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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

FIRST DISTRICT

Joseph H. Iglehart has been elected President of the Evansville Bar Association to succeed James F. Enslie. The other officers are: Charles Lafollette, First Vice President; Arthur C. Stone, Second Vice President; John Sanders, Secretary; and Forrest Condit, Treasurer.

SECOND DISTRICT

Judge Robert W. Miers of Bloomington began his 81st year by acting as special judge in a case before the circuit court of Monroe County. Judge Miers has been in the active practice of law since 1870 when he graduated from Indiana University School of Law. He served as circuit judge of Monroe County and Lawrence County for four years. Judge Miers was elected to the State Legislature in 1878 and later served as representative in the national Congress at Washington from the second district for four terms. He is the dean of the Monroe County Bar Association.

The *Indiana Law Journal* held its annual dinner in the Student building on Thursday, December 15th. The dinner was attended by the faculty board of editors and the student board of editors together with a number of distinguished practicing lawyers and members of the Indiana University faculty from other departments in the University. Henry B. Walker, Vice-President of the Indiana State Bar Association, presented the certificates of election to the editorial board to the new student editors. Mr. Walker spoke of the value which the Indiana State Bar Association derives from the *Law Journal* and of its service to the legal profession in this state. Basil B. Clark, Chairman of the Student Board of Editors presided at the dinner. President William Lowe Bryan of Indiana University made the opening address. The members of the Student Board of Editors are: Alton L. Bloom, Clarence W. Deitsch, Marvin R. Huffman, Daniel James, Peter A. Lee, Henry Clay Lynn, Roy Hunter Lynn, Robert W. Miller, Gerald R. Redding, and Alfred V. Ringer.

FIFTH DISTRICT

At a meeting of the Terre Haute Bar Association held on Tuesday, December 6th, the lawyers of Terre Haute adopted a resolution in favor of the division of Indiana into two Federal court districts with two Federal judges and two Federal staffs of prosecuting attorneys. The Association also approved the report of its committee on minimum fees to be charged by lawyers in Terre Haute.

J. S. McFaddin of Rockville gave an excellent address on American Government to the Clinton Exchange Club on Thursday, December 1st.

The *Rockville Tribune* printed the following notice: "Lawyers are losing their teeth rapidly in Hendricks County. Let the *Danville Gazette* tell the story: The Hendricks County Bar likes teeth in laws, and it finds that they come in handy for the members. A meeting of the bar was held one day last week to arrange for representation at a state bar meeting to be held in Indianapolis. A banquet was on the program and it was requested that the local bar furnish one of the speakers. Judge Dougan was nom-

inated to make the speech. He showed considerable embarrassment at the honor and finally confessed that he just had his teeth removed, so couldn't talk. He nominated Thad Adams, who gave the same alibi and suggested Judge Clark, who renigged for the same reason. Then J. W. Nichols was examined and found toothless. Judge Brill likewise was rejected. The difficulty was finally settled when Otis Gulley was named as the representative. He said he had no natural teeth, but that he possessed plates which were guaranteed to pull him through any banquet. "This is certainly a toothless bar," said one member as they adjourned."

SIXTH DISTRICT

"The lawyers of this state and nation are under the special duty to act as guardians of our liberties," so declared President James A. Van Osdol, of the Indiana State Bar Association, in a scholarly address delivered Thursday night, December 1st, at Rushville before the annual meeting of the Sixth District Bar Association.

Speaking on the subject "Why A Lawyer," President Van Osdol said, "When we note the present tendency to govern through groups, blocks, and classes, to hand over to the federal government powers that rightfully belong to the states, and note a growing impatience with all legal restraints, an increasing disrespect for law and the courts, we may well be concerned; these are dangerous symptoms."

"Never, since the day when the Federal Constitution became the supreme law of the land, has there been such need for a calling back to first principles, as there is at this hour."

Carefully tracing the development of the Federal Constitution through its historic background, and then commenting on the growth and development of this country under the constitution, President Van Osdol called upon the lawyers to better acquaint themselves with the history of our constitution and the philosophy underlying the government which it created.

The speaker stated, "If there is any one duty greater than the others now confronting the members of the legal profession, it is that of assisting to get into the popular mind, a clearer conception of the true place which the *law* and the *courts* occupy in our scheme of government, than seems to be prevalent at this hour."

An organization was effected of the District Bar Association for the coming year, as follows:

Judge Will N. Sparks, of Rushville, President; Will W. Reller, of Richmond, Secretary and Treasurer. Vice-Presidents from each county were elected, as follows: Raymond S. Springer (Connersville) Fayette County; Judge Cevil C. Tague (Brookville) Franklin County; C. M. Dewitt (Newcastle) Henry County; Judge A. C. VanDuyne (Greenfield) Hancock County; Lon Moore (Rushville) Rush County; Claud Henry (Shelbyville) Shelby County; Windsor Harris (Richmond) Wayne County; Chester E. Roberts (Liberty) Union County.

