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N. Y. CITY CLASSMATES DINE

A complimentary dinner by the U. of M. ’94 Laws located in New York City was given on February 10th, 1921, at the National Democratic Club, in honor of classmate U. S. Judge Howe, of Vermont, who was holding court in New York City during the month of February. The guest of the evening had not met most of those present since graduation, twenty-six years before, and in fact a number of the latter also had not seen one another since commencement in 1894. It took but little time to penetrate the thin atmosphere of reserve. As life’s stories were exchanged and the humor and episodes of quiz, lecture and campus recalled, the spirit of class fellowship quickly asserted itself and the happy, enthusiastic faces, gave evidence of new friendships formed and old ones renewed. Besides the popular guest, not the least attraction of the party was one of the two esteemed girls members of the class. The evening came all too quickly to a close and left everyone hungry for more of such occasions in the future. Those present were: Judge H. B. Howe, Lulu Richardson Kelby (wife of Judge Kelby), Earl D. Babst, “Grover” (Holbrook G.) Cleaveland, Reuben D. Silliman, B. F. Wollman, who was in charge of the arrangements, and Henry W. Webber.

LETTER FROM JUDGE TUTTLE

“Dear Mr. Editor:-

The interest which I feel in my classmates and what they are doing makes me bold enough to comply with your request and let you know about myself.

I’ll just mention four things in the order of their importance.

1. For more than eight years I have been both father and mother to two of the finest girls in all the country. Ruth will graduate from high school next June and Esther in June, 1923.

2. The Eastern Judicial District of Michigan was created in 1878 with one judge. Detroit then had a population of 162,000. Since that time Detroit has become the fourth city, with 1,000,000 people and other cities in this District have increased in population in much the same proportion. We still have one judge and statistics show that he is the busiest judge in the United States, and these figures do not lie.

3. At the biennial convention held at St. Louis during the holidays, I was re-elected Eminent Supreme Archon (corresponding to the office of president) of Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. This work keeps me closely in touch with ninety-one educational institutions of our country.

4. The only vacations I have had during the eight years I have been on this bench are a few days which I have taken for hunting and fishing. I have shot a deer each fall for many years. Last fall I not only shot a fine buck to bring home, but I also shot the camp deer which was eaten in the woods. The year before I not only shot a fine buck but a bull moose and a black bear. Nothing can bring such quick and complete rest and relaxation as the great out-of-doors.

Very sincerely yours,

ARTHUR J. TUTTLE.


J. C. TRAVIS ON THE BENCH

It is a pleasure to announce that Julius C. Travis has been elected a member of the Supreme Court of Indiana, the court of last resort in that state. Appos of his election, we received the following from classmate Emma Eaton White, recently appointed a Deputy Attorney General of Indiana:

“When I made my first oral argument before the Supreme Court of Indiana, as Deputy Attorney General, which was on the third day of my term, and therefore at the first sitting of the newly elected bench, one of the faces looked exceptionally familiar. On inquiry I found him to be a classmate, J. C. Travis, elected from La Porte.”
THE BULLETIN

CLASS OFFICERS AND COUNCIL

Henry W. Webber, Pres.-Sec.-Treas.
Fred W. Smith
James J. Sheridan
Ralph Hartzell
F. E. Chamberlain
Vice Presidents

WAKE UP!

In another column is reported the getting together of classmates in a city remote from Ann Arbor. Anybody who knows New York understands how hard it is to corral a bunch with so many magnets pulling in every direction. The success of the New York gathering furnishes a worthy example for others to follow. It is a fact that at our latest and most successful reunion, the large cities made comparatively the poorest showing in attendance. Here is a remedy. Remember we are to have some more reunions. Get together, you fellows in Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, Denver, Washington, Indianapolis, Pittsburgh, Portland (Ore.), Seattle, Benton Harbor, Omaha! Chicago with 17 and Detroit with 17 classmates each alone could have a local '94 Law club.

Here is a lead, you class patriots. Get busy!

