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Esq., who assured him that the situation, while peculiar, could in no way compromise the interests of the lessee. A year and a half elapsed and the Gano-Downs Company was owing John Knowles \$18,000.

During this period of his life Harold Kountze says that Knowles kept his account at the Colorado National Bank. Punctually on the first of every month he drew out \$15. He apparently confined himself to this sum for his living expenses.

One day in the year 1918 a man fell unconscious to the sidewalk on 17th Street. An old resident of Denver and old friend of Knowles, Chauncey A. Lovelace, happened to be passing. He made his way through the little crowd, and recognizing Knowles had him taken to the County Hospital, where a few days later Denver's most eccentric citizen passed away.

Knowles possessed fine traits. His business methods were above reproach. He was straightforward and honest. He contracted no debts. At the time of his death he owed no man a dollar. His cash balance at the Colorado National Bank was \$42,000. His home was an unheated room in a building on lower 20th Street, the weekly rental of which was \$2.50. In that room, in unopened envelopes some of which were covered with the dust of years, his administrator found uncashed checks amounting to about \$5000.

Knowles was a graduate of Cornell University, a student of law though never a lawyer. He had a great regard for George P. Winters, Esq., a fellow alumnus. He left no will. Misers seldom do. Mr. Winters was appointed administrator. Alleged relatives to the number of more than forty, living in many states, appeared as claimants to his property. The estate was probated and finally divided among eighteen heirs at law, whose claims were duly established.

MAY LUNCHEON MEETING.

At the luncheon meeting held May 3, 1926, the following were admitted to membership:

Donald F. Clifford.
 Luke B. Henry
 John D. Rogers

Senator Henry Toll read an interesting address on the American Legislators' Association, which will be published in the July number of the Record.

The following resolution pertaining thereto was then adopted:

"VOTED, That The Denver Bar Association hereby records its indorsement and approval of The American Legislators' Association.

This organization, which originated with State Senator Henry W. Toll, a member of this Association, has secured the interest and cooperation of a number of responsible citizens of this state, and of a still larger number of nationally known leaders in public affairs. We believe that it may afford a useful clearing house and forum, and may result in desirable cooperation between the legislators and the legislatures of the various states. We believe that it may facilitate the enactment of uniform state laws, a subject in which lawyers of the country have shown an active interest for more than a generation, that it may produce other cooperative legislation, concerning tax matters and other important subjects, and that it may bring about a better understanding of the American problems of legislation.

We express our confidence in the present administration of the Association, and instruct our President to present the matter, in some appropriate way, to The American Bar Association for consideration at its next annual meeting, and to request it to consider the propriety of according its official approval and cooperation to The American Legislators' Association. A committee of five shall be appointed by our President to cooperate with him in this matter."

The President has appointed the following Committee of five in accordance with the above resolution:

William E. Hutton Chairman
 Justice John H. Denison
 Mary F. Lathrop
 Tyson S. Dines
 William W. Grant