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Plaintiff had no reason to believe that defendant's car would stop, and is guilty of contributory negligence. Cincinnati St. Ry. Co. vs. Murray, (Ohio), 30 L. R. A. 508; Chicago City Ry. Co. vs. Strampfel, 110 Ill.

App. 482; Foulk vs. Wilmington City Ry. Co., 60 Atl. 973; McCarthy vs. Consolidated Ry. Co., 63 Atl. 725; Mitchell vs. Rochester Ry. Co., 45 N. E. 354. Plaintiff placed himself in a perilous position in assuming that street car would stop and in attempting to pass. 157 N. W. 860; 32 So. 797; 51 Am. Dec. 395; 13 Ill. App. 91.

ONLY OUR OWN OPINION

EDITORIALS

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH THE LAW REPORTER?

The Law Reporter is all right. Just a little late, that's all—the November issue appearing in February.

The Reporter, which is printed by OUR SUNDAY VISITOR at Huntington, Indiana, always had been shipped to Notre Dame by parcel post. But, for some unknown reason, the April, 1921 number was sent by express to South Bend. The local express office lost one of the two parcels. After three months of futile complaint, correspondence and claim-filing, the lost parcel of reporters exposed itself to the local express company, which then actually delivered it, after commencement. This unavoidably delayed the publication of the June Reporter, which also came during vacation. As a result the Alumni received the April and June Reporters in September, after the return of the students.

This situation made collection of alumni subscriptions impossible. A deficit of two hundred and twenty-five dollars occurred to meet which has caused the delay in resuming publication of the Reporter till now. Advanced subscriptions of the students are used to meet the alumni delinquency, which we feel is due wholly

to the situation stated, and which we hope may soon be cheerfully met by prompt payment on the part of the Old Boys of the Law School.

A reorganization of the Reporter Staff has been made, and hereafter the Reporter will appear upon a divided responsibility. With the editor-in-chief, four more chief editors have been associated, Clarence Manion, John J. Buckley, Vincent B. Pater and Aaron H. Huguenard. This will make possible not only the improvement of the existing departments but the addition of others, valuable and much desired.

One new feature, a section entitled "Class-icks," appears with this issue. Only a sample, however, of its contemplated character is exposed. This department will be edited by our genial and talented upper-classman of the Law School, candidate for the J. D. and professor in the College of Arts and Letters, Clarence Manion. The student Editorial Section will be in charge of the popular and progressive Ph. M. and prospective J. D., John J. Buckley. The News Section of the student and alumni departments will be in charge, respectively of Aaron H. Huguenard and Vincent B. Pater, whose successful and aggressive college activities are well known.

We hasten to assure our readers

that the beautiful garb which the Reporter has heretofore worn will not be discarded for any velvet knickerbockers, on account of the eccentricities and proclivities added to the editorial staff.

Please gleefully offer an immediate transfusion of your golden blood to the N. D. Law Reporter in its present anemic condition, and watch the Reporter grow bigger, better, brighter and "beautifuler." Gee, how that last bee did sting. E. I. C.

PROF. TIERNAN'S BOOK

Prof. John P. Tiernan's book, "Conflict of Laws," is one of the most comprehensive works that has ever been written on this subject. Prof. Tiernan has succeeded in doing what no other writer on this difficult and technical subject has been able to do; he has boiled down and condensed the vast field of knowledge on this subject into a volume of a little more than one hundred pages. To the student of law, this is a relief. After wading through volumes consisting of from six hundred to eight hundred pages, it is a great pleasure to encounter Prof. Tiernan's little book. This pleasure is enhanced by the fact that the book is complete in every detail. Prof. Tiernan deserves great credit for this treatise. He is the first member of the Notre Dame Law College to engage in this field of work. It is a wonderful thing for a Technical or Professional school to have on its Faculty men who have written books on the subjects which they teach. It is a means of building up faith in the students and it is a source of confidence to the prospective students. The Law Reporter takes this opportunity to thank Prof. Tiernan for his wonderful work and

it hopes that he will continue in this writing. J. J. B.

