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SCHAETZEL RESIGNS

We announce with regret the resignation of Jacob V. Schaetzel as Secretary-Treasurer of the Denver Bar Association. He is unable longer to give the time required for the conduct of that important office. President Wallbank has appointed Albert J. Gould to succeed him.

Mr. Schaetzel has served the association well, and was responsible for many progressive movements undertaken within the last two years. He founded, and until recently edited, the "Record."

In the appointment of Mr. Gould as successor, the association has a man who established a record as chairman of the Membership Committee in the year just ended, and whose training and experience fit him admirably for the office. We wish him every success.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Denver Bar Association was held on Monday, April 27, in the dining room of the Chamber of Commerce. About 100 members were in attendance.

Rabbi William S. Friedman gave a delightful address on "The Ideal Equality."

The following were elected to membership in our association:

Roy R. Carpenter
Otto A. Erdman
Samuel M. Goldberg
Fred A. Harrison
Louis A. Hellerstein
Harry M. Kaufman
C. Edgar Kettering
John Pershing

John L. Rice
Frank L. Ross
Paul D. Shriver
E. E. Sarchet
George Stephan
Harold Clarke Thompson
Henry Van Kleeck
Charles M. White
Bryan L. Whitehead
Harold H. Widney
Ross F. Wilkins
Floyd J. Wilson

The president asked the secretary if any nominations other than those proposed by the Nominating Committee had been made in accordance with our by-laws. The secretary reported that no others had been made. The

perhaps under the direction of the State Association.

The Meetings Committee, composed of Stephen R. Curtis, Arthur H. Laws and R. W. Steele, made its report, which is set forth in full herein.

"Pursuant to your request, the following is submitted as the report of your Meetings Committee, covering the period from May 5, 1924, to and including March 27, 1925:

"There were in all twenty-three meetings held, including special meetings, the memorial services for deceased members and one evening banquet. The total attendance was approximately 3426, or an average of 141.1 per meeting. Six of these were addressed by non-members of the association from outside of the state.

"The committee last year in its report recommended that more meetings be held, and there were at least six more meetings this year than last year.

"The committee feels that much has been accomplished during the year towards creating closer friendships among the members of the profession, which, in our opinion, is one of the acid test of the usefulness of the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) STEPHEN R. CURTIS,
ARTHUR H. LAWS,
R. W. STEELE,
Chairman."

The Banquet Committee, by Hugh McLean, Chairman, made its written report and stated that arrangements had been made for securing Colonel John H. Wigmore, Dean of the Northwestern University Law School, author of "Wigmore on Evidence" and one of the most distinguished legal scholars in the world today, for May 15 and 16.

Committee on Laws Concerning Women and Children made a written report through its chairman, Mary F. Lathrop. The report stated that the Denver Bar Association was the first legal organization to appoint a committee Concerning Women and Children and the first organization to do special investigating of the laws affecting women and children, notwithstanding the fact that the National Woman's Party claims that distinction. The report was very complete and will be filed in the Bar Association files.

The Legal Aid Committee made a further oral report, the main report having been printed in the May number of the Bar Record.

An oral report of the Jail Committee was given by Charles H. Haines, chairman. He stated that nothing further had been done outside of the report previously made. In conjunction with the City Club of Denver, they were making investigation of the condition of the county jail and report on this would be later submitted.

The written report of the committee on Judicial Selection was made by Edward C. Stimson, chairman of the committee. This report is written out in full herewith:

"During the months of July, August and September, 1924, this committee, to the best of its ability, endeavored to carry out the plan of the campaign for the selection of judges for the City and County of Denver, formulated and adopted by the association in January, 1924. The committee fortunately was able to enlist the active and earnest efforts of three sub-committees, first, a Finance Committee, headed by Henry McAllister, Jr.; second, a Publicity Committee, headed by Omar E. Garwood, and third, a Political Committee, headed by Gilbert McDonough and Albert C. Craig; and as Special Secretary for the various committees, Harold E. Webster served diligently and faithfully throughout the entire campaign.

"The activities of these various committees have been reported to the association from time to time, but it may not be out of place to summarize by stating that the earnestness of effort of the members of the sub-committees deserved better results than seem to have been accomplished.

"The Finance Committee secured contributions from various persons interested in the undertaking in the amount of \$5,057.50; it disbursed \$4,925.51; and at a meeting of the Executive Committee held on April 10, 1925, the unused balance of \$131.99 was converted into the general fund of this association. In the progress of the judicial campaign 17,500 Bar Association letters were delivered for distribution to lawyers practicing in Denver, together with an equal number of lists of candidates. Seventy thousand copies of the Bar Association Journal were printed and distributed.

One Hundred thousand Bar Association cards were printed and distributed, and the secretary sent out 800 personal letters.

