

The most interesting topic touched upon at the recent meeting of the American bar association was that of "the delay and uncertainty in judicial administration," which formed the subject of a carefully considered report of the veteran legal reformers David Dudley Field and Judge John F. Dillon. The conclusion arrived at by these gentlemen was that the delay and uncertainty referred to could be materially lessened by the adoption of the following among other principles and measures:

- 1. Allowing summary judgment upon negotiable instruments unless when the defendant is permitted by order based on affidavit to interpose a defense.
2. Making the methods of procedure simple and direct, and doing as much as possible out of court.
3. Shortening trials before courts by the enforcement of stricter discipline and closer adherence to the precise issue involved.
4. Limiting the duration of trials before referees.
5. Limiting the grounds for postponements of trials.
6. Imposing penalties for the introduction of irrelevant matter into the records.
7. Limiting the time within which motions for or against provisional remedies must be decided.
8. Restricting the granting of new trials to cases where it is apparent that injustice has been done.
9. Appointing temporary judges to dispose of business left unfinished at the adjournment of courts of first instance.
10. Limiting appeals to courts of last resort in cases where they adjourn for a term, leaving unfinished business.
11. Shortening the time within which appeals should be allowed.
12. Using greater care in the selection of judges.
13. Reducing the law itself, as far as possible to the form of a statute.
14. The collection and publication of statistics of litigation, to the end that people may know what business is waiting to be done.

To the mind of the ordinary layman it has long seemed that much, if not too much of the work of the courts has to be redone. Vast sums of money are spent yearly in procuring retrials in the courts of first instance and reviews in the appellate courts. Whatever the fact may be, the presumption is, speaking generally, that such reviews and retrials are necessary, either because of an imperfect apprehension of the law on the part of the judge of the first instance, or on account of an improper application of the law to the facts in the case before him. In most cases probably no real necessity for a retrial or a review is found to exist; but that as it may, reviews are sought for at the expense of time and treasure of litigants and of the state. The way to guard against such delays as arise from the causes mentioned, which are perhaps as influential as any in promoting delay, would seem to lie in the direction of increasing the powers of the courts of first instance, and elevating their personnel and in limiting the right to retrials and appeals.

With men of high attainments on the benches of our courts of original jurisdiction much of the necessity for appeals and new trials might be regarded as done away with. Of course an appellate organization would be necessary, if for no other reason than to maintain uniformity in the law. But the confidence felt in original courts of high character would in great part relieve the pressure on

the courts of last resort. Such a line of policy as that indicated would, without doubt, excite a very vigorous opposition among those interested in prolonging litigation, and might even excite the anxious criticism of many not thus interested, but it would, we think, commend itself to the great mass of disinterested citizens. From time immemorial it has been recognized that it is to the interest of the state that there should be a speedy end to litigation. It is of more importance that judicial business should be put in train to be done, that disputes should reach a speedy settlement, than that any particular set of legal conceptions should be polished to the last stage of refinement. This is the view that is taken by the people at large, as is seen in the popularity of methods of arbitration. It is also that favored (theoretically) by the policy of the law, though it is often widely departed from by some of the ministers of the law. The necessities of the time demand a closer realization of the principle in practice than it has hitherto been possible to secure.

RUSSIA proposes a conference of ambassadors of the European powers at Constantinople, for the settlement of the Roumelia question "on the basis of accepting the union of Bulgaria and Roumelia as an accomplished fact." The generosity of this proposition is remarkable. "My friend Bulgaria, here, has stolen your pocketbook," says Russia to the Turk. "Now I propose that my other friends, England, Germany, and one or two more, shall come in and settle the trouble between you amicably—on the understanding that Bulgaria shall keep the pocketbook. If you don't agree to this fair basis of settlement, we will all turn and thrash you until you are ready to give up your watch, coat, hat, and boots as well." The world has never, or hardly ever, heard, even from Russia, anything in statecraft more purely equitable than this.

NEW TO-DAY. Citation. IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, for the county of Clatsop. In the matter of the Estate of the minor heirs of J. G. Coe deceased. To the next of kin to Benjamin Coe and Terry Coe, minors, and all others interested, viz: Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, Henry Coe, Mrs. Clara Overton, Reuben Coe, Ira Coe, Alfred Coe, Eliza Coe, Oliver Coe, Jas. W. Welch and D. H. Welch, greeting: In the name of the state of Oregon, you are hereby cited and required to appear in the County Court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Clatsop, at the court room thereof, at Astoria in the county of Clatsop on Monday the 26th day of October, 1885, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of that day, then and there to show cause, if any, why a license should not be granted for the sale of the two ninths interest in the following real estate, to-wit: lots three (3) and four (4) in block thirty (30) of the town now city of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John McClure and the Donation Land claim of J. G. Coe, deceased. Said two ninths interest being the interests of Benjamin Coe and Terry Coe, minor heirs of J. G. Coe deceased. Ordered that this citation be published in THE DAILY ASTORIAN, of Astoria, Oregon. Witness: C. A. McGUIRE, Judge of the County Court of the county of Clatsop, with the seal of said court affixed this 8th day of September, A. D. 1885. Attest: C. J. TRENCHARD, Clerk.

Restaurant For Sale. APPLY AT ASTORIAN OFFICE. Notice. IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FIRM of Hu Kiu & Co. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Wong Ying having bought out Charlie Hoo and Wong Faw Tew. Wong Ying continues the business under the name of He Kee, and pays all bills and collects all moneys due the said firm. CHARLIE HOO, WONG YING, WONG FAW TEW. Astoria, September 28th, 1885.

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Annual Stock Holders Meeting. NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stock Holders of the O. P. L. & H. association will be held in Odd Fellows Hall on Monday, October 5th, at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment this day. G. REED, Pres.

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