,) that the noon meetings have been exceptionally interesting and entertaining this year. We have had a good many distinguished

honor guests and our own members have contributed generously.

The year opened auspiciously on September 18th, 1928. Our honor guest was James Grafton Rogers, appearing in a couple of new roles, viz: Dean of the Law School of the University of Colorado and Chairman of The National Conference of Bar Association Delegates. As only Dean Rogers can be, he was interesting and instructive, yet extremely pleasant and friendly about it. He made the problem of State representation in the National Association appear more complex than we had supposed it to be.

Next, and in October, we listened to an address by our good friend, Mr. Justice John T. Adams. While his remarks were made under the subject of "Obiter Dicta Hitherto Suppressed" they were, as a matter of fact, extremely pertinent to the issue. Judge Adams scored heavily.

November marked the beginning of a debate complex, which lasted two months. At the November meeting, Mr. John E. Gross, Secretary of the Colorado State Federation of Labor, pictured the proposed changes in the Colorado Workmen's Compensation Law from the workmens' viewpoint and our brother, Frank C. West told us what the employers thought about them,—the changes, not the workmen. The debate resulted in a draw.

The December debate between the Hon. James H. Pershing and the Hon. Wayne C. Williams was a very snappy affair. Perhaps a trifle less so than some of Wayne's debates, but sufficiently interesting. The discussion centered on the merits of Dentist-Senator Henrik Shipstead's proposed bill restricting the powers of the Federal Courts in granting injunctive and mandatory relief in labor dispute cases. Brother Williams was for the restrictions, Brother Pershing against. It was your wish to take a ballot, but in your absence the large number of members present thanked the speakers and quietly withdrew.

Having thus partaken heartily enough of debates, we turned to other fields. Our Legislative Committee took a hand in the January, 1929, program and brought to us some of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly's best. Lieutenant-

Governor George M. Corlett of Monte Vista, the Hon. Warren A. Bleeker of Boulder and the Hon. Richard Dillon of Castle Rock and the Democratic Club, minced no words in explaining that part of the Legislature's program in which they, and the rest of us, were most interested, that is, state finances.

A distinguished visitor, Kenneth F. Burgess, of Chicago, General Solicitor of the Burlington Railroad, addressed us on February 6th, 1929 on the changing functions of railroad lawyers. It was Mr. Burgess' last day in Denver on this particular trip, and as it was too late to organize a bar meeting, we turned him over to The Law Club. This organization, in turn, graciously invited the Bar Association to join with it at luncheon. The meeting was held at the University Club and Solicitor Burgess justified the interest shown by his Denver professional brothers. Haskell H. Davis of the Interstate Commerce Commission was among the distinguished guests of the day.

On February 11th, 1929 we had a good luncheon meeting. Ben M. Cherrington, Executive Secretary, Foundation for the Advancement of the Social Sciences, University of Denver, told us, in language that left no doubt of authenticity, of the recent developments in the foreign policy of the United States. Nor did Mr. Cherrington hedge at all on the vexing Latin-American question, but gave us the benefit of some pretty sound notions.

An exceptionally interesting and pleasant meeting was held, progressive fashion, on Monday, February 18th, 1929. We attended the christening of twenty-four new lawyers at the Supreme Court at high noon, then down Sherman Street to the University Club where a large turn-out did honor to our good brother, John H. Denison, Esquire, who, for sixteen years, has graced our District and Supreme Courts. Judge Haslett P. Burke, in his eloquent and scholarly fashion, extolled Judge Denison, the man and his works. The large attendance and the prolonged applause must have impressed Judge Denison with our love of, and respect for, him.

The Law Club was in charge of our March meeting. Ernest Fowler presided and introduced Morrison Shafroth who presented a paper entitled "The Conspiracy and Trial of

Aaron Burr." No mere review of Beveridge or Bancroft was this paper. Morrison had gone to the original sources, to the transcript of testimony given at Richmond and to the diary of Islander-Blennerhassett. It was a very good paper, very interesting and very sound. Of Burr's guilt, Morrison has no doubt.

Malcolm Lindsey, who is Special Counsel for the Denver Water Board, spoke on Denver's future water supply and the legal problems in connection therewith, at our April meeting. From Mr. Lindsey's talk we learned some mighty important things. We gather that all the obstacles in the way of an adequate water supply for Denver are not natural physical barriers. The open forum discussion was indicative of the interest aroused by Mr. Lindsey.

There are still a couple of meetings coming up. The inimitable R. Hickman Walker, *quondam** justice of the Supreme Court will make a hasty review of the outstanding work of the Twenty-seventh General Assembly, pointing out what seems to be the special merits of various pieces of legislation. This will be the May meeting.

In June we hope to hear from Lee Taylor Casey, who edits a column in The Rocky Mountain News and writes such provocative squibs for it.

That rounds out the year, and covers the results obtained by such diligence as your committee has exhibited.

Yours respectfully,

GEORGE R. LARWILL, *Chairman*
WILL SHAFROTH
J. CHURCHILL OWEN

April 16, 1929.

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REPORT OF THE BANQUET COMMITTEE

The Banquet Committee assisted in the joint dinner held by the Medical Society of the City and County of Denver and the Denver Bar Association on December 17, 1928.

The Annual Banquet was held on April 1, 1929, in honor of the organization on that day of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit.

*ED. NOTE—This means "one time," the phonetic qualities are deceptive.