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revision of the Code, which revision has been in progress now for several years. It was called to the attention of the meeting that approximately \$145,000 had been spent by the state on this project to date. The opinion was voiced by Mr. Alfred Schweppe that the present draft was so infested with error that its complete abandonment would be cheaper than an attempt to cure it of its infirmities. Senator Westberg and others indicated that the Legislature was still hard at work in an attempt to bring this project to a successful completion, and that the Bar should work with the appropriate legislative committee in an attempt to arrive at a proper decision as to what should be done. Senator Westberg further voiced the opinion that if the project were as hopeless as is indicated by several of the speakers, that upon a showing being made, the Legislature would presumably come to the same opinion and be inclined to give the job to a law book publisher for completion. It was finally voted to appoint a committee to consider the matter and work with the appropriate legislative committee.

The meeting was also addressed by the Attorney General of Alaska, who spoke in favor of granting statehood to that territory

A motion to appoint one or more executive assistants to supervise and manage the Washington State Bar Association under the direction of the Board of Governors failed for want of a second.

A report on the unauthorized practice of law by the militant chairman of the committee is included herein. This report was not given at the State Bar meeting, but it is felt that due to certain proceedings which are about to be taken to curb unauthorized practice, that it should be given publicity at this time.

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME

BY JOHN RUPP

Ladies and gentlemen, it is my special privilege this morning to make you welcome here, to the city of Seattle, and to this University of Washington on whose campus we are met. It is perhaps, I should say, somewhat superfluous to do this since I am sure all of you know that you are always very welcome here. I want, however, to affirm and to fortify your knowledge in that respect.

I was mildly concerned at the outset over what one ought to say in an address of welcome, so I turned to the precedents and went back to the old report of the annual meetings of this Association. Of course I found nothing there of any particular aid to me here, but I did discover a number of points that I thought might afford you some mild entertainment.

As some of you know, from 1888 through 1927 the Washington State Bar Association published each year and in full the proceedings of its annual meeting. These I have consulted.

In 1928, this separate publication was abandoned and a section of the *Washington Law Review*, which Mr. Griffin has just referred to, was devoted to Bar Association affairs. The extent of the coverage in this latter section has been rather varying from year to year. Some years it has been fairly complete; other years it has been quite sketchy

From 1928, however—to my distress—the addresses of welcome have not been published. It is probably all right as far as posterity is concerned—I trust that the reporter is getting all this deathless prose—but it has rather hampered my researches.

Now the first remarks of welcome that I find were not contained in an address, but they appeared in a telegram addressed to the Annual Meeting of 1898, from a gentleman who had betaken himself, his wardrobe, and his pink whiskers to greener fields. And it reads as follows: "To my brothers of the Bar Association, I beg extend my heartiest wishes for their health, recreation and benefit." And it is signed in full of course, "James Hamilton Lewis." Upon reflection, I think Mr. Lewis rather covered the field—health, recreation, and benefit. I don't know who could ask for more.

Now the first published address of welcome antedates us, here, by exactly fifty years. In 1899 one Johnson Nickius, the mayor of Tacoma, urged the assembled lawyers to solve and dispose of the three problems of the trusts of labor and administration of the conquered countries. At that time they were the ones that had been taken from imperial Spain. Those problems, I think, are with us still. Mayor Nickius closed, however, by guaranteeing that the city of Tacoma would accord to the assembled lawyers, and I quote, "That protection which the constitution does not give, protection from the Police Department."

In 1902 at Ellensburg, Mr. Austin Meyers welcomed the Association to that beautiful city by quoting Portia's graceful line, "Sirs, you are very welcome to our house. It must appear in other ways than words. Therefore, I scant this breathing courtesy" Now that same quotation was used, I find, by Mr. Joseph McCarthy at Spokane in 1919. I just throw that in.

In 1914 we find more poetry, this time at Wenatchee. In his re-

sponse to the address of welcome Mr. L. B. Stedman delivered himself of this heartfelt compliment: "We have come to meet judges so wise and so grand that we shake in our shoes, while they are shaking our hand."

In 1918 Mr. C. M. Riddell, who was the mayor of Tacoma at that time, put his welcome on an exceedingly high plane. I am sure, of course, that it was entirely warranted. Mr. Riddell said in closing, "I turn over the city of Tacoma without any restrictions to you, knowing that men of our profession live in that sphere of life where nothing will be done save in the line of upholding law and order." Now this trusting statement was very promptly put in its proper perspective by the Honorable Kenneth McIntosh who remarked in his response that that might be all right as to the lawyers but that he had some doubt as to whether it would apply to Supreme and Superior Court judges.

