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NOTICE OF ANNUAL BANQUET

Time—The Annual Banquet of The Denver Bar Association will be held on Monday, Mar. 3, 1924, at the hour of 6:30 p. m.

Place—The University Club, East Seventeenth Avenue and Sherman Street.

Speakers—Our guests will be Hon. Robert E. Lee Saner, President of the American Bar Association. One of the most distinguished men in America today.
Hon. Nelson H. Loomis, General Solicitor of the Union Pacific Railroad. An outstanding figure in the legal world.

Please—Return your card of acceptance promptly. An attendance guarantee must be made. Plates, \$2.50.

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The Secretary's office has received inquiries from two out-of-the-city attorneys desiring to locate in Denver and to form a connection with some established lawyer or firm. Personal interviews were had with each and both are clean-cut, well educated lawyers, with a varied experience in the practice extending over a period of ten years. One is 36 years of age, and the other 35. Both have families and are attracted to Denver on account of the educational facilities offered to their children and the prospects for greater growth. Names and addresses on application to the Secretary's office, 718 Symes Bldg., Main 580.

At the noon luncheon of the Denver Bar Association Monday, February 4th, at the public dining room of the Civic and Commercial Association, there was the largest attendance of any gathering of lawyers in Denver in years. All members of the bar were invited whether belonging to the Bar Association or not. The occasion was the reception to the Judges, Federal, State, District, County, and Municipal.

President Hugh McLean presided, J. W. Kelley was recognized by the presiding officer to make a motion directing the Resolutions Committee to prepare suitable resolutions on the death of former President Wilson. The members rose and stood a moment in silent tribute to the former chief magistrate.

President McLean introduced Judges Hollenbeck, Searcey, and Johnson, all of whom spoke briefly, expressing their satisfaction at their temporary residence in Denver. Judge Bray, who had just arrived from a session of the Municipal Court at the City Hall, where he had delivered 65 decisions, or the same decision 65 times, then spoke. He was followed by Judge Symes of the Federal bench, Judge Dunklee of the District Court, Judge Sheafor of the Supreme Court, Judge Lindsey of the Juvenile Court, and Judge George Luxford of the County Court, who sensibly suggested a number of practical reforms in caring for the County Court's insane wards and in preventing duplication of liquor prosecutions by municipal, county, district, and federal courts.

It was the first time lawyers had listened to judges give their opinions without a considerable number disagreeing with the conclusions. No exceptions were saved to any portion of the record.

The Supreme Court of Colorado named the following as members of the two committees to pass upon the qualifications of applicants for admission to the bar of this state: Law Committee—Wilbur F. Dentious of Denver, T. E. Munson of Sterling, Charles M. Rose of Pueblo, and Robert G. Strong of Denver. Bar Committee—W. R. Kelly of Greeley, Robert W. Steele, Erl H. Ellis, A. L. Doud, and Wm. E. Hutton, all of Denver.

The Legislative Committee of the Denver Bar Association has under consideration several very important matters. One is with regard to the incorporation of The Bar of Colorado, as proposed by The Colorado Bar Association. There is also a crying need for another County Judge in Denver. Several other matters were suggested by Judge Luxford in his last talk before our members. Anyone having suggestion for needed legislation should communicate with H. C. Riddle, chairman, Equitable Bldg. The other members of the committee are Robert G. Strong, Ira C. Rothgerber, W. R. Eaton and Mason Lewis.

GRAY'S INN

In the January number of the American Bar Association Journal is an article by Paul D. Cravath on "Gray's Inn." It would be enlightening to our students in the law schools to read this article, especially those who feel that they must put in too much time before being admitted to practice. The Inn was founded in about the year 1292. The youngest members of the Inn were called Inner Barristers, since they sat in Hall on its inner benches or forms. Seven years as an Inner Barrister was the preparation required to entitle a member to become an Outer or "Utter" Barrister and to sit on the outside benches in Hall. At the end of five more years with hard work the student became an Ancient and could thereafter practice in the Courts at Westminster. Finally the great honor of a Reader or Bencher might be attained. The result of these long years of apprenticeship was that the students "did not get into practice in that condition of adolescence in which the young gentlemen sometimes appear now." Great attention was paid to dress. In 3 and 4 Phillip and Mary it was ordered that none except Benchers or Knights should wear in their doublet or hose any bright colors, except scarlet or crimson, or wear velvet shoes or feathers or ribbons in their caps. No one else "under the degree of a knight could wear a beard of three weeks' growing upon the penalty of forty shillings fine."

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE

The Denver Bar Association has had installed in the Secretary's office a telephone under its name. The telephone number is MAIN 3158. In calling the Secretary please use this number.

