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1935 MEETING OF PACIFIC COAST INSTITUTE OF LAW

An event of the past summer which has been the subject of much favorable comment was the second annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Institute of Law the sessions of which were held in Condon Hall at the University of Washington under the sponsorship of the School of Law. The Institute was conducted in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Washington State Bar Association and over eight hundred persons, including judges, lawyers, law teachers and representatives of other professional fields, not only from the Pacific Coast states but from other sections of the United States and from Canada, were in attendance. Dean Harold Shepherd of the School of Law was chairman of the committee making all arrangements for the Institute meetings.

The addresses and discussions upon the Institute program were devoted entirely to problems arising out of the community property system. Papers dealing with various aspects of the subject were presented by such recognized authorities as Prof. Richard R. B. Powell of Columbia University, New York City, Dean Marion R. Kirkwood of the Law School, Stanford University, Orrin K. McMurray, Dean of the School of Jurisprudence of the University of California, Hon. George Donworth, Hon. Ben L. Moore and Mr. Charles Horowitz of Seattle, Prof. Charles T. McCormick of Northwestern University School of Law, Wayne L. Morse, Dean of the Law School, University of Oregon, and Mr. Frank L. Mechem of Washington, D. C. Other members of the state bar and of the faculty of the University of Washington Law School contributed valuable discussions of the papers presented.

The community property theme was particularly in accord with the expressed aim of the Institute, which is not only to promote critical discussion of legal problems of particular interest to lawyers of the Pacific Coast states but to present to the legal profession the social and economic aspects of the legal phenomena discussed. That the law of community property is of particular interest and significance to western lawyers is, of course, evident. Moreover, critical analyses of the various phases of the subject and efforts to correlate the development, and to harmonize the principles evolved, in the various states have been very rare. The impact of legal concepts embodied in the system upon other fields of law and the effect of the system upon the social and economic structures of the states are matters which, likewise, have been seldom discussed. The aim of the Institute was to approach the subject in such a manner as to develop these divergent aspects. In so doing the Institute has succeeded in bringing together materials which are unique in the field and which furnish a new basis of understanding not only of developments in community property law but of its effect in practice upon the social order of those states in which the system is operative.

The large attendance throughout the sessions is indicative of the interest which discussions of this type elicit. Through its first two meetings it has been demonstrated that the Institute can contribute much of value to the legal profession of the Pacific Coast states. Every effort should be made to insure its continuation.

INSTITUTE PROCEEDINGS

The editors of the REVIEW are gratified to announce that exclusive publication rights to the materials presented at the second annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Institute of Law have been granted to the REVIEW. The first of the articles in this series will appear in the issue of January, 1936. The publication of the remaining articles will follow in succeeding issues. This series of articles, each of which deals with some aspect of the law of community property, includes not only the most recent collection of authorities upon particular phases of the law, which will be of great practical value to the lawyers of this and other community property states, but presents and discusses many aspects of the subject which have not heretofore been the subject of written comment.

In May of this year Professor Frank L. Mechem, who served as Associate Editor of the REVIEW from 1929 to 1934 and as Editor-in-Chief for Volume IX. and three issues of Volume X., resigned to accept a position on the legal staff of the Bureau of Internal Revenue. His resignation was a great loss to the faculty and the REVIEW. The Law School takes this opportunity of expressing its sincere appreciation for his excellent work as a teacher and faculty editor.

With this issue Professor Alfred E. Harsch becomes Editor-in-Chief. Professor Harsch received the A.B. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Washington. After graduation from the Law School he served as instructor in Business Law in the College of Economics and Business, and for the past two years has been legal counsel to the State Tax Commission at Olympia. He was appointed assistant professor of law in the fall of 1935.

Professor John B. Sholley of the law school faculty has been granted a leave of absence for the academic year 1935-1936 to enable him to accept a graduate fellowship at the University of Chicago School of Law

Warren L. Shattuck, honor graduate of the University of Washington School of Law in 1934 and Sterling Fellow, Yale University School of Law, 1934-1935, has been appointed acting Assistant Professor of Law during the absence of Professor Sholley