NEEDS OF THE BULLETIN

We wish to repeat what we stated in the initial number of our class publication:

"In order to make THE BULLETIN interesting to all, each classmate must take it upon himself to supply the Editor not only with news about himself but also with items about other members of the class. Forget your modesty! The success of our leaflet will depend entirely upon how you observe that mandate. Mail us some news right now! Other communications and suggestions are invited."

If you will observe the above, we shall be able to get out news fresh and promptly. Many of the items come to us in a round-about way and often by chance. It stands to reason that unless you help us we may not only publish items until long after the event, but also fail altogether to report some very interesting news.

We invite each classmate to write us a line telling about his activities in his section of the country, about his city and state or about anything that he thinks might be of interest to classmates. We have already published such letters in the past and this number contains one by Judge Tuttle. We should particularly like to have a letter from each one of our judges. We want to know something about their activities, in and out of court. A judge's life generally is isolated and exclusive; he stands aloof, so to speak, from his fellows. Here is an opportunity for our classmate judges to get away from that habit and tradition and to mix with us informally, though only by letter.

THE NEW DIRECTORY

After some delay by the printer, we were able at last to mail the booklets on February 9th, to every living classmate and surviving member of our former faculty. Should any have failed to receive a copy, a line to that effect written to the President would immediately bring back a duplicate by return mail. Bulletin No. 4, due in January, was held up so that it could be forwarded with the directory, to save postage. A copy of the Bulletin also will be mailed upon request, should any have failed to reach its destination. There are a few copies of directory No. 1 still on hand; should any member have lost his copy, another will be mailed upon request.

The editor wishes to acknowledge the receipt of very many fine communications from classmates containing expressions of gratitude and praise upon the compilation and appearance of the new directory, which are sincerely appreciated. It is always nice to receive praise, even though one does not deem it quite deserved in each instance.

NEW YORK JUDGES

Ontario County, New York, claims two of our men, both on the bench, classmate H. L. Dunton, of the Surrogates' Court, and R. F. Thompson, one of our Quizmasters, of the Supreme Court.
UNPAID DUES

The class treasurer regrets to be obliged to report that a great many dues remain outstanding unpaid. Other class organizations tax each member $10. Our tax is so trivial, that there is no reason why each classmate should not contribute. By failing to do so a greater burden is cast upon those who pay their dues, to meet the necessary expenses. A list of the delinquents will be sent to the Vice Presidents with instructions that each get in touch with those in his respective section of the country relative to the same. The following letter was sent by the President to each delinquent on February 28th, 1921:

“Dear Classmate:

The year 1920 has come and gone and we have not received your class tax. Three statements were sent to you as reminders and this is the final one. The small sum of $5 was unanimously fixed at the Quarter Century Reunion as the tax or dues for each member, to cover the expenses of publication of the class directory and Bulletins and of carrying on the class organization until the next reunion. No further calls for money for these purposes are to be made.

Please do not consider this a personal letter. It is of no consequence to me, personally, whether you pay these dues or not, and it will not leave the slightest impression upon my mind personally if I do not hear from you. You may have your reasons for not responding. I warned the class, in session at the reunion, that I should not again undertake the not very pleasant task of “passing the hat.” It ought not to be necessary and it should be beyond the dignity of any class organization of the law department of the University of Michigan, especially Laws ’94, to be obliged to send out dunning letters, through its officers, to bring in sufficient funds merely to keep it going.

We have a complete record of all members who have sent in their dues. You would be surprised to know how many have not done so or who have never given up a penny toward the cause, of maintaining and promoting the spirit of brotherhood among the members of the class of ’94 Law. It may be poverty in a few cases; it is more likely pure disinterestedness on the part of the delinquents. Those who are apathetic are passing up a great opportunity, yes, a privilege, of mingling in the fellowship of as fine a body of men today as God ever put together. To any one who was present at the last reunion—70 or more members of a class gathered together after 25 years, all successful, members of a great learned profession or in business—it was apparent how strong and enduring that spirit of fellowship is, and I am sure they are now reaping its benefit and advantages. There is no fraternal order, secret society or other body to whose support many have been probably contributing regularly whose bond is stronger. You have no better friends today, or will have. You may not see them, you may not hear from them, but the sentiment is there just the same. It is a kind of friendship the memories of which survive death; they will linger until the last classmate passes beyond the range.

