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## Report of Legislative Committee of the Wyoming State Bar

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REPORT OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE  
OF THE WYOMING STATE BAR

The three members in attendance at the Bar Meeting submit this report on behalf of the Legislative Committee.

The work of the committee this year has been negligible due to the fact that there has been no session of the Legislature and that no prepared bills were submitted to the Committee and in accordance with established procedure, the Committee considers only duly prepared bills.

A good many suggestions, however, have been submitted to the Committee and it is recommended that the duly appointed Legislative Committee give consideration to some of the suggestions outlined herein.

1. That the salaries of District Judges be increased to not less than \$10,000.00 and Supreme Court Judges to not less than \$12,000.00 a year.

2. That the Chief Justice be authorized to designate a District Judge to serve for another in case of total incapacity or death.

3. That a special committee be appointed by the President to study needed improvement in the State Judicial system with special reference to adoption of the Missouri plan for selection of judges, establishment of county courts, redistricting of the present judicial districts, appointment of District Judges at large, etc.

4. That the present recording statutes be examined with the view of clarifying the type of instruments that can be recorded.

5. That a permanent codification committee be appointed with a permanent secretary to be paid by the State of Wyoming, to codify existing statutes such as school laws, municipal laws, criminal laws and procedure, election laws, etc.

6. The matter of unauthorized and unethical practice of law was referred to the committee, but it was our opinion that the laws of Wyoming on this subject are ample and it is purely a matter of enforcing existing legislation.

7. The matter of legislation authorizing creation of tenancy by the entireties directly instead of through a third party, has been proposed. We are in favor of this proposal and the interested parties should submit the proposal in the form of a bill for the consideration of the next Committee.

The matter of terminating estates by the entireties has also been referred to the Committee and it is our opinion that no legislation is needed and the title standards committee should make proper recommendations.

8. The matter of the salaries of county officials was referred to the Committee, by the First Judicial District Bar and it is our opinion that this is not a matter for this Committee to consider and is not within their province.

Respectfully submitted,

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John P. Ilsley  
James O. Wilson

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#### REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

During the past year the Wyoming State Bar lost but three of its members, but all of them had had long careers in the legal profession, 42 years, 56 years, and 58 years respectively, and all of them had attained some degree at least of distinction in the profession, and all were outstanding members of their respective communities. They had contributed largely to the progress of the profession in Wyoming, and to the progress of their respective communities. The Wyoming State Bar feels keenly the loss of Robert E. McNally, Spencer Eugene Phelps, and Judge Cornelius D. Murane.

#### ROBERT E. McNALLY

Robert E. McNally died September 11, 1951 at Sheridan, Wyoming, where he had practiced law since 1911. He was born January 14, 1885 at Cascade, Iowa. He attended St. Mary's College at Xavier, Kansas, and Creighton University at Omaha, Nebraska, where he received his BA degree in 1906 and his Law Degree in 1909. He was City Prosecutor in South Omaha, 1909-1911, coming to Sheridan in the fall of that year.

Throughout his many years of practice at Sheridan, he was active in public and community affairs. He was elected to and served in the House of Representatives of the Wyoming State Legislature from 1915 to 1917. He was active in Republican politics for many years and was well known throughout that State for his exceptional ability as a public speaker. He served on the Yellowstone River Compact Commission. He was active in the preparation of the Compact which was ratified and adopted by the Wyoming State Legislature in 1951.

He was a great student of early Western history and in his writings and public addresses, brought to light many matters of great interest to the public which he had uncovered by his diligent research. He was a good story teller and and as an after-dinner speaker and toastmaster, he was unexcelled.

His wide business interests took him into the fields of banking, ranching and real estate, in all of which he was very successful, but his first interest was the law, to which he devoted himself assiduously throughout his many years of practice.