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It should be highly gratifying to every member of the Missouri Bar Association to learn that its committee on publications has consummated an arrangement by which the bulletins heretofore issued by the School of Law of Missouri University and the Missouri Bar Association have been consolidated.

This will be published quarterly, the same as the bulletin of the American Bar Association, and will be sent to all members of the Missouri Bar Association. The form and makeup of this publication is much more attractive and convenient than that of the old Bar Bulletin published by

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this association, and will be suitable in size for filing and preserving by the members of this association.

The matter heretofore in the University Bulletin has been of a high degree of excellence, not only of interest, but very instructive, to every Missouri lawyer, and our committee on publications hopes to furnish such additional matter for each issue as will be of interest to all Missouri lawyers, so that this publication will be such that no Missouri lawyer can afford to be without it. It will keep the individual lawyer in touch with the doings of the association as well as in touch with matters of interest concerning the profession.

The University and the association are to bear the expense of this publication, each in proportion to the pages used by each. We know of no law periodical the price of which is less than five dollars per year. The members of this association pay only five dollars per year annual dues and will also receive, without additional cost, this high class publication.

This arrangement can only be carried out if each member of this association is prompt in meeting his obligation in the payment of his dues. The condition of our treasury is not very promising at this time, and there are on the books a large number of members whose dues are delinquent, some of them for two or three years, and it is hoped that each and every member who is delinquent will at once send a check to the Treasurer of the Association in payment of such delinquency so that this excellent arrangement may be continued.

The well known standing and ability of the gentlemen composing the board of assistant editors are a sufficient guaranty of the high standard we may expect in the future issues of this combined periodical. All matter intended for the bulletin should be sent to this board.

We bespeak for the bulletin the support of all Missouri lawyers.

ROBERT LAMAR.

The meeting of the Bar Association in Kansas City October 3 and 4 was considered to have been the most successful in the history of the association. While this was due in part to the splendid program that had been arranged yet it is hoped that the lawyers of Missouri are aware that law has a social aspect which heretofore has not been fully appreciated.

The Association at its October meeting adopted a resolution which appears below. It aroused a most vigorous debate. Among others, President Jones of St. Louis and Judge Evans of West Plains argued for its adoption. While sympathizing with the purpose of the resolution Mr. Charles M. Hay and Mr. John Lashly of St. Louis opposed its adoption for the reason that the power once given would prove unwieldy and

an instrument of oppression. The resolution has caused more comment outside the association than any other action of the association. It was recently the subject of a debate in the Athenaeum Debating Society of the University.

RESOLUTION AS FINALLY ADOPTED

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States and the Constitutions of the several states of the Union, make ample provision for changes or repeal through the exercise of lawful methods in fundamental laws of the United States and of the several States; and

WHEREAS, both Federal and State Governments have established, and so maintain, ample agencies through which changes in the law or repeal may be effected; and

WHEREAS, all classes of people have the right to avail themselves of the ballot, free speech, and other lawful agencies, to accomplish such changes or repeal; and

WHEREAS, the use of physical force and violence to accomplish such changes in the law or repeal are unnecessary and un-American;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Missouri Bar Association, in regular meeting assembled, as follows:

THAT the Missouri Bar Association hereby recommends to the Congress of the United States and to the Legislature of each of the States in the Union, the passage of laws which shall, respectively, in substance, provide as follows:

THAT any person who shall privately or publicly advocate, either verbally or in writing, or attempt to bring about by individual action or by combining with others, any changes in or nullification of our laws, constitutional or statutory, state or national, by means of physical force or violence, shall be punished by imprisonment at hard labor, or, in the case of aliens, by deportation.

The association after a lively debate adopted a resolution favoring the purpose of the new constitutional convention association to secure such a convention by means of the initiative.

The recent election in New York City has demonstrated that lawyers organized are a great force in securing the proper sort of judges for

our courts. The action of the Kansas City Bar Association under the leadership of President Neel in selecting a lawyer to be presented to Governor Gardner for a vacancy on the Supreme Court was not only successful but it points to the road for the future. It is possible for a bar association to deny the political boss his assumed power of foisting upon the electorate judges who are chosen for reasons satisfactory to the organization alone. With the proper leadership public opinion will support the higher standards advocated by this and similar associations.