THE RESEARCH COURSE

The course in Legal research work has been intensified at Notre Dame due to the efforts of The American Law Book Publishing Co. This company is the publisher of "Corpus Juris," the most comprehensive and profound work ever compiled on the general law. In order to promote interest in the work, the Publishing Company has offered a set of these books to the man who shows the greatest proficiency in using them. This prize is enough to arouse interest in any contest, but when the additional fact of the information received is taken into consideration, the value of the course is greatly increased. Every step of the work is practical. It is something that every Lawyer should know and must know if he is to be successful. The method of Briefing which the Publisher's have prepared is a legal education in itself. Building up a case is like writing the plot of a drama. The value of the finished product depends largely on the skill with which the worker has used his tools. In Legal work, the collection of general law cases are the tools. Knowledge of their use means success; ignorance means failure. The Law Reporter advises every student of the Law to get acquainted with this practical side of the Law Course. The student will feel the value of this work as soon as he begins to prepare for admission to the Bar. The knowledge contained in Corpus Juris is accurate and complete. It is arranged in a systematic manner and it will aid the student to group his knowledge systematically. It will cause him to remember a great portion of the law

by means of association. No man can work faithfully on this course without reaping a valuable reward.

J. J. B.

THE DEAN . . .

For some reason or other, a freshman found himself in Sorin Hall the other day, and being there he decided to look over the pictures before leaving. He had spent some thirty minutes gazing at the heroes of other days when he came upon a picture of the Class of '91.

He was about to pass it over cursorily when he saw "Francis J. Vurpillat" written in a striking hand under the likeness of one of the graduates. "Why, there's the Dean of the Law School," he said unconsciously. "The Judge hasn't been out of school thirty years already, has he?"

To those of us who have to look a score and a half of years ahead, the time seems interminably long. But if it were our privilege to look back on a career of thirty years like that which Judge Vurpillat has had, it would not be an exaggeration to say three decades of years seem no more than as many months.

In a recent address, a certain nationally-known educator said that too many Catholic young men were willing to follow and not enough to lead; too many Catholic lawyers were practicing before the bar and not enough were sitting on the bench; too many were sacrificing principle for the sake of monetary reward. Of course, he couched his ideas in elaborate language but that was the substance of them.

As we sat there, listening to the wonderful address, we couldn't help thinking about the Judge and how

his accomplishments measured up to the ideals set by the eminent speaker. Indeed, it seemed as though the educator had regulated his standards according to the Judge's career, so closely does that career conform to them.

Quite often do we read in story books about men whose lives are perfect, whose steps to success have been certain and well-defined, whose achievements with time have become greater. But seldom do we have the pleasure to witness such successes in actual life. In the case of Judge Vurpillat, we have an exceptional example.

He was out of school but a short time when he was elected Prosecuting Attorney of the Forty-fourth Judicial Circuit of Indiana. He served in that capacity for three consecutive terms. For several years he was County Attorney of Pulaski County, and City Attorney of Winamac.

In 1908, he was elected Judge of the Forty-fourth Judicial Circuit, enjoying the unique distinction of being the youngest circuit judge ever chosen in Indiana. Lack of space prevents any detail on the decisions of Judge Vurpillat. Suffice to say that many of them, such as the Kankakee Meander Land Case and Proctor Regulation Act Case, are landmarks in Indiana law today.

From the bench, the Judge came to Notre Dame where he has been Dean of the Hoynes College of Law since 1913. Under his administration, the Law School has grown from a few rooms in the basement of Sorin Hall to one of the best buildings on the campus.

In recognition of the invaluable services which Judge Vurpillat has rendered the University, the Class of '22 met in November and gave him

the highest honor within their power
—the Dome dedication. A. H. H.

DOMEDICATION

It is with pride that the Law School regards the action of the Senior Class in the dedication of "The Dome." The seniors of 1922 decided to give this singular honor to Judge Francis J. Vurpillat, Dean of the Hoynes' College of Law. Judge Vurpillat has worked long and faithfully to build up the Law College. He took control of the School after the retirement of Colonel Hoynes and he has made a wonderful success of the task. It was mainly through the efforts of Dean Vurpillat that a separate building was turned over to the Law School. The Judge has worked unceasingly to build up a good, practical library. Due to his initiative, many new courses have been added to the Law schedule. Judge Vurpillat has, by his faithful work and his wonderful knowledge of the Law been able to win the confidence and respect of every student in the college. He has always treated his students as men and they in turn have always acted like men. No man in the Law College shrinks from encountering the Judge either as Dean or as a friend. They know that they will always receive the credit that is due them or the discredit that they may deserve. The Judge is bluff and direct and he always does as he says. His word is an assurance that a thing will be done or will not be done. The men respect him for this quality. They love him as a friend; they respect him as a teacher; and they honor him as a Dean. It is therefore, with pride that they regard the action of the Senior class. By honoring Judge Vurpillat with the Dome dedication, the Senior Class has hon-

