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FIRST MEETINGS OF THE PACIFIC COAST INSTITUTE OF LAW AND ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

The first sessions of the Pacific Coast Institute of Law and Administration of Justice were held jointly with the meetings of the Oregon State Bar Association at Eugene, Oregon, on September 6, 7 and 8. The Institute was sponsored two years ago by the Pacific Coast Regional Committee of the Social Science Research Council of America. The executive committee is constituted of representatives of all the Pacific Coast law schools. The primary purpose of the Institute is to bring together once each year on the Pacific Coast for a conference discussion, members of the bench and bar and nationally recognized social scientists and legal scholars. During recent years great advances have been made in social science research, but the findings of these researches have not been generally known to the administrators of the law. The average lawyer and judge do not have the time to read and study a great many social science research treatises. Yet if the results of such research are to benefit society through its legal institutions, they must be made known to the members of the personnel entrusted with the administration of justice. It is such a service that the Institute seeks to perform. It is planned that the Institute shall be charged with the task of studying and analyzing various regional problems involved in the administration of justice in the Pacific Coast area.

At the opening session on Thursday, September 6, presided over by Professor Max Radin of the University of California School of Jurisprudence, Vice-President Burt Brown Barker of the University of Oregon delivered the main address, "Social Responsibility

of Law Schools." This was followed by an address by Ralph H. King, President of the Oregon Bar Association, on "Possibilities of Simplified Code Pleading and Practice." At the afternoon session, presided over by Chief Justice Rand of the Oregon Supreme Court, Dean Herbert Goodrich of the University of Pennsylvania Law School and Adviser on Professional Relations for the American Law Institute, delivered the main address, "New Bottles for Old Wine," in which he outlined the activities of the American Law Institute and the Restatement of the Law. His address was discussed by four members of the Oregon Bar. At the evening session Dean M. R. Kirkwood of the Stanford Law School read a paper on "Legal Education and Admission to the Bar," which was discussed by members of the Oregon Bar.

The morning session on Friday, September 7, was devoted to a consideration of certain problems of administrative law. Dean Harold Shepherd of the University of Washington Law School delivered the principal address on "Legal Controls Through Administrative Law." A spirited discussion by member of the discussion panel and from the floor followed. At the luncheon held at the Eugene Hotel, Professor Max Radin of the University of California spoke on "Solving the Crime Problem by Statute." One of the high lights of the session was the provocative address of Professor Karl N. Llewellyn of the Columbia University Law School, who chose for his address "The Constitution as an Institution." The general theme, although from a different angle, was continued in the evening session when Dean E. A. Gilmore of the University of Iowa School of Law spoke on "Changing Constitutional Concepts."

The final morning session on Saturday was devoted to a discussion of criminal law administration. Professor Newman F. Baker of the Northwestern University School of Law and Professor A. M. Kidd of the University of California Law School were the chief speakers. In the final session held after the banquet at the Eugene Hotel, Dean Albert J. Harno of the University of Illinois Law School read a stimulating and instructive paper on "Whither the Law."

It was voted by the executive committee to hold the sessions of the Institute next year at Seattle, and Dean Harold Shepherd of Washington Law School was elected chairman in charge of the sessions. An invitation has been extended to the Board of Gov-

ernors of the Washington State Bar to hold their sessions next year with the meetings of the Institute.

The Review takes this opportunity to add to that of the bench and bar, its whole-hearted support to the work of the Institute.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE 46th ANNUAL CONVENTION OF
THE WASHINGTON STATE BAR ASSOCIATION HELD
AT TACOMA, WASHINGTON, ON AUGUST 3rd
AND 4th, 1934

Three hundred and eighty-six lawyers and judges answered President O. B. Thorgrimson's call to order when the Forty-sixth annual meeting of the Washington State Bar Association was held at the Winthrop Hotel in Tacoma, Washington, on August 3rd and 4th, 1934. After a brief but gracious address of welcome by E. N. Eisenhower, President of the Tacoma Bar Association, and a response to the welcome by Alan G. Paine of the Spokane Bar, the convention settled down to enjoy one of the most successful and highly interesting meetings in its history

First in the order of business, Bert C. Ross, of Seattle, gave the treasurer's report, which was followed by the address of President Thorgrimson, who gave a general accounting of his stewardship in office, and outlined in brief some of the achievements of the various committees which were selected to make reports on special matters assigned to them.

John S. Robinson, chairman of the committee on Admissions to the Bar, then spoke on the subject investigated by his committee, describing the methods used in examining applicants, the number of questions asked, the gargantuan task of correctly grading the papers, and concluded his remarks with a comparison of the results of the late July bar examinations held in this state with those held in other states throughout the Union.

The report of the committee on Federal Legislation was read by Harry Jones, Chairman, in which there were reviewed some of the more important recent acts of Congress, including Federal Practice, Procedure and Jurisdiction, Interstate Commerce, regulation of the Securities Exchange Act, Labor legislation, Communications Act of 1934, Amendments to the National Bankruptcy Act, Agricultural Relief, and Taxation.

The report of the committee on the Selection of Judges and Activities in Connection Therewith, delivered by Elias A. Wright, Chairman, then followed, provoking from the members of the bar