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Section 44-1108 relating to the dissolution of corporations and distribution of proceeds on hand to the lawful owners of the shares of stock.

The Bill passed and is now Chapter 175, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.

Section 60-1101 relating to service on the Secretary of State when a non-resident person has used the highways of the State of Wyoming and permits service in case of death, upon the executor or administrator of said deceased person.

The Bill passed and is now Chapter 95, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.

Section 6-2305 relating to final notice in closing of estates.

The Bill passed and is now Chapter 150, Session Laws of Wyoming, 1955.

Section 31-109 relating to number of District Judges.

This Bill did not pass.

The Bar proposed legislation to increase the State Bar dues from \$10.00 to \$20.00 per annum. This Bill was introduced, passed the Senate, but failed to pass the House.

CONCLUSION

With the proper directed effort, it is believed that legislation respecting the increase of the dues, and relating to the number of district judges, can be successfully sponsored and passed at the next Session.

Mr. Chairman, the Committee having performed its duty, I move you that the report be accepted and the Committee discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

Ewing T. Kerr, Chairman

David N. Hithcock

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Charles M. Crowell

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGY COMMITTEE

During the past year and since our last meeting there has been reported the death of three of our members of the Wyoming State Bar.

ELWOOD ANDERSON

Elwood Anderson passed away Wednesday, May 18, 1955, at his home in Gillette, Wyoming, at the age of 74 years. Elwood Anderson was born in Cedar County, Iowa, February 16, 1881. He attended schools in Avoca, Iowa, and received his B.A. and B.S. degrees from the University of Missouri

and his LL.B. from the University of Iowa. He also took one year of post graduate work at the University of Chicago.

Mr. Anderson came to Gillette, Campbell County, Wyoming, in 1911 and was the first County Attorney of Campbell County, Wyoming, by the election in 1912, and served several terms as County Attorney and also as City Attorney for the Town of Gillette. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of Iowa in 1900, the Supreme Court of Wyoming in 1912 and the Supreme Court of the United States in 1931. He was a member of the American Bar Association for many years.

Throughout his adult life he has been extremely active and interested in the Masonic orders and has had some of its highest honors bestowed upon him. He is survived by a son, Val, of Avoca, Iowa, and a daughter, Mrs. Ines Deaver, of Gillette, Wyoming.

He was a distinguished and honored member of our Wyoming State Bar.

CLYDE M. WATTS

Clyde M. Watts was born November 11, 1871, at Winchester, Indiana, the son of Joseph and Matilda Watts. He was educated in the public schools of Winchester, later studied law in the office of A. L. Nichols and was admitted to the Bar of Indiana. Mr. Watts subsequently became the court reporter for the District Court of Randolph County at Winchester.

He went to Cleveland, Ohio, where he served as clerk and stenographer for Pecands-Mather and Company, the assistant counsel for the Lake Shore Railroad and M. A. Hanna and Company. He was transferred to the Republican Headquarters at Chicago where he was Chief Clerk in Mark Hanna's office during the McKinley campaign. When the campaign was over, he secured a position as clerk for Lacey and VanDevanter, attorneys in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where he worked from 1896 to 1898.

Clyde M. Watts was married to Miss Nellie E. Purdy on May 24, 1898. They had one son, Joseph C. Watts, born May 24, 1904.

Mr. Watts was a member of the Wyoming National Guard, a corporal in Battery A until it was ordered to the Philippines in 1898.

He was elected to the Wyoming State Legislature for the term 1904 to 1906, elected Laramie County Attorney for the term 1911 to 1912, served as Assistant U. S. Attorney from 1921 to 1928, and as Judge of the First Judicial District of Wyoming in 1928. He also served as attorney for the House during two terms of the Legislature.

HARRY H. SCHWARTZ

A former United States Senator from Wyoming, Harry H. Schwartz passed away at the age of 86 years on April 24, 1955. He was born on a farm in Mercer County, Ohio, May 18, 1869. As a youth, he worked as a printer, reporter, and publisher. As a young man, he read law at night in the study of his uncle, Judge Van Seggern, in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was admitted to the Bar in South Dakota in 1895 and in 1896 was elected to the South Dakota State Legislature. In 1897 he entered the service of the Department of the Interior as an Investigator of Land Claims and became Chief of the Field Division in the Western States. After several years service with the Department of the Interior, he took an appointment in the Department of Justice and left the Federal Service in 1910.

In 1916 he moved to Casper with his family and opened an office there for the practice of law, specializing in oil and land litigation. Mr. Schwartz was very active in civic and political affairs, serving many years as a member and President of the School Board and also as a Trustee of the Natrona County Memorial Hospital. He also served on the Board of Directors and as Vice-President of the Casper Chamber of Commerce, and was interested in many other civic and political activities.

Mr. Schwartz was elected to the United States Senate in 1936 and served as Senator from Wyoming from 1937 through 1943. In 1944 he was appointed as a member of the National Railroad Mediation Board and served in that capacity for many years. He devoted the recent years to the practice of law and to the oil interests which he had in the State of Wyoming, and although his health had been failing in recent years, he maintained his regular office schedule until very recently, despite the difficulties brought about by his advancing age.

Senator Schwartz was a member of the Lions Club, the Elks Clubs, the Casper Literary Club, and the Masonic Orders in the State of South Dakota. He is survived by his wife, Eliza, and 11 children.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wyoming State Bar at its regular annual meeting assembled in Cody, Wyoming, on September 1, 2 and 3, 1955, pay its respects to Elwood Anderson, Harry Schwartz and Clyde M. Watts, and we recognize their contribution to the legal profession in the State of Wyoming; that our sympathies be extended to their bereaved families and that our memories of these three distinguished gentlemen be perpetuated by extending this resolution upon the minutes of the meeting of the Association.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the families of these three distinguished members of our profession.

Wilbur O. Henderson, Chairman
Harry A. Thompson, Member
Lee S. Nebaker, Member