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Chief Justice George W. Allen of our Supreme Court, on June 13, 1925, delivered an address before The Larimer County Bar Association at a dinner tendered the judges of our Supreme Court. Into his remarks he injected the following bit of judicial humor:

"Of course you are familiar with our rule limiting oral arguments to a half an hour on a side. It used to be one hour. The change has not given the lawyers any trouble, and on the other hand has helped to expedite the business of the court. While this rule may deprive a lawyer of the pleasure of speaking for a full hour, it has a compensating quality in that it saves him the pain of listening to his opponent for an hour.

"Sometimes it may occur that when the attorney for plaintiff in error has finished his argument, the court may be satisfied that he is wrong and that it would be a waste of time and energy for opposing counsel to make an argument. The court may then suggest to the coun-

sel on the opposite side: 'We don't care to hear from you, sir.' Lawyers, of course, understand what it means. Such circumstances occurred at one time when the great and far famed Matt Carpenter of Wisconsin was engaged in a case in the United States Supreme Court. When at the close of the very ably and comprehensive argument, such as he was in the habit of presenting, and the opposing counsel was rising from his place to answer it, the Chief Justice remarked: 'We don't care to hear from you, sir.' It happened that this opposing counsel was so deaf that he did not understand the remark of the Chief Justice. As was his habit, he placed his hand to his ear, as if asking for a repetition of the remark. Thereupon, the generous, yet facetious Carpenter, in a very kindly way of helping his opponent along, said to him in a confidential manner, but sufficiently audible that the court did hear: 'The court says they would rather give you the case than hear you talk.'"

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## Edward L. Shannon

In the death of Edward L. Shannon the Bar of this city lost one of its most esteemed members. Mr. Shannon passed away August 26, after a lingering illness of six or seven weeks.

Mr. Shannon was graduated from the Ohio Wesleyan University and moved to Denver in 1891. He studied law in the offices of George C. Manly and the late William L. Moore and was admitted to the Bar on February 6, 1893. He has practiced law in Denver continuously since that time. He gave considerable of his time to church and educational ac-

tivities and was a member of the Denver and the Colorado State Bar Associations.

In the loss of Mr. Shannon the Bar of this city and this Association have lost one who ever adhered to the highest principles in the practice of his profession and was known among his fellows as an ethical practitioner.

The members of the Association extend their sympathy to the members of his family in the loss of one of whom we say, "He fought a good fight."