"The Publicity Committee took advantage of every opportunity to send speakers to all gatherings where this matter might be presented in order that the Association's plan for judicial selection might at least be fully understood. Addresses were made at churches and social gatherings and indeed in every place where a hearing could be had. Newspaper notices and advertisements were freely used.

"The Political Committee made personal canvasses, distributed cards and literature and worked untiringly for the success of our undertaking. It employed the services of a few so-called "political workers." All members of these various sub-committees are to be warmly commended for the earnestness of their efforts, regardless of the results achieved.

"These results have already become history. Of the seven judges of our District Court chosen at the November, 1924, election, three were avowedly Bar candidates.

"The movement initiated by this association is bound to succeed in time for the principle back of it is sound and right. This success will come when the lawyers are willing to sink all personal and partisan preferences, look only to the judicial fitness of each person whose name is suggested as a possible judicial officer; and join unitedly and whole heartedly in securing the selection of those candidates on whom the lawyers have together agreed.

"Meanwhile the idea back of our campaign should be developed perhaps materially changed as to details; certainly carefully studied; to the end that judges be chosen without regard to their political or religious affiliations, but solely that the administration of Justice, without oppression and faithfully to all, may be made secure.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD C. STIMSON,
For the Committee."

Richard S. Fillius submitted a report as chairman of the Legislative Committee and stated that they had rendered a formal report on February 16, 1925, and also stated that it was

impossible to secure the passage of a bill providing for a Public Defender at this time and the other four bills proposed by the committee have been passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor."

The treasurer's report was printed in the May number of the Bar Record, and John B. Geijsbeek, chairman of the Auditing Committee, sent in the following report:

"We have made an audit of the books and records of The Denver Bar Association for the fiscal year April 1, 1924, to March 31, 1925, and submit herewith our findings embodied in the following statements:

"Exhibit A—Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, 4-1-24-3-31-25.

"Exhibit B—Analysis of Cash Funds—General.

"Exhibit C—Analysis of Cash Funds—Library.

"All cash receipts of record have been deposited in the bank. All expenditures have been made by properly signed checks and have been approved by the Executive Committee in accordance with Section 5, Article 11, of the By-Laws, for the General Fund; and by the Library Committee for the Library Fund.

"The amount shown as income and expense of the banquet is not complete as it covers only those items actually received or expended up to March 31, 1925, on which date neither all of the receipts nor all of the expenses had been met.

"Owing to an apparent misunderstanding between the Secretary and his bookkeeper, the system installed by your Committee last year has not been kept up; the books being kept as they were prior to the installation of the new system.

"The books should be kept under the system installed by your last year's committee in order that proper and accurate records may be obtained at any time.

Respectfully submitted,
THE AUDITING COMMITTEE,
By J. B. GEIJSBEEK,
Chairman.

An oral report was made by Edgar McComb, chairman of the Committee on Judicial Salaries, stating that a constitutional amendment had been

submitted and would be up to the vote of the people at the next election. The Constitutional Amendment is set forth in full herein:

"BE IT RESOLVED, By the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth General Assembly, the Senate concurring:

"Section 1. That there shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State of Colorado, at the next general election for members of the Assembly, for their approval or rejection, the following amendment to the Constitution of the State of Colorado, which, when ratified by a majority of those voting thereon, shall be valid as a part of said Constitution, to-wit:

"Section 30 of Article V of the Constitution of the State of Colorado, shall be amended so as to read as follows:

"Section 30. The salaries of the Governor, the Governor's Secretary, and the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts of the State of Colorado shall be fixed by legislative enactment, provided, that the salaries of said officers heretofore fixed by the Constitution shall continue in force until otherwise provided for by legislative enactment.

"No law shall extend the term of any public officers, or increase or decrease his salary, after his election or appointment, as fixed by legislative enactment."

"Section 2. Each elector voting at said election and desirous of voting for or against said amendment, shall deposit in the ballot box a ticket whereon shall be printed the words: "For the amendment to Section 30 of Article V restoring to the legislature the power to fix the salaries of the Governor and his Secretary and the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts as it now fixes the salaries of all other State Officers," and "Against the amendment to Section 30 of Article V restoring to the legislature the power to fix the salaries of the Governor and his Secretary and the Judges of the Supreme and District Courts as it now fixes the salaries of all other State Officers," and shall indicate his choice by placing a cross (X) opposite one or the other of said groups of words.

"Section 3. The votes cast for the adoption or the rejection of said amendment shall be canvassed and the results determined in the manner

provided by the laws of the State of Colorado for the canvass of votes for representatives in Congress."

Approved March 14, 1925.

