

## MISCELLANY

## SOME STATE NOTES

The Essex County Board of Freeholders has reduced the pay of petit jurors from \$5 per day to \$1, and this is estimated to save the county \$70,000 annually.

Mr. William E. Hampson, of 162 Irving avenue, South Orange, a lawyer with offices at 8 Clinton street, Newark, committed suicide in his home on April 26th. He was found in his cellar with a revolver in his hand. He was 68 years of age, and was admitted to the New Jersey Bar as attorney at the February Term, 1901, and as counsellor at the June Term, 1905. He had been in ill health for some months. He was counsel for several local Building and Loan Associations.

The Monmouth County Board of Freeholders recently adopted a resolution requesting that jury trials be discontinued at present in that county in the interest of economy. The Judges in the Circuit and Common Pleas decided they must carry on the usual business, but would ask juries to forego their pay temporarily.

Chancellor Campbell has appointed Judge William F. Sooy, of Atlantic City, Vice-Chancellor in place of Vice-Chancellor Ingersoll, deceased.

After an unusually long wait the New Jersey Senate has confirmed the nomination of Senator Wilfred H. Jayne, of Monmouth county, as Circuit Judge. He had served *ad interim*, but now has a full seven-year term. He was admitted as an attorney in 1911.

## PROFESSIONAL ETHICS

The Committee on Professional Ethics of the New York County Lawyers' Association has answered the question stated below in the manner following:

*Question:* "X.A. and B were practicing lawyers under the firm name of 'A & B'. X.A. died and his surviving partner continued to practice law under the name of 'A & B' for approximately one year. Thereafter B formed a co-partnership with C and D for the practice of law and these three persons adopted as the name of their firm 'A, C, B & D'. Y.A. a brother of X.A. also engaged in the practice of law, objects to the use of the name of X.A. as any part of the firm name used by B, C and D. Is it professionally proper for C, B & D to use the name of X.A. in their firm name?"

*Answer:* "The continued use of partnership names after the death of a partner is a matter which may be governed by local law or by local custom.

"Canon 33 of the American Bar Association upon partnerships and partnership names deals with the general subject of such continued use (in the absence of prohibition or condition in local law or local custom). The following is an extract:

"The continued use of the name of a deceased or former partner is or may be permissible by local custom, but care should be taken that no imposition or deception is practiced through this use."

## PROSPECTS FOR NEW JERSEY POSTOFFICES

Under the Federal Emergency Construction Act the following are prospects for new postoffice buildings in this State. Some are near at hand, others more remote.

Places where sites have been selected and for which plans are being drawn, together with the limit of cost, are: Asbury Park, \$112,500; Gloucester, \$72,000; Moorestown, \$90,000; Rutherford, \$166,500.

Projects where sites have been selected but the Government has not yet taken title to the land are: Summit, \$171,000, Arlington, \$238,500; Haddonfield, \$67,500; Ocean City, \$153,000; and Rahway, \$144,000.

Projects where sites are now being selected are: Bergenfield, \$76,000; Bound Brook, \$112,500; Cape May, \$90,000; Hackettstown, \$72,000; New Brunswick, \$414,000; Riverside, \$72,000; Riverton, \$67,500; Belmar, \$85,500; Caldwell, \$94,500; Cranford, \$94,500; Edgewater, \$67,500; Garfield, \$76,500; Garwood, \$72,000; Keyport, \$72,000; Madison, \$72,000; Metuchen, \$76,500; Pitman, \$72,000; and Atlantic City, \$765,000.

Projects under the regular public building program which are now under contract in whole or part are: Somerville, \$126,275; Bloomfield, \$312,500; Camden, \$1,100,000; Hoboken, \$250,000; Paterson, \$800,000; Phillipsburg, \$142,485; Princeton, \$85,500; Salem, \$80,000; Trenton, \$1,650,000; Newark, \$6,150,000; and Jersey City, \$418,700.

Projects where sites have been selected, plans completed and for which specifications are being drawn are: Freehold, \$124,600; Orange, \$303,400, and West New York, \$347,202.

## THE NEWEST NEW JERSEY BOOK

ONE PHASE OF A JERSEYMAN'S ACTIVITIES. By Thomas N. McCarter. Privately Published. Pages 589.

Many who know the author named above will be surprised that, during his exceedingly busy life as head of the Public Service Corporation of New Jersey and active as Chairman of the Board of the Fidelity Trust Company in Newark, not to speak of various other activities, he had even taken the time necessary to prepare and make the addresses which form the body of this work. The title of the book is suggestive of the above statement, because certainly the volume presents only "One Phase of a Jerseyman's Activities."

Mr. McCarter expresses the opinion that no one is likely to read the book through, but it is safe to say that those who do, or who read the greater part of it, will find an immense amount of good, strong common sense scattered over nearly every page. We cannot agree with him in all his conclusions, but this is merely to say that none of us think exactly alike on all business, political, social or moral questions. In the matter of transportation, electric, gas and other usual municipal questions he has been so thoroughly well posted that his addresses on those subjects will bear close attention, especially as they are not dormant subjects at the present time, but come up in various phases constantly in State and local politics. Take for an example a random quotation from a lengthy address upon "Public Utility Problems" delivered in New York City in 1914 (page 155):