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NEWS OF BENCH AND BAR

FOURTH DISTRICT

The Fourth District Bar Association will hold a meeting at Columbus Friday night, November 30th. A splendid program is being arranged for the meeting and a banquet will be given as a part of the evening's program and entertainment.

FIFTH DISTRICT

The Clay County Bar Association which for several years has been more or less inactive, was recently reorganized and is now one of the active professional bodies of the community.

SIXTH DISTRICT

The annual meeting of the Sixth District Bar Association was held at the Connersville Country Club on Friday night, September 28, 1928.

The principal address was delivered by William Dudley Foulke, of Richmond, on the subject "How to Diminish Crime." Mr. Foulke expressed the opinion that the war could not be still blamed for the prevalence of crime in the United States, for in other countries taking part in the World War, particularly in England, this condition does not exist. He suggested the following as being largely responsible for the prevalence of crime: A disrespect for all law because of the failure to observe the Volstead Act; the inefficient enforcement of the Volstead Act because of incompetent and dishonest dry agents; yellow literature and newspapers; improperly censored movies; the failure of states to establish proper bureaus for the purpose of detecting crime, and the ease with which criminals can escape in automobiles.

Mr. Foulke contended that too much sympathy was being extended to the criminal these days, and that too many legal constitutional safeguards were thrown around him. Certain constitutional provisions applying to criminal defendants, he said, were the heritage of ancient times when many crimes were punishable by death, and the accused needed protection against a powerful and unjust government.

Mr. Foulke suggested certain constitutional and statutory changes. He would make it necessary for only three-fourths of the jury to agree in criminal cases, except those crimes of the highest degree. He would require criminals to submit to a judicial examination prior to trial, and would abolish the provision that a defendant cannot be twice placed in jeopardy. He would have judges appointed for life, as in the Federal Court, and would abolish the indeterminate sentence law.

Harold G. Stepler, of Greenfield, was awarded the bronze and silver medals for winning the county and district oratorical contest. These medals were presented by Roscoe O'Byrne, of Brookville, Chairman of the Sixth District Oratorical Contest. Young Stepler delivered his prize winning oration on "The Present Significance of the Constitution." It was a splendid oration, both from the standpoint of thought and delivery.

Everett Guy Ballard of Chicago, formerly of Connersville, gave a short talk on pioneer lawyers of the Sixth District.
Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Judge E. Ralph Himelick, president; V. J. McCarty, secretary-treasurer; J. Brandon Griffis, R. S. Hunter, Judge Will M. Sparks, Chester Roberts, George Mullin, Leroy C. Hanby, Ed. K. Adams, and Charles Cook, vice-presidents.

The Association accepted the invitation of Judge Hoelscher of the Wayne County Bar, and the meeting of 1929 will be held at Richmond.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

At the opening fall meeting of the Indianapolis Bar Association held at the Columbia Club October 3, 1928, a committee was appointed to investigate the variances of rules in various courts and to prepare a report with suggestions of improvements in the matter of standardization of court rules in all Indianapolis courts.

William H. Faust, member of the Indianapolis bar, addressed the Young Lawyers Association at their monthly meeting Wednesday, October 11, 1928. Mr. Faust urged that the young attorneys not shun police court cases. In speaking of the objectionable conditions in police court administration, he said: "This situation can be remedied by better type lawyers devoting more time to practice in that court. It is the duty of every lawyer to defend his client whether before a police court or the Supreme Court of the United States."

TENTH DISTRICT

The Tippecanoe County Bar Association met Saturday, October 11, at the Hotel Lahr at noon. The following officers were elected: Frank Kimmel, president; John B. Hudson, vice-president, and Charles H. Robertson, secretary.

The laying of the corner stone of Gary's new million dollar court house took place Wednesday, October 17th, at 1:30 P. M., at which meeting Chief Justice David A. Myers presided. Judge Myers delivered the address of the day. Associate Judges Clarence R. Martin and Willard B. Gemmill were present. After the ceremonies the guests were taken on a tour through the Steel Mills under the personal supervision of Superintendent W. P. Gleason, who lectured on the process of steel making and its auxiliaries from the time the raw material arrives until its final completion.

The special judges remained for the Gary Bar Association dinner meeting at 6:30 P. M., Wednesday evening, at which meeting W. W. Miller, president of the Gary Bar Association, presided and introduced the visiting judges and speakers. Honorable Judge Wilkerson, of Chicago, delivered the address on the subject, "Some Obstacles in the Execution of Our Laws." The address was exceedingly interesting and instructive. The meeting was attended by ninety lawyers from Gary, Crown Point, Hobart and Valparaiso. Chief Justice Myers responded to a call and delivered a short talk, and Justice Martin and Justice Gemmill also briefly addressed the Association. The meeting was one of the most interesting as well as the most instructive that the association has ever had.

The November meeting will be addressed by Prof. Oliver S. Rundell of the University of Wisconsin. The December address will be given by Prof. Edwin Goddard of the University of Michigan; the January by Dean McNutt of Indiana University School of Law; the February address by
Taylor E. Groninger, former corporation counsel of the city of Indianapolis and special counsel of the Public Service Commission of Indiana, and the March address by John M. Zane, one of the senior members as well as one of the most famous lawyers of the Chicago Bar.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT

The Huntington County Bar Association had its first fall meeting at the Hotel LaFontaine Monday evening, October 15th. Senator James E. Watson and Judge Thomas W. Slick were guests at the meeting.

THIRTEENTH DISTRICT

The Michigan City Bar Association held its regular monthly meeting Thursday October 18th in the Manufacturers Club. The officers of the Association are: Louis Kunkel, president; Robert Glasscott, vice-president; Nveill Williams, secretary-treasurer.

The Elkhart County Bar Association met at Goshen Thursday evening, October 25th.

OBITUARIES

Judge Charles R. Pollard, Delphi lawyer and dean of the Carroll County bar, died Tuesday, October 9, 1928. Judge Pollard was born in Mobile, Alabama in 1845, where he received his education and early training and acquired many of the characteristics typical of the southern gentleman. He came to Delphi in 1865 and two years later was admitted to the bar there. He was appointed prosecutor of the eleventh judicial district made up of Cass and Carroll counties in 1873 by Governor Thomas A. Hendricks and during the first administration of President Cleveland he was appointed judge of the Federal court of Montana. Judge Pollard was extremely successful in his practice and recognized as an able lawyer, having few equals as a trial lawyer. Although 83 years old he tried cases up to within a few days of his death.

Lewis Wallace was born May, 1858, and died Monday, October 15, 1928, at the Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Mr. Wallace was a prominent attorney of Indianapolis, a nephew of General Lew Wallace, author of Ben Hur. Mr. Wallace had been a life long resident of Indianapolis. He was educated in the public schools of the city and later attended Butler College, from which he was graduated.