

Repeal Not Realise

"Here is the situation: An impor-tant part of the constitution of this state has been changed, and no one-not even those responsible for its word-ing and presentation for adoption-ever knew until after the vote was taken that it remained as cutter article taken, that it repealed an entire article of that most important document. It completely wipes out portions of that instrument to which so objection has ever been made, and without which it is possible for the judicial arm of the state to get along only by presuming the existence of certain essential pow-ers, necessary to fis proper exercise of the functions of the court. Doubliess if the subject had been opportunely looked into and the proper attention given it, this uncertainty need not now

Persons who write essays for the contest are expected to follow the fola so vering." Mr. Slater's address was followed by lowing directions: the reading and discussion of a paper on "What Changes Should He Made in Our Judicial System?" by ex-Justice of the State Supreme Court Will R. King. Most important of the changes sug-gested were the creation of a Circuit Court in every county, the extension of membership and power of the Water Board, and the creation of an intermediate appellate court, with provision, as the population grows, for the en-largement of the number of members of both this appellate court and the Su-preme Court, to guarantee swift dispatch of business.

Costs Deemed too High.

Mr. King deplored the growing cost that attaches to appeals, saying that conditions were rapidly reaching a state where "only the rich need apply" in the courts of append. He believed that the costs of litigation should be reduced so that the poor should have an equal chance for ascuring their rights in the courts. A. E. Chark, of the State Code Com-

mission, which was appointed by Gov-ernor West to draft plans for reor-ganization of the judicial system of the state, led the discussion that followed the County Court and, as a substitute, favored establishing Circuit Courts in each of the counties. "We found it not advisable," he said.

"We found it not advisable," he said, "Io go as far as we were inclined, and example for a Circuit Judgs for each county, but plan to join the smaller and more sparsely settled counties, in which there will not be a great mass of business, into districts of two coun-ties each. We do not believe that the people of the state would be willing, on the abolishment of the office of County Index to commend the argument of the termine of the files of the state would be the state would be the state of the offices of County index to commend the argument of the termine of the state would be the state woul The accliminant of the expense of a Cir-cuit Judge's selary for each county. While we are abolishing 24 county judges, this does not represent the total abolition of their salaries, which will not equal the salaries of more than seven or eight Circuit Judges.

Plans Not Complete.

"We have not finally settled upon any of our plans, but will probably sub-mit rough drafts of the measure we are preparing to the lawyers of the state for advice and suggestion, before draw-ing it up in its final form."

Mr. Clark was followed by other members of the Commission, and a rapid fire of suggestions and questions was kept up throughout the latter part of the session by the lawyers in at-

Circuit Judge Morrow offered the suggestion that the power of appeal be limited to exclude petty cases in-volving only small sums of money. He asserted that the business of the courts was at present diverse by hundreds of was at present clogged by hundreds of little cases appealed from the municipal courts, in which there was no point of law or constitutionnilty involved. E. C. Bronauch, supporting Judge Morrow's suggestions, declared that in his own experience an entire week had have frittered away in the Circuit Court

been frittered away in the Circuit Court with three jury trials in nose of which there was more than \$75 involved. Both Mr. Bronaugh and Judge Morrow were generally supported by those present in their contention that the suggested action would do much to relieve the congestion in the business of the higher Suicide Laid to Lawyer. The morning session was devoted en-tirely to routine business, reports of committees and appointment of new enswites, a sensation de-veloped in the charge of Julius Silve-

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are absolutely valueless. It is the man who economizes for his home and fam-ily who is deserving of great praise and who is just as valuable to a com-munity as the man who is financially able to buy a costly residence for cash. It is admitted that it is the class of persons who are writing these essays that does invaluable good in the up-building of Fortland. The story on "How I Won My Home" may help many others to realize such an ambition!

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An ocean-going passenger steamer has been chartered by the Elks of the California "orange belt" to bring the antier-wearers of Redlands, Riverside, Pomona, Santa Ana and San Bernardi-no to the convention in Portland next July. It is probable that 500 persons will make the trip. The second number of The Portland

Mr. King's paper, agreeing with the speaker in the majority of his sugges-tions. He said that the Commissioners had recently voted for the aboiltion of the County Court and, as a substitute, favored establishing Circuit Courts in sach of the commission. contributora.

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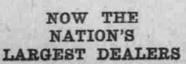


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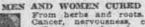
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