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On July 29, 1927, in the Court Room of the County Court, Denver, Colorado, this Association held a testimonial reception in honor of Miss Kate P. Mace, Chief Deputy Clerk of said Court and an employee of said Clerk's Office for forty-six and one-half years continuously.

President Robert L. Stearns presided at these Exercises, which were attended by approximately one hundred fifty members of the Bar and friends of Miss Mace.

Former Judges Ira C. Rothgerber and Grant L. Hudson sat with Judge Luxford.

Judge Luxford in opening the proceedings stated that the Court would stand aside for a time to give place to the Denver Bar Association in doing honor to one who had served in that Court for nearly half a century. He then placed the meeting in charge of Robert L. Stearns, President of this Association.

Mr. Stearns explained the purpose of the meeting, calling attention to the long time Miss Mace had served in the Clerk's Office. He then called upon Judge Luxford for a few remarks on behalf of the Judges of the Court, who said in part:

"The probate law in this state has been written and rewritten since Miss Mace began here. She has occupied every place in the County Court, every single office, except Judge and Court Reporter and Bailiff, and I am not altogether sure that before this Court House was built that she and Charlie Reitler didn't perform all three of those functions.

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Capable, courteous, industrious, loyal. In all the coming time, when de-

votion to public cause is to be illustrated by example, Miss Mace's name will be placed at the head of the list.

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From whatever standpoint you view it, she, at all times, has filled the requirements. Hers has been the perfect service. Her record of a half century in this court stands out as a cube of solid sunshine."

Mr. Stearns then introduced Judge Shattuck, who represented the former Clerks of the Court and joined in expressing appreciation of Miss Mace's courteous and efficient service.

Mr. Stearns then introduced Mr. Doud, who spoke on behalf of this Association, in part, as follows:

"To me has been granted, upon this unique occasion, the happy privilege of extending to our guest of honor, Miss Kate P. Mace, the felicitations of the Denver Bar. As lawyers we have always called her just Kate Mace.

For nearly half a century, as has been repeatedly stated this morning, you, Kate Mace, have held an honorable and responsible position as one of the clerks of this County Court. That you have efficiently performed your duties is proven by the fact that you have been continued in office for such a lengthy period of time—a period of time that is without a precedent or parallel in the State of Colorado, and it is doubtful if there is a precedent like it anywhere. During the time that you have been Clerk, men of different political views and of different political faith have been judges of this court, but you have always remained. Irrespective of whatever political party was in power, your position was always secure.

The past rises before us as we think of the many judges whom you have served. Of those departed, we can see the faces of B. F. Harrington, George W. Miller, Owen E. Le Fevre, Robert

W. Steele and John R. Dixon; but among the living we have the former Judges, Ben B. Lindsey, Grant L. Hudson, Ira C. Rothgerber, and the present incumbent, George A. Luxford. May the days be long and many before those now living shall be counted among those who have left us!

It has been my privilege to practice probate law before you for more than forty-three years. All the lawyer guests, here assembled, have enjoyed the same privilege, but perhaps for a shorter time. In the practice in this court, all these members of the Bar who have possessed any wisdom at all, have often come to you for instruction, direction and advice. When one has been puzzled over some question of practice or has been at a loss to know how to proceed, it has almost become a proverb among us to say "Ask Kate Mace." We have a well grounded suspicion that the judges of this court have even called upon you for information. Some of us have a still further suspicion that it might have been as well for them, and better for us, had they adhered more closely to the proverb, "Ask Kate Mace."

At this time, as a token of our appreciation, and high regard, the Denver Bar Association presents to you as a memento by which you may remember us, this beautiful gift—a white gold, diamond dinner ring. No matter how white may be the gold, or how pure may be the diamond, in our estimation, this ring will be less of an adornment to your person than you have been to the office from which you now retire.

Perhaps as the last word of advice that we may give, we should say that if any one else seeks to present you any kind of a diamond ring—Kate Mace—be careful!

With the wish that upon you for the remainder of your days there may rest the benediction of Heaven, and that those who follow you may strive to emulate your fine personality, unblemished character, and splendid service, we say to you as one of the Clerks of the County Court—we say it very tenderly and affectionately—goodbye, Kate Mace, goodbye."

Mr. Stearns then introduced Judge Rothberger, who said:

"I am about to read a tribute that has been prepared for this occasion. In the course of a very short time this will be engrossed handsomely, I know.