We hope that you have received your copy of the latest class directory and Bulletins as they are issued. We shall continue to send the latter to you and sincerely hope that their perusal may be of some interest and pleasure.

The President and officers of the class join in genuine assurances of their interest in your welfare. A Vice President was selected at the last reunion from each quarter section of the country, so that an officer might be in close touch with classmates located in his section. The class officers will be glad to hear from you or to receive a call from you if you happen to be in their city and they will call upon you should they be in your town. They stand ready at all times to communicate, help, advise or cooperate with any member of the class.

Very sincerely yours,

HENRY W. WEBBER,
President.”

Cady Not Guilty

“Dear Mr. Editor:

I note that you give me the credit for being the Chairman of the Republican Campaign Committee of this state. I thank you indeed for the compliment; “but I am not that kind of a fellow.” The Chairman
of the Republican Committee for this state was Mr. Bert D. Cady of Port Huron, a distinguished attorney of that city, and undoubtedly a relative of mine, but rather far removed. There are four things in common between this distinguished man and myself, our names are identical, our politics are identical, our professions are identical, and neither one of us drinks any more than he can get under the present prohibition laws.

Yours,
A. P. CADY.

THANKS, BRO. MICHAELS

“Dear Mr. Editor:—
I thank you very much for the copy of your No. 2 directory of Laws '94. It is a “peach.” You have embodied some features that are admirable, and which I will “pinch” for our directory No. 5, which I have been working on for months and hope to be able to get out this spring.
I have gone all through your fine, little book. You know, I knew personally perhaps 30% of your class, and I have been very much interested in reading the old names and noting what the boys are doing.
Again congratulating you on the superb production, I am,
Very sincerely yours,
WM. C. MICHAELS,
Secretary, Law Class of '95.

JUDGE N. FINLEY JOHNSON ON A VISIT HERE

Judge N. Finley Johnson, at present a member of the Supreme Court of the Philippine Islands, visited in the United States last January, calling upon the then Senator and President-elect Harding. He, together with the other American members of that court, were the targets of an attack in the Philippine Senate by its President in supporting an amendment to the judicial bill empowering the Governor General of the state to transfer judges from one district to another. It seems that the decisions of the American members did not meet with the approval of many of the natives. Judge Johnson has been in the Philippine service during practically all of the American occupation.

ITEMS ABOUT CLASSMATES

John B. Newman, formerly Assistant State Food and Dairy Commissioner, is now Assistant to the President of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association, at No. 6 Harrison St., N. Y. City. His home address is Elgin, Illinois. He is on the road most of the time.

Milton D. Bryce, who for a long time was classified on our list under “present whereabouts unknown,” has been located in Chicago where he is engaged in business. His address appears in the new class directory.

Luther Freeman is very happy; a little daughter was born to him in December last.

Mackenzie R. Todd has been appointed Secretary to the Governor of Kentucky, Edwin B. Morrow, and may now be addressed at Frankfort, Kentucky.

Joseph E. Kirby called upon us recently. He is now Vice President of the United States Lumber & Box Co., at Portland, Ore.

Archibald F. Bunting is President of the Detroit Bonding & Mortgage Guarantee Co.

Charles A. Denison, from his winter home in West Palm Beach, Florida, writes:
“I spent an interesting hour, this morning, in going through the booklet and reading all the information I could regarding my classmates, whom the passing of the years seems to draw closer to myself. Down here in the land of sunshine and flowers we have plenty of time for play and recreation and it always gives me pleasure to receive something new and interesting to occupy my time in a pleasing manner while resting up from my arduous work at home.”

Sewell L. Avery is President of the U. S. Gypsum Co., with branches in 12 different cities throughout the United States.

Charles Fitzgerald, who quit the law for business, has been manager for seven years of the Louisville Credit Men’s Adjustment Bureau.