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PERSONALS.

Prof. R. B. Hutchcraft has been called from his classes to attend the special session of the Legislature. It is uncertain when he will be able to return, but his work here is well taken care of by the senior students, and Mr. Spencer Carrick and Mr. Clinton Harbison, of the Lexington Bar.

Mr. F. A. Harrison, who graduated last June and is now practicing law at Williamstown, Ky., has been selected by the C. & O. and L. & N. railroads as their representative for that section. The court record for last term shows that he has been very successful (as well as the clerk's record for December, 1916.)

Mr. J. H. Coleman, a member of this class, has completed all his work here and left the city a few days ago for Wichita Falls, Texas, where he will enter into a partnership with Mr. B. D. Sartin. Mr. Sartin received his Masters Degree here in 1916, and has been practicing with much success at Wichita Falls for about a year.

A new course under the title of ‘Legislative Problems’ has been added to the law course under the leadership of Prof. R. B. Hutchcraft. The course is elective and is limited to sixteen senior students.

The purpose of this course is to study the phraseology and construction of statutes, to point out defects in them and make suggestions as to how they might be remedied. This will be undertaken through a study and comparison with the statutes of other states. The main subject with an outline of the work for this year is somewhat as follows:

How can land titles be made more secure, more readily marketable and more easily available for security for loans, by legislation reducing the number of defects in title, not easily discernible by examining the records?

This subject is divided into a number of sub-heads and assigned to the members of the class. The principle divisions are:
1. The Torrens’ System; 2. Index of records; 3. The doctrine of estoppel by deed; 4. Dower, (in cases where the record does not disclose whether there is unreleased inchoate dower in the wife of a former owner); 5. Unreleased vendors’ liens or mortgages apparently barred by limitations but kept alive by new promises or part payments; 6. Heirs, (where the record does not disclose who are the heirs of a deceased former owner); 7. Liens for city taxes; for state and county taxes on other property; 8. Old land grants, (Ky. Statutes, Secs. 4076b-4076k); 9. Suits to quiet title against unknown claimants; 10. Lost will.

The tryout to select the Law Debating team to represent the Law College in the annual debate with the Cincinnati Law School was held in the Henry Clay Law Society room March 7th. Fifteen students entered the contest. It was one of the best tryouts ever held in the college. The speeches were well prepared and delivered with ability. The six men selected to compose the two teams for the final contest with Cincinnati, are: Felix Renick, Ed. Dabney, E. E. Rice, J. M. McKenzie, E. L. Allen and Ed. Hardin. The judges were: Prof. Noe, Judge Chalkley and Dean Lafferty. The date of the final contest with Cincinnati is April 6th. The subject to be discussed is: “Resolved, That Congress should enact a law providing for one year compulsory military service for all male citizens of the age of nineteen years.” The team upholding the affirmative will remain at home and the team upholding the negative will go to Cincinnati.

The leading role in the “Lion and the Mouse,” presented at the Lexington Opera House on March 10th, by the Strollers, was played by Emery L. Frazier, of Lawrenceburg. Mr. Frazier is a law student, a member of the class of 1918. Mr. J. P. Cherry also played an important part. He is a member of the class of 1918 also. Both lawyers performed well and brought fame to themselves and honor to the law department.