THE PIECE-WORK SYSTEM FOR JUDGES

"Mr. Justice Sankey, responding to the toast 'The Bench and the Bar,' at a dinner of the Carpenters' Company at their hall on Thursday, the 15th inst., said that * * * he often wondered which of two things he ought to put the most reliance upon, the figure which the public imagined a successful barrister was earning, or the figure the judge thought he himself would earn if he went back to the bar. The real difference, as he had found when he was put on the bench, between the bar and the bench was that the barrister was paid by piece work, the judge was paid by day work. It was said—with what truth he did not know—that this was not a good system. Heaven alone knew what might happen in the next six months—it might be all altered. It was said that piece work would be an extremely good way of paying the judges, that some were slow, whilst there might be the danger that others might be too quick, and, having decided a case before they really understood what it was all about, they would get reversed in the Court of Appeal. It was suggested that a judge on piece-work who should happen to be so reversed ought to return his fees for deciding that particular case."—The Law Times, Nov. 24, 1923.

YOUR LAST CHANCE

The Secretary desires to personally thank you for your splendid assistance in paying the back dues as well as the dues for the current year, and it was only through this assistance that the Treasurer is able to report a balance in the general fund of \$176.23. With the April issue of The Denver Bar Record, we will publish the complete list of names and addresses of all members in good standing. Any member owing two years' dues shall cease to be a member and any member in arrears for any amount shall not vote. (Art. VI, Sec. 1, By-Laws.)

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ANNUAL ELECTION, APRIL 28, 1924

In accordance with Article VII, Sec. 3, of our By-Laws, the President appointed the following as a nominating committee to nominate a President, First Vice-President, a Second Vice-President, two trustees, and as many other trustees as may be required to fill any vacancies on the Board of Trustees. You are invited to send promptly to this committee the names of such persons as you may desire to propose for their consideration. The committee is as follows: Henry H. Clark, Chairman; Wilbur F. Denious, William E. Hutton, Henry W. Toll, Carle Whitehead.

The committee will make and file with the Secretary its nominations by March 28th. Any member may file with the Secretary further nominations up to April 14th.

AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

How many are going to the next annual meeting of the American Bar Association, to be held in Philadelphia, July 8, 9 and 10? After the regular meeting in Philadelphia, a special meeting will be held in London. The good ship Bereraria will carry the lawyers and their families to London, leaving New York City July 12. These two meetings promise to be epoch-making periods in American history. Let the secretary know if you are planning to go.

BAR PRIMARIES

At the request of representatives of both parties, who are still circulating nominating petitions, the committee voted to extend the time for filing nominations for ten days, that is, up to and including March 6, 1924.

OLD TIMERS' JUBILEE

How many lawyers in Denver have been practicing law for fifty years? The Meetings Committee is planning a golden anniversary meeting for the old-timers. The younger members of the bar are anxious to hear about the practice of the law in the old pioneer days of Colorado.

DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP

The following have been dropped from membership in our association:

By request, all dues paid: John Leeming, Jr., Charles L. Hendershot, S. R. Knox, J. F. Truesdell, John A. Rush.

For failure to pay dues: Thomas E. Anderson, Walker Bates, George A. Chase, Harold B. Jeffery, Frank T. Johnson, Henry V. Johnson, S. H. Johnson, James R. Killian, John M. Maxwell, William B. Morgan.

IN MEMORIAM

J. J. McFeely, a member of our Association since 1909, died in Denver on February 13. Judge McFeely, as he was known to most of us, was born at Buffalo, New York, May 24, 1849. He was admitted to practice in this state in 1889. Judge McFeely, as he was known to members of the bar, was respected by all, both for his knowledge of the law and his splendid character.

STANDARD OF PROCEDURE

In an address delivered in Washington, D. C., in 1914, before the Annual Convention of the American Bar Association, the Hon. Elihu Root said:

"American procedure ought to follow as closely as possible the methods of thought and action of American farmers and business men and workmen. The law is made not for lawyers but for their clients, and it ought to be administered, so far as possible, along the lines of laymen's understanding and mental processes. The best practice comes the nearest to what happens when two men agree to take a neighbor's decision in a dispute, and go to him and tell their stories and accept his judgment. Of course, all practice cannot be as simple as that; but that is the standard to which we ought to try to conform rather than the methods of an acute, subtle, logical, finely discriminating, highly trained mind. It is that sort of thing which merchants seek when they get up committees of arbitration to decide their controversies without the intervention of lawyers. They are trying to get their questions settled in accordance with their instincts and habits of thought."