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BENCH AND BAR

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THE AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION MEETING IN SEATTLE JULY 25, 26 AND 27

SUGGESTIONS TO WASHINGTON LAWYERS

The semi-centennial meeting of the American Bar Association will be held in Seattle, on Wednesday Thursday and Friday, July 25th to 27.

The Executive Committee in charge of arrangements and entertainment has a number of special announcements for the lawyers of the state and the city of Seattle.

ALL WASHINGTON LAWYERS INVITED AND URGED TO ATTEND

Many lawyers have asked whether the meetings are open to any except members of the American Bar Association. The meetings are not only open to all, but all lawyers of the State of Washington are invited and urged to attend, whether members of the American Bar Association or not.

ALL WASHINGTON LAWYERS ARE REQUESTED TO REGISTER

Register as early as possible Monday July 22nd, at the American Bar Association headquarters at the Olympic Hotel. No charge or fee is required for registration. A large registration of local lawyers helps boost the attendance record. We hope to exceed the attendance record of 2,116 registered lawyers made at Denver in 1926, the last Western meeting. Upon registering you will receive the official button of the American Bar Association, a courtesy sticker for your car, a "host" ribbon, and an official admission card. Wear the button and ribbon and retain the card. The button and ribbon are necessary to identify you as a host—be a real one. Put the sticker on your car. Have your car available for our guests. If you have not already signed up your car for the use of the Auto Committee, do so at headquarters. Retain the admission card. You will need it.

HOSPITALITY

It is the aim of the Hospitality Committee to see that every visiting lawyer and his party are adequately cared for during this coming convention. To do this, the committee is endeavoring to arrange a list of the Seattle lawyers who will entertain at dinner on Wednesday and Thursday night and of the guests they wish to include. The committee will then assign each visiting lawyer to a Seattle host, notifying him when his guest arrives so that he may get in touch with him immediately. You may

cooperate in this by phoning Clydene Morris, secretary of the Hospitality Committee at MAIn 3220, naming expected guest or guests.

GOLF

Golf headquarters will be maintained at The Olympic Hotel. If you play, sign up with your car for matches which will be arranged for you. Write to J. S. Robinson, Central Building, Seattle, giving name, club and time you can play.

AUTOMOBILES

More cars are needed by the Automobile Committee. List your car with Ford Elvidge, Dexter Horton Building, Seattle.

Cars are needed at the following times:

Saturday, July 21—8:30 p. m., King Street Station.

Sunday, July 22—To meet trains.

Monday, July 23—To meet trains.

Tuesday, July 24—To meet trains.

Wednesday, July 25—Between hotels and Auditorium. Leaving hotels at 9:45, 1.45 and 7:30.

Thursday, July 26—Between hotels and Pier 1. Leaving hotels beginning 2:30 p. m.

Friday, July 27—For a trip around the city and to tea at homes in The Highlands. Leaving hotels at 2 p. m. In the evening—Between hotels and Auditorium. Leave hotels 6:30 p. m.

SIGHTSEEING TRIPS

Monday, July 22. Victoria Trip. A party of about two hundred fifty which arrives Sunday evening is being entertained on a trip to Victoria, leaving the Bell Street dock at 9 a. m., Monday. All local lawyers who can go are invited to accompany this party. Round trip fare, \$5.00; lunch at Empress Hotel, \$1.00; tour of Victoria, \$2.00. If you wish to go, make application at headquarters Sunday, July 21, 3 p. m.

Tuesday, July 23. Olympia Trip. The Indianapolis has been chartered for an all-day cruise to Olympia. Approximately 750 can be taken in addition to the Eastern party. Sign up for this trip Monday before noon at headquarters. Only expense attached is lunch at Olympia. The boat leaves 8:30 a. m. Arrives Seattle on return trip, 6:30 p. m.

Saturday, July 28. Victoria Trip. The Princess Pat has been secured for an all-day trip to Victoria. The boat leaves the Bell Street dock at 8:30 a. m., going by way of San Juan Islands. Lunch *en route*, 75 cents. All afternoon will be spent in Victoria, leaving for return trip at 6 p. m., and arriving Seattle 9:30. Dinner *en route*, \$1.25. Round trip fare, \$2.75. This trip open to all who register at headquarters 1:30 p. m., Tuesday, July 23, up to a total of 900 persons. Any excess of registration will be accommodated on regular boats. The trip will be complimentary to all lawyers not residents of Seattle.