Clarence R. Red, of Liberty, Indiana, a student at De Pauw University, was presented with the medals which he won in the county and district oratorical contest on the constitution, and delivered his prize-winning oration at the meeting.

The program of entertainment consisted of violin, Miss Janet Dean; reader, Levina Compton; baritone solos, Ned Jackman, and piano, Miss Jean Sparks.

It was decided to hold the next annual district bar meeting at Connersville in the month of October. The arrangements for this meeting will be in charge of Judge Raymond S. Springer, of Connersville. It is planned to have the meeting at the Connersville Country Club, and to hold a golf tournament in the afternoon preceding the meeting.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Senator Arthur Robinson has introduced in the Federal Congress a bill providing that Indiana constitute two Federal district court districts. Under this plan there would be two federal district judges in Indiana rather than one as at present. One of the judges would preside over a Federal court at Indianapolis and the other at South Bend. There would be separate district attorneys and legal staffs for each court. There would be no change in the cities in Indiana in which the Federal district judge holds court.

Dean Paul V. McNutt of Indiana University School of Law was the principal speaker at the 20th annual meeting of the Indianapolis Traffic Club on Tuesday, December 6th, at the Claypool Hotel. Judge Byron K. Elliott was the toastmaster.

A. C. Newby, a prominent business man of Indianapolis, has donated \$1,000 to cover the case prizes for the State Oratorical and Essay Contests this year.

EIGHTH DISTRICT

The regular bi-monthly meeting of the Muncie Bar Association was held on Friday, December 2nd, at a noon luncheon. Frank Shaw led the discussion on the question of legal ethics.

NINTH DISTRICT

The Howard County Bar Association held its annual meeting on Friday, December 16th, at Kokomo, Indiana. John B. Joyce, the dean of the Howard County Bar Association, who has practiced in Howard County for many years, was elected president. Floyd McClure was elected Vice-President, and George P. Shank was made Secretary-Treasurer. After a banquet at the Courtland Hotel the members of the association and their wives and guests enjoyed a most entertaining evening. Jesse Pugh, famous Hoosier humorist, was the principal speaker.

TENTH DISTRICT

The Gary Bar Association at a special meeting adopted a resolution in favor of a new court house for Gary. It is expected it will cost a million dollars. W. W. Miller, President of the Gary Bar Association, presided.

The officers of the Gary Bar Association for the present year are: W. W. Miller, President; Kenneth Call, Vice-President; Everett J. Fletcher, Secretary, and T. H. Gravowski, Treasurer. Mr. Miller has been president for the past year and was unanimously elected.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

The Cass County Bar Association held its annual meeting in the Barnes Hotel at Logansport, Indiana, on Thursday, December 29. More than

thirty members of the Association were present. Frank McHale, President of the Association, presided. Professor Hugh E. Willis, of the Indiana University School of Law, was the principal speaker and guest of honor. His subject was "Our Dual Form of Government."

TWELFTH DISTRICT

John W. Eggeman, President of the Allen County Bar Association, announced the following committees for the coming year:

Law and Procedure—John Morris, chairman; Chester L. Teeter, David E. Smith, William E. Clapham and Otto E. Grant.

Grievances—John H. Aiken, chairman; Elwin M. Hulse, James M. Barrett, Jr., Joseph M. Haley and Clarence R. McNabb.

Legal Education—James H. Rose, chairman, three years; Fred B. Shoaff, two years; Benjamin F. Heaton, two years; Clyde W. Reed, one year, and Arthur W. Parry, one year.

Entertainment—Leigh L. Hunt, chairman; Frank M. Hogan, Edwin R. Thomas, Robert E. McCall and H. Parnell McGreevy.

Memorial—D. Burns Douglass, chairman; Sol. A. Wood, C. J. Ryan, George H. Leonard and William P. Green.

Nominating—James M. Barrett, Sr., chairman; William H. Schannen, Samuel D. Jackson, William G. Keane and Harry F. Kennerk.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

At the monthly banquet of the St. Joseph County Bar Association held on Thursday, December 15, Dr. Wm. James Hickson, noted Chicago alienist, delivered the principal address. More than 125 attorneys, doctors and social workers were present at the banquet. Dr. Hickson declared that a tendency to crime was hereditary and that it was fundamentally unsound to punish criminals according to our present criminal laws.

A most important meeting of the LaPorte County Bar Association was held at Michigan City on November 29th. James J. Farnam, of La Porte, President of the Association, presided. Francis X. Busch, former corporation counsel of the City of Chicago, was the principal speaker. A large number of attorneys from surrounding counties and prominent judges from different parts of the state attended.