THE WIGMORE MEETINGS

Financial Statement of Dean John H. Wigmore Lectures and Banquet

Thinking that it might be interesting to our members we are publishing herewith the income and expenditures relative to the Wigmore Banquet and Lectures. The tickets were \$2.00 each for the banquet part of the entertainment. Of this amount \$1.50 went to the Albany Hotel for the meal and fifty cents went towards the general expense. The attendance at the banquet was 280 and at the free lecture given on Saturday following between 350 and 400 took advantage of their opportunity and heard Wigmore deliver his lecture. It cost the Denver Bar Association and the Colorado Bar Association \$271.77 in excess of the amount taken in which practically meant that for each one attending the banquet the associations added one dollar. Yet, we heard plenty of remarks that \$2.00 was too much. How can we do it for less and give this class of a program.

Disbursements:	
John H. Wigmore.....	\$300.00
Albany Hotel	418.50
Cigars	37.85
Music	12.00
Printing	56.25
Postage	20.92
David Ovler, screen and electric service	8.25
Total	\$853.77
Receipts from sale of banquet tickets	582.00
Deficit borne by the Colorado Bar Association and the Denver Bar Association.....	\$271.77

LAWYER WANTED

Lawyer Wanted: Firm of standing and ability desires to employ young, aggressive lawyer or law student. General practice. Give full particulars of education, experience and references, also salary expected to start. Address communications to Denver Bar Association Record, Attention Joe E. Cooke, Associate Editor. All matters will be kept confidential.

A CHALLENGE TO OUR ACCUSERS

April 11, 1925.

Denver Bar Record:

Is an honest lawyer such a rare thing as the laymen are led to believe, or is the honest lawyer the rule rather than the exception.

The thing that leads me to this inquiry is a motion picture which was shown at one of our local theatres this week in which two lawyers are supposed to have stolen a patent right away from an innocent Jew. Just as if this could have happened, and particularly to a representative of that noble race. Anyway, I believe that most of our lay friends feel that lawyers as a general rule are a bunch of crooks and dead beats who wouldn't stop at anything to gain a few dollars. To permit pictures to be thus displayed is an insult to our profession and to the intelligence of our friends and clients. It should be a challenge to our profession. After all is said and done the members of our profession are recognized by the thinking class for what they really are, and that is honest, God-fearing, client-defending lawyers, who bow not to the money god, but fearless defenders of the right. This needs no corroboration of facts because history abounds in examples of just this kind.

Yours very truly,

JACOB V. SCHAETZEL.

BE SURE TO LISTEN IN

The Committee on American Citizenship of American Bar Association, under date of May 18, 1925, has advised us that beginning Tuesday night, June 2, New York time, Honorable John W. Davis will make the opening address on "American Citizenship." An address will be made each Tuesday night, at the same hour thereafter, until July 7, by such men as Charles E. Hughes, Elihu Root, Nicholas Murray Butler, Bishop Cook of the Episcopal Church, Bishop Wilson of the Methodist Church, and a Cardinal of the Roman Catholic Church to be selected.

This committee is desirous of having our members "listen in." Arrangements have been made for re-broadcasting the speeches through the usual tie-up Broadcasting stations.

MEMORIAL MEETING

The annual memorial meeting of the Denver Bar Association was held in Division Two of the District Court, Monday, May 25, 1925, at 9:30 a. m. About 180 lawyers, friends and relatives of the deceased members were in attendance. The Judges of the Supreme Court and Judges of the District, County and Juvenile Courts presided. Henry H. Clark, chairman of the Memorial Committee, presented the speakers. Arrangements were in charge of Harry Raymond, Clerk of the District Court. Everything was arranged in fine order. A quartette led by Milnor E. Gleaves, and composed of the following members, Martin H. Kennedy, Thomas Keeley and Cregar B. Quaintance, sang "Forsaken," "Abide with Me," and "Sweet and Low."

Names of those deceased together with speakers are as follows:

Deceased Member	Speaker
Charles H. Redmond	L. F. Twitchell
John M. Waldon	R. D. Thompson
George K. Andrus	Charles J. Munz
Thomas E. Watters	Percy Morris
Gaines M. Allen	W. W. Anderson
Edwin W. Hurlbut	LeRoy J. Williams
Ralph E. Stevens	S. C. Warner
John H. Fry	George L. Nye
Ewing Robinson	Henry B. Babb
William A. Moore	Robert J. Pitkin

In addition to the names of those deceased members above mentioned, Henry H. Clark, Chairman, mentioned Joseph Black and Willis Stidger who also passed on.

BAR ASSOCIATION GROWING

The question is frequently asked as to the number of lawyers in Denver. The Secretary of the Bar Association has furnished us with the following figures:

Total number of practicing attorneys in Denver.....	889
Total number of members Denver Bar Association	639

Total non-members

250
Probably 50 of those listed as non-members are not actively engaged in the law. Some are in other lines of work entirely, while others are retired. By far the greater number of lawyers in Denver are members of the Denver Bar Association.