RECEPTION BY PACIFIC FLEET

Thursday, July 26, 3:00 to 5:00 p. m. All lawyers and those in their party are invited to visit the fleet. Special boats leave Pier 1, beginning at 2:30.

"MAGNA CHARTA"

Thursday, July 26, 10:00 p. m. Auditorium. "Magna Charta," a pageant-drama. This momentous production will immediately follow the address of Justice Harlan F Stone, also given in the Auditorium.

The lower floor of the Auditorium will be reserved until 8:45 for lawyers and their ladies. Admission is by special ticket only, which will be available free at headquarters. The general public will be admitted to the balcony at an admission charge of \$1.

This pageant-drama will present in dramatic form the sealing of the Magna Charta by King John. Since Magna Charta represents the foundation for many of the legal rights in which we take pride today, a dramatic presentation of the events preceding, leading up to, and culminating in the successful effort of the Barons to obtain a declaration of rights from the reluctant John which would do away with the legal abuses then existing, is a most fitting mode of commemorating this epochal event at the semi-centennial meeting of the American Bar Association. Elaborate preparations are being made for its presentation. The drama itself has been written by Mr. Thomas Wood Stevens, Director of the Goodman Theatre of Chicago, a man who has written and presented many of the most famous pageants in the United States and Europe. Mr. Stevens was personally selected by President Strawn of the American Bar Association to write the Magna Charta drama. The presentation of the drama will be directed by Mr. Whitford Kane, an actor and stage director of nation-wide reputation, who was selected by Mr. Strawn and Mr. Stevens. The Magna Charta drama, which will consist of dialogue and action, will depict in dramatic form legal abuses existing in trials prior to Magna Charta, abuses sanctioned and participated in by the King himself, the break between John and the Barons, and finally the sealing of the great charter at Runnymede in the presence of the King, the Barons and the dignitaries of the Church. The costuming and setting will reflect all of the splendor and color of the time in which the event occurred. While this pageant is being given primarily for the American Bar Association, the general public, as heretofore indicated, will be admitted to the capacity of the Auditorium.

ANNUAL DINNER

Friday July 27th, 6.30 p. m. Auditorium. This dinner is the finale of the convention and will culminate with a brilliant after-dinner speaking program. There will be tables enough for 2,500 people. All lawyers, whether members of the American Bar Association or not, and their ladies, may attend. Reservations must be made at the headquarters at The Olympic—time to be announced later. Tickets are \$5 per person. Tables seat ten persons each. Make up your own parties. Cards for this purpose will be supplied at headquarters. Wear evening clothes if you wish, but don't let their absence keep you away

HOTELS

Space in the larger hotels has all been taken. We want our distant guests to have our best facilities. If you haven't already made your hotel reservations, do so at once, as rooms will be scarce.

Wire or write for reservations to the representative of the American Bar Association, now on the ground in Seattle, Mrs. E. O. McCoy Spring Apartment Hotel, Seattle.

ENTERTAINMENT FUND

The Seattle lawyers have undertaken to raise a fund of twenty thousand dollars to provide facilities for the meeting and to adequately entertain our distinguished visitors. Tacoma is contributing her share by

entertaining two hundred of our guests on an all-day trip to Mount Rainier on July 28th.

The Yakima, Skagit, Whatcom, Walla Walla, Snohomish, Clallam, Thurston and Chelan County Bar Associations have also generously contributed to the fund, as well as individual members in various parts of the state.

If your own bar or you as an individual have not contributed, send your contribution now to Chas. T. Donworth, treasurer of the committee, 1006 Hoge Building, Seattle. The money will be judiciously expended.

GLENN J. FAIBROOK,

Chairman Executive Committee.

WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION WILL HOLD NO
CONVENTION THIS YEAR

In deference to the meeting of the American Bar Association in Seattle, July 25 to 27, which the Washington State Bar Association desires to make the greatest in the history of the American Bar, the Washington State Bar Association will hold no convention this year, but will concentrate all its efforts on the national meeting, the holding of which at Seattle this summer represents the successful culmination of a number of years of consistent endeavor by the Washington State Bar Association.

