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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE NEW YEAR

The October issue of the Journal was devoted to the annual proceedings of The Indiana State Bar Association. In this number our readers can find a record of the annual meeting and in part a record of the work of the bar association during the previous year. Where one has such a voluminous record of a given body of work, however, there is some danger of failure to see the woods because of the trees. Perhaps a brief comment in summary of the bar association affairs which now confront us will be helpful. During the year 1925-26 the oratorical contests throughout the state were conducted through the efforts of the Indiana State Bar Association in connection with local organizations; the plan for requiring all applicants for admission to the bar to pass a satisfactory examination on their professional training was developed and put into extensive operation; the Indiana Law Journal was first published and the connection with Indiana University School of Law for editorial purposes was formed, establishing the Journal on a secure basis with a library and editing staff adequate to the task; and the membership in the association was increased by over 500 members while the largest number ever obtained in a previous year was 160. This is a splendid heritage with which the association begins its new year's work. It was the joint accomplishment of all those connected with the association. Those who have worked on the Journal recognize especially how great is our debt to the courage, vision and patience of George O. Dix. All of the members know of the untiring efforts of George O. Dix, William A. Dickens, James M. Ogden, James A. Von Osdol, Joel A. Baker and many others.

President William A. Pickens pointed out at the annual meeting that with reasonable efforts it was entirely feasible for the Indiana State Bar Association to have in its membership ninety per cent of the reputable lawyers in Indiana. This statement met with enthusiastic approval. Since the annual meeting the Committee on Jurisprudence and Law Reform has been at work and a report from this committee in the near future is expected. A committee on Criminal Jurisprudence has been appointed which is now at work on a codification of the Indiana Criminal Law somewhat on the basis of the report recently made on behalf of the National Crime Commission. It is expected that this will be made early in December and that an article covering its content will be published in the December issue of the Journal. On the basis of this report the Indiana State Bar Association expects to go before the State Legislature and urge the adoption of these reforms in the procedural and substantive branches of the criminal law that have been clearly approved by the many expert bodies investigating the matter and by the concensus of legal thought in Indiana.

#### NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

At present the news of bench and bar is secured almost entirely through a clipping service by which the editor of the Journal obtains newspaper items which deal with state and local bar association affairs. Inevitably news obtained in this way is often inadequate and inaccurate largely because the newspaper reports themselves are deficient. If once a month or even at longer intervals the Secretary of every district, county and city bar association in the state would send to the editor an account of what his association has been doing, this part of our Journal would be clearly improved. It would be equally fortunate if independent members would send in brief announcements of their change of address or new professional associations.

Our experience leads us to the conclusion that this lack of information is largely a matter of inertia. If local bar association officers would form the habit of sending in this news it would be of little or no burden to them and the difference to our readers would be very great indeed. To this end the following suggestions are made:

- (1) That the Secretary of every bar association in the state shall send in a list of the officers and committees of his association at his very earliest convenience.

- (2) That the Secretary of every bar association in the state shall send in reports and items of professional interest in connection with his association and the bar of his jurisdiction.

(3) That each one of our readers who reads this *announcement* shall feel a personal responsibility to further the above two requests and to send in the information himself if he is not *sure* that it has already been done.

(4) That each district, county and city bar association in Indiana at its next meeting shall give some specific directions to its secretary in the carrying out of these requests and shall cause him to report to it from time to time as to whether or not he has complied with their instructions.

### SOME STATE RECORDS

The Library of the Law School of Indiana University is making every effort to procure and preserve at least one copy of all the Session Laws passed by the General Assembly of Indiana (Territory and State). One entire set, with the exceptions noted below are now owned by this library. The books are catalogued and kept in locked cases for their safe preservation, but always available to any attorney requiring their use for research purposes. It is hoped that Indiana alumni and friends will be able to supply these missing volumes and thus provide a much needed reference tool.

The volumes required are as follows :

Laws passed in the Territory of the United States, Northwest of the River Ohio, from the Commencement of the Government to the 31st of December, 1791. (Reprint) -----	1792
Laws of the Territory adopted and published at a session of the Legislature begun in the town of Cincinnati, county of Hamilton, and Territory aforesaid, upon the 23d day of April, 1798, and continued by adjournments to the 7th day of May 1798 (Known as Freeman's Code). (Reprint) -----	1798
Indiana Acts, Second General Assembly, 1st Sess. (Aug.) -----	1807
Indiana Acts, Second General Assembly, 2d Sess. (Sept.) -----	1808
Indiana Acts, Third General Assembly, 1st Sess. (Nov.) -----	1810
Indiana Acts, Fourth General Assembly, 1st Sess. (Feb.) -----	1813
Indiana Acts, Fifth General Assembly, 1st Sess. (Aug.) -----	1814
Indiana Acts, Fifth General Assembly, 2d Sess. (Dec.) -----	1815
Indiana Laws, First Session -----	1816-1817
Indiana Laws, Second Session -----	1817-1818
Indiana Special Acts, Second Session -----	1817-1818
Indiana Special Acts, Eighth Session -----	1823-1824
Indiana Acts, Fifteenth Session, (Militia) -----	1831
Indiana Special Acts, Fifteenth Session -----	1830-1831
Indiana Laws Local, Nineteenth to Thirty-second Sessions, incl. --	1834-1848