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Oral Arguments

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.'"

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."

THE LEGAL AID SOCIETY

At a meeting of the new Executive Committee held shortly prior to July 1 of this year and called by Judge Butler, the matter of financing the Legal Aid Society was discussed.

A committee appointed at that time decided to appeal by letter to the members of this Association for financial support for this organization in view of the great work this Society has been accomplishing through Mr. Harry C. Green, its Secretary and General Attorney.

A considerable sum was realized as a result of the letters sent to the members of this Association appealing for aid, although the full quota of \$1,000 was not reached. Due acknowledgment should be made of the fact that Judge Ira C. Rothgerber and Mr. Halsted L. Ritter personally advanced the sum of \$300 to defray the expenses of the Society until funds might be raised by virtue of the above-mentioned campaign among members of this Association.

The work of the Society continues to increase each month with the result that many who before were forced by the expenses of litigation to forego the collection and adjustment of bona fide claims are now able to realize on the same through the efforts of this Society.

This is a worthy cause and should receive the full support of every member of this Association.

FIRST REGULAR MEETING

The first regular meeting of this Association since the summer vacation will be held at the time and place mentioned on the cover of this issue of the Record, and will be devoted to reports on the meeting of the American Bar Association by Mr. Elmer L. Brock and other delegates.

The matters to be discussed at this meeting will be of special interest to every practicing attorney.

Luncheon will be served promptly at 12:15 and every effort will be made to conclude the meeting at 1:30.

Let us pay a tribute to our new President by having a large attendance at this meeting.

FORGET IT

If you see a tall fellow ahead of the crowd,
A leader of men marching fearless and proud,
And you know of a story, whose mere telling aloud
Would cause his proud head to be bowed,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a skeleton hidden away
In a closet, and guarded and kept from the day,
In the dark, and whose showing, whose sudden display
Would cause grief and sorrow and life-long dismay,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.

If you know of a thing that will darken the joy,
Of a man or woman, a girl or a boy,
That will wipe out the smile or the least annoy
A fellow or cause any gladness to cloy,
It's a pretty good plan to forget it.
—Anon.

PLEASE "DUE" IT NOW

To date, out of six hundred fifty-three members of this Association, only two hundred thirty-one have paid their dues in the sum of \$6, which were payable July 1, 1925.

We are well aware that many of the attorneys have been on their vacations during the months of July and August, but we are also desirous of saving the extra expense involved in sending duplicate statements to those who have not yet paid. The purchasing power of your dues is diminished each time that a second statement is necessary and in view of the fact that the dues of the Association are at this time barely sufficient to supply the needs of the Association, those of you who have not yet sent in your dues are urgently requested to do so.

This is not a dun; this is merely a reminder. Co-operate with the Treasurer. Write that check before this reminder fades into the past.