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At Important Session Adopts Resolution Asking Legislature to Make Appropriation

ture to Make Appropriation to Carry on Work.

Concluding a two day session yesterday afternoon, the Oregon Bar association closed one of the most interesting and instructive annual conventions ever held by it. One of the important results of the convention was the adoption of a reasolution providing for the drafting of a bill appropriating, through the state legislature, a fund to be used by the suprema court in prosecuting charges preferred against Oregon lawyers by the grievance committee of the Bar association.

On motion of former United States Senatar Charles W. Fulton, the chair appointed a committee of the laws relating to the federal judiciary and to make such recommendations to congress as the committee shall, deem proper. The proposed measure is the subject of extremely diverse views on the part of the bench and bar of the country. One of its chief aims is to divorces the appellate court from the

country. One of its chief aims is to divorce the appellate court from the court of first instance. This contem-plated procedure is meeting, so it is said, with strong opposition on the part of federal judges on western circuits. Portiand Selected.

A motion was made by Secretary J.

E. Bronaugh to designate Salem as the place of the next annual meeting of the association. The motion was objected to on the ground that the attendance would be materially cut down if any smaller city than Portland were selected as a meeting place, at least until the organization increases in size.

Portland was selected as the location of the next annual convention, and, be-fore the association adjourned, it voted to hold a special meteing at 10 o'clock on the morning of December 28 next. At this meeting a report from the special committee appointed to confer with the grievance committee will be received and acted upon. Recommendations to be made to the next legislature will also

Following were the officers elected yesterday: President, Judge W. T. Slater of the state supreme court; secretary, W. L. Brewster; treasurer, Charles J. Schnabel; executive comittee, C. E. S. Wood, A. E. Clark, L. R. Webster, R. A. Miller, E. E. Heckbert, B. S. Huntington; vice presidents of the various judicial districts of the state, R. G. Smith A. C. Woodcock, T. G. Greene, an herbal compound and we would ad-

a delivered the principal address of the afternoon. Judge Huneke chose as his subject "Criticism of the Courts." He dwelt especially upon the unjust criticisms. He declared that the courts, however, are blamable for many of the law's delays, for which they are fre-quently scored.

"Altogether too much time is spent in the impaneling of juries, the examina-tion of witnesses, etc.," said the speaker, but unfortunately, the tendency of fault finders in these days is to go to extremes. They not only criticize where criticism is deserved, but they heap abuse upon the courts and unjust com-

"These abuses, for the sake of better government, indeed, for the perpetustion of government, must be corrected and members of the bar can do a great deal to disseminate the truth about our courts. They can tell clients that a judge cannot permit his sympathies to interfere with his judicial decisions, that he is by an interpreter of the law and that he is in duty bound to render dictums regardless of his personal con-victions as to the justice of the law. Press Can Help.

"The public schools can also do a creat deal to educate the people as to the proper functions of the judiciary, but the greatest institution of all for the false notions, once isunched, and quieting unjust attacks upon our courts, is the public press. I fear it is true that the press is largely responsi-ble for such criticisms and hence it is but right that we should look to the fair minded, intelligent and patriotic men who control the press, for assistance in this effort for the common good.

"A decision of public concern is car-ried by the great dailies to the four corners of the land. It causes criticism, on the one hand, and commendation on the other. Since criticism is more eagerly read than commendation, criticlam is given the greater publicity and the fire is started.
"Then come the magazines with their

endous power of creating, moulding and influencing public opinion. As a rule, these publications are controlled by fair minded, intelligent and patriotic men and it would seem only necessary to call their attention to the ultimate baneful effect of unjust criticism of the courts, upon our form of government, to have them use their influence to extinguish this fire of criticism, and let judges, as individuals, but for the sake and good of our common country. Geisler Reads Paper.

"If the unjust criticism of which have spoken shall continue unchecked; if the people shall revile the courts; if they, will demand servile obedience to their wishes; if they would destroy the independence and strength of the courts and make them varillating, then you must tear the bandage from the eyes of Justice and say that henceforth she shall scrutinize her suitors and her decisions shall be governed, not by right, but by might, by friendship, by influence, by purchase. God forbid that such a calamity may ever befall our land!"

Judge D, J. Geisler read a short-but interesting paper on the "Nonparksan Judiciary." In part the judge said: "My reflections may be presented in

two main questions: "First—Why did the public ignore our advice? To this question I will offer an answer as I see H. My answer is, because our bar, assembly, to outsiders, had all the outward appearance of a common political scheme, concocoted by a few, whose program all who joined ere expected to carry out.

Advising Public. claim that we were merely adadvising? When a group of men nom inate one man for a particular place are merely advising, this group is

their choice, and the hand of all others against this selecting group.

"This is the method of the old-time nominating convention. It should not, even in appearance, be the method of an advisory assembly, such as we desired to hold. I can more quickly make my point clear by the statement of my second main question, which is: Are we presumptious in undertaking to guide the public in the selection of the judiciary? Do wer in such attempt, usurp the rights of the voters at large? My answer is No, when we wonfine ourselves to advice.

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ington; vice presidents of the various judicial districts of the state, R. G. Smith, A. C. Woodcock, T. G. Greene, H. H. Hewitt, J. E. Hedges, J. A. Fee, A. A. Jayne, C. A. Johns, G. E. Davis, T. H. Crawford, Jay Bowerman and W. Lair Thompson.

Electronic Members Elected.

The following attorneys were elected into membership in the association: J. J. Stanley, Conrad P. Olsen, J. J. Lichtenberger and W. M. Bowe.

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