The Conference of Judges, for many years held in St. Louis during the Christmas holidays, met in Kansas City the day preceding the last meeting of the association. Some thirty odd circuit and appellate judges were present. The principal subject of discussion was the recent juvenile court statute, in which Judges Ewing Cockrell, E. E. Porterfield, E. M. Dearing and others took part. Judge David H. Harris of Fulton was elected President and Judges W. O. Thomas and E. E. Porterfield of Kansas City respectively Secretary and Treasurer.

Since these conferences will hereafter be held along with the Bar Association meetings, a much better attendance and greater interest will result.

One reason why many lawyers could not attend the association meetings was because the judges would not adjourn their courts. This reason, it is to be hoped, will disappear and the judges from the Supreme Court down will become regular attendants and participants at both the conference and association meetings. It is a good thing all around for the judges once in awhile to lay aside the ermine and mingle with the lawyers, and it will not seriously hurt the lawyers.

One of the pleasant incidents of the Judicial Conference was a brief talk at luncheon by Judge Matson of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, a resident of New York. He has the distinction of being the youngest man in the United States occupying this high position, being but 39 years of age. In speaking of the social and economic disturbances, he referred to the patriotic lawyers and others who are true to our institutions and who would save us from the perils of revolution as "the invisible khaki." This is an apt phrase as the work of the lawyers not in uniform during the war showed. There is still patriotic work to do. But the good sense and loyalty of our people will prevail. The Judge further advised that we "take each other by the hand and not by the throat."

The sudden death of Judge Henry W. Bond of the Supreme Court and the appointment of Judge Charles B. Faris, Judge of the United States District Court at St. Louis unexpectedly produced two vacancies

on the Supreme Bench which Governor Gardner has filled by appointing Judge Richard L. Goode of St. Louis and John I. Williamson of Kansas City. Judge Goode is well and favorably known to the lawyers of the state through his able decisions while a member of the St. Louis Court of Appeals. Judge Williamson has never before held any judicial office. He was born in Carroll County, Missouri. For a few years after his admission to the bar he practiced in Kentucky. Then he returned to Missouri and located in Kansas City about fifteen years ago. He is the first member of the Supreme Court from Kansas City excepting Judge Charles E. Small, Commissioner, since the incumbency of Judge Francis M. Black. Judge Williamson is a man in the prime of life, and after a varied and active practice comes to the bench well equipped for the duties of a Supreme Judge. Governor Gardner is to be thanked for his selection of these competent gentlemen.

The Missouri Bar Association is no longer a mere social organization altho this feature of itself would justify its existence. It has become and must be more and more a living force. Lawyers usually attend to everybody's business better than their own. The time must soon come when the endorsement of a bill by the association will assure its enactment into law. The standards of the profession must be kept high and the influence of the lawyer must be more effective. The Bulletin should and will become the means by which the members may be kept informed and interest between meetings sustained. Association work must be made so attractive and necessary that every reputable and self-respecting lawyer in Missouri will become a member of at least three organizations: The American Bar Association, The Missouri Bar Association, and his own local association. He owes this much to his profession and his country.

Speaking of local bar associations recalls the activity of our recent but not "late" President Jones. With his energy and wisdom he succeeded, among the many other splendid things he did, in organizing many local associations throughout the state. How many of these youngsters are being properly nourished and are alive? How many have held meetings since their organization? With approaching winter, notwithstanding the high cost of living, a local dinner with a few guests and some of our many orators would make things lively. We all know men, good talkers too, who would cross the state to make a speech and get a "possum" dinner. Seriously, it is worth consideration.

The Kansas City Bar Association at its last meeting was the host of a quartette of distinguished lawyers in attendance upon the Federal Court: Judge Charles E. Hughes, Ex-Secretary W. G. McAdoo, Ex-Attor-

ney General Wickersham, all of New York and Honorable John M. Bullett, Ex-Solicitor General of Louisville, Kentucky, with Frank Hagerman and J. D. Bowersock of the Kansas City Bar, who appeared before Judge Van Valkenburg in a proceeding involving the constitutionality of the federal act governing farm mortgages, particularly the clause exempting these securities from taxation. The arguments consumed the better part of two days resulting in the court sustaining the constitutionality of the act. An informal dinner was given these distinguished gentlemen. There the Kansas City lawyers had an opportunity to "size them up" presidentially and otherwise. An election of officers of the association was also held and Mr. Charles W. German was elected President.

The annual dues of \$5.00 for the current year are now payable. Members who have not paid may remit to Dell D. Dutton, Treasurer, Commerce Building, Kansas City, Missouri, who will cheerfully receipt therefor.

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