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## *Denver Bar Association Activities*

Judge Charles C. Butler, Pres.

An earnest effort is being made, with fair prospects of success, to induce the American Bar Association to hold its 1926 meeting in Denver. The Colorado Bar Association has taken the initiative, and we must do our utmost to further the plan. If we succeed, this will be a noteworthy year in bar association history.

A number of important matters will come before the executive committee for consideration.

The meetings committee (Stephen R. Curtis, chairman) is functioning actively. If it is able to carry out its plans, we will have addresses by men of national reputation, as well as by eminent members of our own bar.

The library committee (Harry C. Davis, chairman) is considering a plan which, if it can be carried out, will solve the library problem. If the committee concludes that the plan is practicable, announcement will be made in a later issue of the Record.

No committee has a graver responsibility than the grievance committee (Stanley T. Wallbank, chairman). We feel assured that that committee will act with energy and good judgment, and will fearlessly perform its important duties with credit to itself and to the association.

The membership committee (Allen Moore, chairman) is doing good work. Its members are alive and active. We may confidently look for satisfactory results.

The banquet committee (Roger H. Wolcott, chairman) will have important work to do. With one or two exceptions, our annual banquet has been held about the 22d of February. Time passes rapidly, and no doubt that committee will promptly commence the search for available speakers who will make the occasion a memorable one.

The thanks of the association are due, and are here tendered, to John B. Geijsbeck, chairman of the auditing committee, who for years has gratuitously audited the accounts of the association.

The judiciary committee (Phillip S. Van Cise, chairman) is one that can

render valuable service to the association and to the state. We look for an interesting and instructive report from that committee in due time.

No doubt the committee on professional ethics (Edward D. Upham, chairman) will soon meet and outline its work for the present year.

Sometime ago we had an interesting report and discussion on the subject of bar organization. May we not expect a further contribution on this important subject from the present committee having the matter in charge? Wilbur F. Denious is chairman of the committee.

It is some time before the next session of the general assembly, but the legislative committee (Richard S. Fillius, chairman) may find some useful preliminary work even during the "off" year. The same may be said concerning the committees on judicial selection (Edward C. Stimson, chairman) and judicial salaries (Edgar McComb, chairman).

The committee on the Supreme Court library has accomplished much in the past. Now that the new shelves are in, less remains to be done. Nevertheless a meeting of that committee (Hudson Moore, chairman) may result in finding something useful to be accomplished.

The committee on women and children (Mary F. Lathrop, chairman) has done excellent work in the past. The fact that the personnel of the committee remains practically unchanged is an assurance of continued usefulness.

The memorial committee, under the chairmanship of H. H. Clark, may be relied upon to provide for a fitting observance of the day set apart by the association for loving tributes to our deceased members.

Dean Manly's committee on legal education will no doubt carry on and extend the work pertaining to that committee.

Perhaps no legal subject is more generally discussed than the administration of criminal justice, and certainly none deserves more careful consideration. Much remains to be done by the committee entrusted with

that important subject. Harry C. Riddle is chairman.

The relation of the press to judicial proceedings is of growing importance. The committee on that subject (Hamley J. Barry, chairman) is so constituted as to ensure the consideration of the subject from several angles. We look forward with interest to the report of the committee.

The legal aid committee (Halsted L. Ritter, chairman) has been and is doing splendid work. In co-operation with others, the committee has actively promoted the interests of the Legal Aid Society. The work of that society is one of which the community may well be proud. The Society deserves and should receive generous support, financial as well as moral.

In recent years there has been a growing interest in the subject of

American citizenship. The American Bar Association has taken the lead in an educational campaign and has been ably assisted by the several state associations. Not to be behind in the movement, this association has a committee on American citizenship, headed by Justice Haslett P. Burke. The committee is a strong one, and is capable of rendering useful service to the cause of good citizenship.

Section 3 of Article II of our by-laws makes the president an ex-officio member of all committees. So far as possible he will perform the duties thus assigned to him.

We regret the illness of Joseph E. Cook, chairman of the Board of Editors, and the recent illness of his able co-worker, Joseph C. Sampson. May they speedily recover their normal health and strength.

## *American Law Institute*

By Wilbur F. Denious

At the last meeting of the Conference of Bar Association Delegates, a section of the American Bar Association, the following resolution was adopted:

"RESOLVED, That the Conference recommend to the delegates that they endeavor to procure the appointment by the respective associations of committees to consider the work of the American Law Institute as it progresses and to communicate to the Director of the Institute their suggestions and comments.

This resolution was adopted as the result of a statement at the Conference by William Draper Lewis with reference to the work of the American Law Institute.

As is well known, the American Law Institute was organized some two or three years ago for the purpose of preparing and presenting to the legal profession a restatement of the law. This organization is composed of about five hundred members, who are among the most eminent of the bench and bar of this country. The principal authority of the Institute is lodged in a Council consisting of about thirty-five members. Colorado is represented on this Council by Mr. William V. Hodges. The directors of the work of the Institute has been placed in the hands of

William Draper Lewis, who is Dean of the Law School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Briefly stated, the work of the Institute is carried on in the following manner: An outstanding member of the profession, being an expert on some particular subject, is selected and is called the Reporter for that subject. A group of eight or ten experts on that subject is chosen to assist the Reporter. For instance, on the subject of Contracts, Professor Williston is the Reporter and some eight or ten eminent lawyers and judges, who are considered authorities on the subject of Contracts, are co-operating with Professor Williston.

The Reporter first prepares a re-statement of the law on his particular subject. He then submits copies of that re-statement to the group working with him. The members of this group offer their criticisms and suggestions of the proposed re-statement, which are considered by the Reporter and the re-statement is re-drafted and is then submitted to a group of experts at a meeting which is attended not only by the experts but also by the Reporter and usually by the Director.

After this meeting is held, the subject is referred back to the Reporter and he prepares a new draft of the