All members of the Washington Bar are urged to attend the national meeting and join as hosts to the Bar of the nation. The national convention offers an opportunity without parallel for inspiration, personal contacts, and new or renewed friendships. It will be a meeting never to be forgotten.

W. J. MILLARD, *Secretary.*

UNIFORM STATE LAW COMMISSIONERS' MEETING IN SEATTLE
JULY 17-23

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws will hold its next annual meeting in Seattle, July 17-23, the week preceding the convention of the American Bar Association. This organization, first sponsored by the American Bar Association in 1889, is at the present time a separate body composed of commissioners from all the states and territories, as well as the District of Columbia, Porto Rico, Alaska and the Philippine Islands. Its object is to effect uniformity of law throughout the different jurisdictions on all subjects where uniformity is deemed desirable and practicable. To effect this purpose numerous acts covering a wide variety of subjects have been drafted and recommended to the states for adoption.

Forty-two acts are on the recommended list at the present time. One of these, the Negotiable Instruments Act, has been adopted in fifty-two jurisdictions. Next in order come the Warehouse Receipts Act with forty-eight, and the Sales Act with twenty-eight adoptions. Every state has adopted at least one or more of the uniform acts. The number of adoptions by states ranges from one in South Carolina to twenty-three in Wisconsin. Adoptions in typical jurisdictions are as follows: Massachusetts, 16; Michigan, 14, Pennsylvania, 13; Illinois, 12; New York, 11, Louisiana, 18; Tennessee, 18; California, 6; Alaska, 15. The State of Washington has adopted seven: the Bills of Lading Act, the Desertion

and Non-Support Act, the Flag Act, the Foreign Probated Wills Act, the Negotiable Instruments Act, the Sales Act, and Warehouse Receipts Act.

The personnel of the Conference consists of three commissioners from each jurisdiction. These men are appointed by the chief executives of the jurisdictions which they represent, and comprise a select body of lawyers truly representative of the entire country. The representatives from the State of Washington are Dix R. Rowland of Tacoma and Richard S. Munter of Spokane; no successor has as yet been appointed for Charles E. Shepard of Seattle, recently deceased.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON LAW ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
MEETING IN SEATTLE, JULY 27TH

The officers of the University of Washington Law Alumni Association desire to announce that its regular annual meeting will be held at a luncheon during the American Bar Association meeting in Seattle on Friday noon, July the 27th, at 12:30 P. M., at the College Club. At this meeting officers for the ensuing year will be elected and certain items of business discussed. The present officers of the Law Alumni Association are: President, Edwin Grueber of Bellingham, Secretary-Treasurer, Theodore D. Carlson of Seattle.

TACOMA BAR ASSOCIATION

The Tacoma Bar Association has been in existence for more than a third of a century. The association is governed by a Constitution and By-Laws, and has the following officers: President, G. C. Nolte; Vice-President, Chas. S. Lyons; Secretary-Treasurer, W. G. Heinly. Trustees, J. H. Gordon, Hugo Metzler, Herbert Cochran, C. P. Burkey, W. W. Mount. W. G. Heinly has been Secretary for the past sixteen years.

Meetings are held Friday noon of each week, and have an average attendance of fifty. The program is varied, generally a speaker of note is selected. Many times matters of general interest to the Bar are assigned to the local members, followed by general discussion. The last meeting of each month is devoted to business and reports of committees. An entertaining program always brings out a large attendance, which is always promoted by the Attendance Committee and a notice in the daily court paper. Meetings are discontinued during June, July and August.

Almost all lawyers engaged in active practice in Pierce County are members of the Association. The raising of the dues in the past year from \$5.00 to \$7.50 did not reduce the membership.

The committee on relief to members has done some very efficient work, and the members, who, through sickness or old age, are dependent, have received substantial financial assistance.

The outstanding social function of the year is the Lincoln Birthday banquet, limited to members only at which time the entire Federal Bench and members of the State Supreme Court are present as guests, as well as all past presidents of the State Bar Association.

W. G. HEINLY, *Secretary.*