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where the amount exceeds that sum. Criminal procedure should be by information of the district attorney, and perhaps with a provision for the bringing of actions by other persons under the limitations of the Chicago statute. The court also should be vested with the police court jurisdiction. It should be authorized to sit in divisions for the determination of various classes of cases.

To properly work out the organization of such a court would be a task for a committee which necessarily would have to cooperate with the present county judge and justices of the peace. These men are devoting their time and energies to making the best of the tools in their hands, and they, better than anyone else know where conditions might be remedied.

A new "paper court," however, will not alone cure conditions. Pre-eminent is the question of physical surroundings. The quarters of the present justice and police courts depress those who have to work in them day after day by their dinginess and inadequacy for the work in hand. The

same conditions fail to raise in the mind of the occasional attendant the feeling of respect for the law and its machinery which, psychologically, is a great help in the enforcement and administration of law, civil and criminal. The helter-skelter hurry, confusion and delay do not breed any great reverence for our judicial machinery. And, as was so ably pointed out by Carle Whitehead, Esq., in the April number of the Record, the summary procedure made necessary by our inadequate police court provisions disgusts those who come in contact with it.

These courts are commonly called "inferior." They are not that. More people come in contact with the procedure of these courts than all our others combined. Many people never appear in court except in these "inferior" courts. They gain their sole view of judicial practice from these courts. And these are the people who more than others need to have respect and admiration for our system of judicature.

—George A. Trout.

## *American Bar Association Meeting*

Preparations for the great meeting have been going on apace. An Executive Committee for the Colorado Bar Association, the Denver Bar Association and the Law Club of Denver is being perfected and will be expanded as the time for the meeting approaches. James Grafton Rogers, as President of the Colorado Bar Association, is General Chairman of this Executive organization and Henry McAllister, General Vice-Chairman.

The personnel of the various committees, so far as organized, and a brief resume of their work to date, are as follows:

### **Finance:**

Tyson S. Dines, Chairman  
Horace N. Hawkins, Vice-Chairman  
Robert L. Stearns, Secretary.

This committee is charged with the task of raising the \$30,000.00 fund for the entertainment of our visitors, and miscellaneous expenses of the meeting here. The Committee is hard at work and reports very satisfactory progress not only in Denver, but in many other parts of the State. Naturally, the chief burden falls upon the Denver lawyers, but the Committee reports that it may truthfully be said of practically all lawyers so far approached for contributions, as was said by the Committee representing it in Pueblo, that the request was met "not

only graciously but with enthusiastic good will." The expense of entertaining such a body of visitors is probably greater in Denver than in other cities such as, for example, Detroit or San Francisco, where a steamer can be chartered for a water excursion, with sufficient accommodation for all visitors at once, at not very great expense. In Denver it is necessary to take our visitors by automobile on some one or more of the mountain trips, which is a more expensive undertaking.

Any of the lawyers who have not been reached by the solicitations of the committee, are urged to send in their subscriptions or remittances promptly, to Robert L. Stearns, First National Bank Building, Secretary of the Committee.

### **Accommodations:**

Erl H. Ellis, Chairman  
Miss Maybelle Carter, Registrar

This committee has spoken for all available space in the various hotels, and is making reservations as fast as applied for. Up to date approximately eighty-five have registered for the meetings of the Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, of whom about seventy are bringing one or more members of their families. This indicates a large attendance for the meeting of these commissioners.

About two hundred have so far made reservations for the American Bar Asso-

ciation meeting proper. As it is still nearly three months before the meeting, this heavy registration at this time indicates a record attendance.

**Entertainment:**

Wilbur F. Denious, Chairman  
Stanley T. Wallbank, Vice-Chairman  
P. H. Holme  
Stephen R. Curtis  
Roger H. Wolcott  
Robert W. Steele

This Committee has organized itself into the following sub-committees, which will doubtless be further expanded as more definite plans for the different entertainments are made:

**Decorations:**

Robert W. Steele, Chairman  
Albert J. Gould  
George P. Steele  
Harold H. Healy  
Ernest L. Rhodes  
Stephen R. Curtis

**Children's Party:**

Arthur H. Laws, Chairman  
Robert E. Moore  
W. F. Cook  
Gustave Ornauer

**Music:**

Paul Prosser, Chairman  
Walter C. Brinker  
Thomas R. Woodrow

**Trips:**

Roger H. Wolcott, Chairman  
Edward G. Knowles  
Ira C. Rothgerber

**Banquet Committee:**

Stanley T. Wallbank, Chairman  
Edward M. Freeman  
Henry H. Clark  
William E. Hutton  
Jacob V. Schaetzel

**Entertainment of Ladies:**

P. H. Holme, Chairman  
Ralph Hartzell  
W. W. Grant, Jr.  
G. Dexter Blount

The General Chairman of this committee reports that all the sub-committees are hard at work; that the auditorium has already been reserved for the banquet, which will probably for the first time include the ladies, and that the sub-committee on entertainment of ladies is organizing from among the women of Denver a hostesses committee, which will be announced later.

**Courtesies:**

Clayton C. Dorsey, Chairman  
Morrison Shafroth, Vice-Chairman

This committee is charged with the duty of seeing that our visitors receive proper attention in less formal ways; that the privileges of the various golf and other clubs are extended to them, and that in general they are made to feel as much at home as possible.

**Transportation:**

Myles P. Tallmadge, Chairman  
Arthur Aldrich, Secretary

The work of this committee has been taken over by the Law Club of Denver, which volunteered to assume any task assigned to it. It has a real job, that of seeing that sufficient automobiles and drivers are made available to show our visitors about Denver and convey them on the various mountain trips. The special times set aside for this purpose are an afternoon trip on Friday, July 16th, and an all day trip on Saturday the 17th. So far as they can now figure they will need at least six hundred cars with drivers for the Saturday expedition. This is to be done so far as possible, entirely by private cars furnished by members of the Denver Bar and their friends. The committee will later send out a letter to all lawyers requesting them to register their cars with the committee for this purpose. The plan, as at present roughly outlined for the Saturday expedition, is to give our guests a choice of several mountain trips, such as a drive to Idaho Springs, an all day excursion on the Moffat Road, the trip to Echo Lake, and another to Devil's Head.

**Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws:**

Elmer L. Brock, Chairman of this committee, reports that the Governors of the various states are sending out letters to the Commissioners, urging their attendance; that this conference, which takes place in the week preceding the main convention, will have the Brown Hotel as headquarters, and the meetings will probably be in the ballroom of the Brown. There is an average of at least two delegates from each State, and the attendance usually runs from seventy-five to one hundred. With the present registration it looks as though the usual average will be exceeded at the Denver meeting.

**Secretarial:**

A secretarial committee is being organized with Hugh McLean as Chairman. This committee is to have charge of printing and other miscellaneous duties, including that of establishing and maintaining an information bureau during the days of the convention.