In 1921, in Olympia, Mr. Lloyd Savage of Seattle, in responding to the mayor's address of welcome—the mayor was a grocer named Mr. C. C. Bowen—remarked that he observed on the printed program the scriptural text, "Come now let us reason together." And he said that he had looked up the rest of the verse which, of course, is a very common device that one employs when somebody quotes something—you always look up the rest of the quotation. Mr. Savage had done that, and he found that the whole thing read as follows: "Come now; let us reason together. Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be white as snow"

I find, I might say, no record of any further use of biblical text on Bar Association programs. A year later, at Tacoma, Mr. Carol Gordon, who was the President then of the Pierce County Bar Association, said, "The city is unlocked and is said to stand fairly wide open." And one Sam Driver, of Wenatchee, in responding to Mr. Gordon asked, and I quote, "Is this the Gordon of the Gin Family? If so I hope to know him better."

All through those prohibition years you find gay and sly references to the demon rum. The Bar, one gathers, was not exactly in sympathy with the noble experiment, and the conventions of those years were evidently quite well irrigated. In fact, you will find the printed program of one meeting shows that the first order of business for the second day was first aid to the injured.

In 1923 the Association, in accordance with what I regard as a

splendid custom, met in Vancouver, B. C. And there the Honorable A. M. Manson, who was the Attorney General, concluded his welcome with the glowing words, "Boys, the town is yours"—and I understood that they took the Honorable A. M. Manson at his word at Vancouver, B. C., in 1923.

A year later in Spokane, Ben Kiser struck a graceful note when he said, "I need hardly say that no tickets are necessary. Just your own imposing presences will get you in anywhere."

Now I wish that I could say the same, ladies and gentlemen, but twenty-five years seem to have regimented us so that imposing presences seem to be no longer enough. And I must confess that, in 1949, tickets are necessary.

In 1925, Mr. Alfred H. Lundin was President of the Seattle Bar Association and, in welcoming this Association here, he remarked, "Our town is open, wide open, and if you need any directions consult the police. Our policemen are courteous and competent and they will give you the proper directions." Mr. Lundin's old partner, Bill Devin, is now mayor of Seattle, and I am sure that Bill will agree with these words of sound advice so freely given twenty-four years ago.

I am running out of authorities, ladies and gentlemen, and I have but one more. I find that in 1926 the convention was held at Big Four Inn, and that Mr. J. D. Fougherty, the President of the Snohomish County Bar Association, gave the address of welcome. He said he was sorry that he couldn't give it as it was written, but that he had George Rummens and Al Schweppe write the speech. And it was filled so full of complimentary references to themselves, and really contained very little else, that he didn't think he could give it as written.

This concludes this brief history lesson, and I have got to hurry on.

The sixty-second Annual Meeting of our Association—and that is a lot of annual meetings—is being held here on the campus of the University of Washington because the time of the meeting coincides with that selected by the School of Law for the celebration of its first fifty years. I trust that I speak for all of you in extending our congratulations to that fine institution on this occasion, and our hearty best wishes for many more such anniversaries. I think I

might include in that at this time the Schools of Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing, and Pharmacy

Both the University and its Law School are open for your inspection. I hope that you will take a look around, in addition to the look that some of us had this morning. The University seems to have laid its hands on some money in recent years. The campus at the moment has been taken over by construction workers. I hope that before too long all this work will be finished and that the place can settle down to the landscape quiet that some of us remember when we were students here.

In formally welcoming you to Seattle I think I need say no more than that the city is always glad to see you and that you are now, as always, most heartily welcome here.

Now, from the printed programs, you can see that there is much to be done at this meeting. We have tried to expedite matters by printing the committee reports beforehand. We have succeeded in printing practically all of them except the report of the committee of which I am chairman.

As to the work to be done here, let me close with a few lines of our old friend, W Shakespeare. You know until John L. Lewis took over W Shakespeare he was a rather popular character for quoting from. But I'll go on anyway. In the opening scene of *Measure for Measure*, the Duke of Vienna starts the action of the play with the following lines to the old scholar—and I think that they are rather appropriate as opening lines for a State Bar Association Convention.

Of government the properties to unfold,
 Would seem in me to affect speech and discourse,
 Since I am put to know that your own science
 Exceeds, in that, the lists of all advice
 My strength can give you then no more remains,
 But that to your sufficiency, as your worth is able,
 And let them work. The nature of our people,
 Our city's institutions, and the terms
 For common justice, you're as pregnant in,
 As art and practice hath enriched any
 That we remember. There is our commission,
 From which we would not have you warp.

Ladies and gentlemen, you are very welcome here.