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judicial conduct, counter to our feelings for one hundred and fifty years that we do not believe that Congress is all-powerful, and counter to the feeling that, while we must have government in order to have civilization, still the powers that have not been heretofore granted by the people remain with them until by amendment they choose to change the fundamental law.—By Frederick H. Stinchfield, President American Bar Association.

SENATE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE ACTION

On May 18th the Senate Judiciary Committee on a vote of ten to eight refused to recommend for passage the President's bill to increase the Supreme Court.

Press comment states that the President now proposes to take the issue to the people in the Congressional Elections of 1938 and 1940.

CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

"Other misfortunes may be borne, or their effects overcome. If disastrous wars should sweep our commerce from the ocean, another generation may renew it; if it exhaust our treasury, future industry may replenish it; if it desolate and lay waste our fields, still, under a new cultivation, they will grow green again, and ripen to future harvests.

"It were but a trifle even if the walls of yonder Capital were to crumble, if its lofty pillars should fall, and its gorgeous decorations be all covered by the dust of the alley. All these may be rebuilt.

"But who shall reconstruct the fabric of demolished government.

"Who shall rear again the well-proportioned columns of constitutional liberty?

"Who shall frame together the skillful architecture which unites national sovereignty with State rights, individual security, and Public prosperity?

"No, if these columns fall, they will be raised not again. Like the Coliseum and the Parthenon, they will be destined to a mournful, and a melancholy immortality. Bitterer tears, however, will flow over them than were ever shed over the monuments of Roman or Grecian art; for they will be the monuments of a more glorious edifice than Greece or Rome ever saw, the edifice of constitutional American liberty."

—From Daniel Webster's Speech at the Centennial Anniversary of Washington's Birth.

The Honorable John Burke, Justice of our Supreme Court, passed away, Friday, May 14th, 1937, at the Mayo hospital following an operation. An able lawyer, a wise judge, a fearless governor, a good citizen, and a model husband and father. His like in the history of our state is unsurpassed. Appropriate resolutions will be presented by our Memorial Committee at our Annual Meeting pursuant to custom.