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The Washington University School of Law this year comes under the leadership of a new dean, William G. Hale. Dean Hale comes from the University of Oregon, where he headed the Law School from 1920 until the close of last year. A native of Oregon, he practiced law there for four years and served for ten years as instructor and professor of law at the University of Illinois prior to 1920. Dean Hale, who is forty-six years of age, received his A.B. at Pacific University in 1903 and his LL.B. at Harvard in 1906.

Dean Hale has been identified with numerous movements for improvement in the administration of justice through cooperation between the bar and the teaching profession. He has published articles in legal
periodicals and a book on *The Law of the Press*. In addition to his administrative work, Dean Hale teaches torts and evidence.

Professor Tyrrell Williams, who served as Acting Dean for one year following the retirement of Judge Richard L. Goode, returns by choice to his professorship. Professor C. S. Potts, who was a member of the faculty in 1926-27, has become dean of the Law School at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. Assistant Professor Ralph F. Fuchs, adviser to the Law Review, has join the faculty with the new year.

**CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS ISSUE**

**Some Responsibilities of Legal Education.** By William G. Hale.

In this first article Dean Hale gives his views on legal education, discussing the problem from two angles, first as to bar admission requirements, and secondly as to the work of the law schools.

**The Long and Short Haul Rule in Missouri.** By Charles E. Cullen.

In this article, Mr. Cullen, who is Professor of Law at Washington University, traces the history and development of the long and short haul doctrine in Missouri, from the passage of the Act to Regulate Commerce in 1887, down to the present time.

**Power of a Missouri Court to Instruct the Jury in a Criminal Case That It May Return a Verdict of Guilty and Permit the Court to Fix the Punishment.** By Arthur J. Freund.

Mr. Freund, a member of the St. Louis Board of Police Commissioners, calls attention in his contribution to unused power of the court.

**The Newer Social Scientists Look at Law.** By Ralph F. Fuchs.

Mr. Fuchs comes to the Law School this year as Assistant Professor of Law. His contribution is based upon three books which discuss the law and other of our institutions from the standpoint of the social sciences.

**The Doctrine of the Federal Courts as to the Situs of Personal Property for the Purposes of Taxation.** By F. Warner Fischer.

Mr. Fischer’s note won the prize for being the best thesis entered in the competition in the graduating class of 1927 at the Washington University School of Law. Inasmuch as these theses were limited in length to 4000 words, brevity in treatment was necessary to attain some degree of inclusiveness.

In addition to the members of the staff, the following students in the Washington University School of Law have written case comments: C. J. Estes, E. H. Kachelhoffer, J. Nessenfeld, and C. H. Wager. A. E. Margolin has written a note.