I recall having received in this same room some six or seven years ago a similar document which was similarly engrossed, and which I cherished as my fondest and proudest possession, and this I am sure you will so cherish when it is so delivered to you. It reads:

'Upon the occasion of the retirement of Kate P. Mace as Deputy Clerk of the County Court, the Judge and former Judges of the County Court and the Clerk and former Clerks of the County Court, together with the members of the Bar of the City and County of Denver, Colorado, take this means of expressing their appreciation of her long and devoted public service.

Miss Mace's term of office as Deputy Clerk of the County Court spans almost half a century. She has served continuously and without interruption for a period of forty-six and one-half years. A lifetime in the public service is in itself a notable achievement. But in the performance of her duties she has gained the admiration, respect and highest esteem of all of the members of the Bar and the public generally.

The conscientious and efficient discharge of her duties covers a period embracing the terms of 9 County Judges and 6 Clerks of the County Court. Her devoted service has in a large measure contributed to the effective administration of the work of the Court. Her helpful counsel has guided many young lawyers into a thorough knowledge of probate procedure. Her friendly assistance has gone out to widows and orphans in the bewildered hour of their bereavement. Judges, clerks, lawyers and laymen unite in expressing their gratitude and their respect to one who has honored and dignified the public service by a lifetime of consecrated effort.'

The tribute is signed by the Denver Bar Association by Robert L. Stearns, President, and by Albert J. Gould, Jr., Secretary. It is also signed by Mr. A. L. Doud, Chairman of this committee, and by Grant L. Hudson, Judge of the County Court, July 3, 1907, to December 1, 1908, and by myself as Judge, January 14, 1913, to January 11, 1921, and by Judge Luxford, judge

since January 11, 1921, and we hope for a longer time.

By E. F. Dunlevy, Clerk of the County Court, January 10, 1893, to July 1, 1897; by Hubert L. Shattuck, Clerk of the County Court, February 1, 1898, to May 1, 1901, and by Mr. Bonfils with whom you have been associated so many years and who has been Clerk of the County Court since May 1, 1901."

Mr. Stearns then called upon Miss Mace, who very graciously expressed her thanks for the cooperation, good will and friendship of the members of the Bar during her long tenure of office.

Don P. Blackwood Fund

On June 30, 1927, President James A. Marsh forwarded to the Pueblo Bar Association this Association's check in the sum of \$85, which reimbursed the Pueblo Association in full for money paid in connection with the expenses of the funeral of Don P. Blackwood.

Ten Dollars thereof was paid out of the general fund of this Association, and the following members contributed the balance of this fund:

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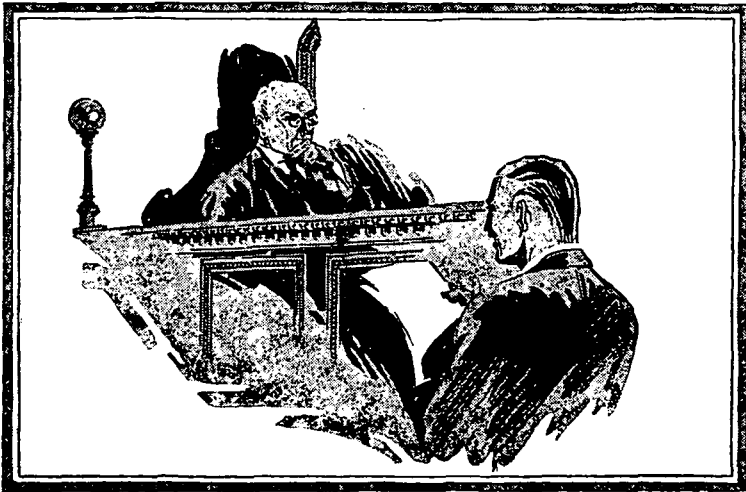
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Next Regular Meeting

TIME: Monday, October 3, 1927, at 12:15 P. M.

PLACE: Chamber of Commerce Dining Room.

OCCASION: Regular monthly meeting, in honor of 41 newly admitted lawyers who will be sworn in that morning at 9:30 A. M. in the Supreme Court Room.

SPEAKERS: In the absence of Chief Justice H. P. Burke, Acting Chief Justice John H. Denison will welcome the new members of the Bar on behalf of the Supreme Court.

Donald H. McCreery, President of the Colorado Bar Association will welcome them on behalf of that Association.

Hon. Charles S. Thomas will deliver the principal address.

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