OBITUARIES

Seba Barnes, prominent lawyer of Mount Vernon, Indiana, died on Sunday, November 20th. He had practiced law in North Vernon for many years and had served in the legislature and as prosecuting attorney of Jackson County. Resolutions in honor of his memory were passed by the Jackson County Bar Association.

W. D. Bynum, former representative to Congress from Marion County and widely known Indianapolis lawyer, died Friday, October 21st. He was widely known in the Indiana State Bar Association and among lawyers and political leaders everywhere. Mr. Bynum was distinguished in his early career as the man who led the bolt from the Democratic party when William Jennings Bryan was nominated for President on a free silver platform. Eloquent tribute was paid to his memory by Merrill Moores and Samuel O. Pickens, at a special meeting of the Indianapolis

Bar Association which was held to adopt resolutions in honor of his memory.

R. M. Coleman died at his home on Sunday, November 20th. He had been a member of the bar and a leader in Democratic politics for thirty-five years. He came to Indianapolis from Greencastle where he graduated from DePauw University. He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

Frank P. Foster, former mayor of Anderson, Indiana, died on Monday, November 28th. He had been in the active practice of the law for some 35 years and had had a distinguished career. The Madison County Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory.

Henry W. Jones, veteran attorney of Mishawaka, and former president of the Mishawaka Board of Education, died at his home on Tuesday, December 22nd. He had practiced law in Mishawaka for the previous 27 years. He had taken an active interest in political affairs. Resolutions in honor of his memory were adopted by the bar association.

Joseph B. Kealing, for seven years Republican National Committeeman from Indiana, died at his home in Indianapolis. The Indianapolis Bar Association held a memorial meeting in honor of his memory. Judge Robert C. Baltzell and other leaders of the Bench and Bar of Indianapolis spoke at the memorial services in praise of his conscientious and distinguished career. Governor Jackson, Fred E. Schortemier and other leaders of political and professional life of the state were present at the memorial service. His career as a lawyer was particularly commended and his unassuming and friendly attitude in all of his professional and personal relations.

Fred McCallister, Judge of the Municipal court of Indianapolis and distinguished attorney of that city, died at his home on Wednesday, December 21st. It had been asserted that Governor Jackson was to reappoint him for a four year term. At the time of his death, it seems that Judge McCallister was somewhat worried over the actual receipt of his reappointment. Judge McCallister was a former law partner of Ira M. Holmes. He had had a distinguished career as a practicing lawyer in Indianapolis. He was born in 1875 and graduated from Wabash College in 1900 where he was a member of the honorary Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. He was graduated from the Indiana University School of Law in the class of 1902. He came to Indianapolis in 1903 where he continued in the active practice of his profession until his death. He was appointed judge of the Municipal Court in 1925. He is survived by his wife and one son, Vance McCallister. The Indianapolis Bar Association held a memorial meeting in honor of his memory and adopted resolutions in commendation of his distinguished career.

J. N. McCarthy, prominent attorney of Brookville, died on Monday, November 7th. His death was entirely unexpected. He had been in the active practice of the law for 25 years. He is survived by his widow and one daughter. The Fayette County Bar Association passed resolutions in honor of his memory. Similar resolutions were passed by the Franklin County Bar Association. Tributes were also paid to his memory by individual friends.

James F. Mitchell, distinguished attorney of Indianapolis, died at his home on Thursday, December 8th. Mr. Mitchell was a son of Major James L. Mitchell, who was at one time mayor of Indianapolis and was prom-

inent lawyer at Indianapolis for many years. Mr. Mitchell graduated from Indiana University in 1889 and from the Law School of Michigan University in 1891. Not only did the legal profession of Indianapolis and the state of Indiana suffer a great loss in the death of James L. Mitchell, but Indiana University and the other educational organizations have suffered an especially severe loss. For many years Mr. Mitchell was the friend and wise counsellor of Indiana University in the matters of policy. He was also a loyal alumnus of Michigan University and was a generous supporter of every effort to promote public welfare through education.

Orville Peckham, 81 years old, died at his home in Indianapolis. Mr. Peckham was born in Rhode Island, being a member of one of the old Rhode Island families. He graduated from Brown University in 1867 and practiced at Providence and then in Chicago in a partnership with Judge E. O. Brown of that city. He retired from active practice in 1912. From 1875 to 1912 he was general counsel for the First National Bank of Chicago and his general practice brought him into contact with some of the leading financiers of the country. His old law firm now one of the leading law firms in Chicago. Mr. Peckham is survived by his widow and two children.

John A. Swoveland, a prominent attorney of Tipton County, died at his home on Tuesday, December 4. He was born in 1843 and had a distinguished record in the Civil War. He participated in several of the most important battles of the war and was wounded in the foot in one engagement. In 1878 he was made prosecuting attorney of the 36th Judicial District and he was in the active practice of the law at Tipton, Indiana, since that time. He is survived by his widow and five children. Resolutions in honor of his distinguished career and his high character were passed by the Tipton County Bar Association.