ored the Law School and by honoring the Hoynes' College of Law they have honored themselves. J. J. B.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT

Student government has, for the first time made its appearance at Notre Dame. Up to date, the Faculty of the University has always maintained a strict paternal attitude in this regard. The men have been regarded merely as children and frequently they have acted like irresponsible youngsters. However, a portion of the University is now going to enjoy self-government. The moment is a critical one both for the Faculty and for the students. The Faculty must prepare for a good many changes and it must stand ready to give the men at the head of the movement a free hand. The students must not be too hasty in condemning either the movement or the men who have been elected to head the movement. Hasty action on either side will ruin any chance that the movement may have. Bad faith on either side means failure. Each side must be prepared to give up something. The Faculty must keep hands off and give the governing board a free hand. The students must learn to stand behind the decisions of their representatives and they must do all in their power to promote the welfare of the new organization. It will be a novel sight to watch the development of the student control movement. It means evolution. It means that the student who has criticized so long and so often is to be given a chance to better conditions. It means that the responsibility for success or failure is in his hands. Student government is a horse that can be ridden to death. However, we hope that this will not be the case at

Notre Dame. We hope that the students will have enough foresight to see that they are the ones who receive the benefit. We hope that they will be broad-minded enough to uphold the decisions of the court that they have initiated. If the students play fair and if the faculty plays fair, the student government movement is bound to succeed. We honor the men who have labored to bring the movement into being at Notre Dame and we wish each member of the rules committee every success.

J. J. B.

VALUE OF REPORTER

We urge every Law student to subscribe for the Law Reporter. This is a paper for the Law students and it is practical in every respect. The Law Reporter reports every case that is filed in the courts of Notre Dame. It serves to guide the student through his court work and it is valuable review. The reporter serves to solidify the work that proceeds so rapidly in our courts. Many of the happenings in Court are too swift to be grasped. They can always be found in the Law Reporter. The Law Reporter might well be said to do for the student what the Case books do for the Lawyer. The Attorney can read a case and get everything out of it. But many of the minor steps are not reported and are missed by the student. In the Law Reporter, these steps are always to be found. The editors of the Law Reporter realize that the student must know these steps if he is to be able to grasp intelligently the cases that he reads. Therefore, read the Law Reporter and you will be better equipped to battle with the case books. Besides the cases reported from the Moot Courts, there are articles in the Reporter of interest to

the student of Law. Many interesting cases or questions are discussed which aid the student in grasping the Law. Besides being a help to the student, the Law Reporter will also benefit the Lawyer. Many of the cases treated in the Moot Courts are thoroughly developed and the citations are given. These will prove of help to the Attorney who is often too pushed for time to be able to look up every question in which he is interested. Besides this, the Law Reporter serves to act as a link between the Alumni and the Hoynes College of Law. The columns of the Law Reporter are open alike to the Alumnus and the student. Take advantage of this and use them. Subscribe to the Law Reporter and help it in its struggle to benefit you.

J. J. B.

WHY NOT THE LAW SCHOOL?

While Notre Dame is planning to build up its Commerce School and its Engineering School, we believe that it should remember the Hoynes' College of Law. One of the high officials of the University once said that he regarded the Law school as the only Post Graduate school on the campus. However, if the Law School is to continue to stand out like this, it is necessary that it receive some of the benefit of the endowment. The Law School needs more professors and it needs a bigger and more complete library. The Law Library contains the tools of the lawyer. The library room is his shop and the books are his tools. To be successful, the lawyer must have tools that are apace with the times. The reporters must be up to date and the reference books must be the best obtainable. It is true that the Faculty of the Law school is a good one, but if it is to give the best that it has, more pro-