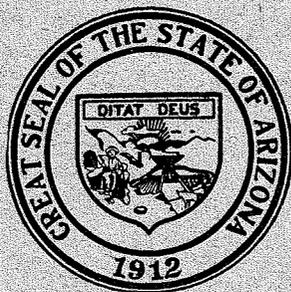

Fourth Biennial Report of

The Arizona State Law and Legislative
Reference Librarian

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to
June 30, 1922



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DEPARTMENT OF
LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES
ARIZONA

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

December 14, 1922.

HON. THOMAS E. CAMPBELL,

Governor of Arizona,

The State Capitol, Phoenix, Arizona.

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is the Fourth Biennial Report of the State Law and Legislative Reference Librarian, as provided by Chapter 62, (H. B. 31), Session Laws of Arizona, 1915.

Respectfully,

(Signed) CON. P. CRONIN,

State Law and Legislative Reference Librarian.

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LETTER OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

STATE HOUSE

Phoenix, Arizona

December 14, 1922.

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State Librarian:

Sir:

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HENRI BEHOTEGUY,

Secretary to the Governor.

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Sir:

From authentic sources it is learned that more than two billion dollars (\$2,000,000,000.00), is annually spent in the United States alone for publicity, and that nearly everything else on earth is advertised excepting libraries. It seems almost criminal to possess a library containing upwards of seventy-five thousand volumes, which for years and years must be unused. To advertise the fact that Arizona has such a library,—containing the results of the most exhaustive human research for decades past, would cause nothing but confusion. Arizona possesses such a library, containing facts and data pertaining to almost every phase of human endeavor, which has been repeatedly called to the attention of the State Legislature. As expressed by a visitor,—a gentleman of scholarly attainments,—it is like the possession of a beautiful bird of wonderful plumage, without a cage for its safe-keeping.

This general library of the state is stored, packed away, in five rooms on the top floor of the Capitol building, at the present time, inaccessible to the general public. It would be a step of greatest advancement were the Sixth State Legislature, to convene next month, to appropriate a sufficient sum for the erection, on the Capitol grounds, of a suitable building for the housing of the State Library, The Supreme Court and the Attorney General. This would relieve the present congested condition of the State house and settle the problem of additional space for years to come.

THE LAW LIBRARY

During the period covered by this report the Law Library has made the greatest advancement in its history.

Thirteen thousand one hundred and four, (13,104), accessions have been added to the library. Of this number three thousand five hundred and ninety-eight (3,598), were bound, of which two thousand, five hundred and ninety-seven (2,597), were legal publications,—law

books. One thousand, nine hundred and thirty-eight (1,938), were purchased; eight (8) secured by gift and six hundred and fifty-one (651) were received through exchange.

Of the nine thousand, five hundred and six (9,506) publications received other than bound books, five hundred and eighty-two (582) were maps, legal publications and magazines; the balance were pamphlet and paper bound publications, including legal advance volumes, individual laws of other states, departmental reports of the other states, Federal publications and miscellaneous matter.

There has been added almost every "set" of legal publications; lapses in State Reports have been filled, and the statutory laws of the various states have been most materially added to.

A partial list of additions to the Law Library during the biennium covered includes:

- New Hampshire Reports. (Complete.)
- State Digests of all the States.
- English Reprint. (Complete.)
- English Law Reports. (Complete.)
- Appeal Cases,—English, Irish and Scotch Law Reports.
- The complete English Statutes, up to date.
- Canadian Supreme Court Reports. (Complete.)
- Public and Private Laws of Connecticut from 1789 to 1883.
- Missing Session Laws of Indiana, completing set.
- Ditto,—Kansas.
- Ditto,—Maine.
- Ditto,—Illinois.
- Laws of Montana Territory.
- Complete set of Pacific Reporter. (Making two sets in Library.)
- Decisions of the Department of the Interior. (Complete.)
- Encyclopedia of Pleading and Practice.
- Encyclopedia of Law and Procedure.
- Minton-Senhouse Workman's Compensation Cases.
- South Carolina Reprint. (Supreme Court Reports.) Complete.)
- Abbott's New Cases. (New York.) (Complete.)
- Howard's Practice Reports. (New York.) (Complete.)

Most of the Lower Court Reports of Pennsylvania, including Northampton County Reporter; Justice Law Reporter; Luzerne Law Reporter,—(Legal Register).

In addition to the foregoing the library contains all of the well-known sets familiarly referred to as "Case Law" sets, procuring all continuing numbers as issued; the complete Reporter System; Shepard's Citations complete; all standard text books, and new ones as issued, and in fact every set and volume necessary and incident to the proper conduct of a first class legal work-shop.

When a lawyer has a case, a citation, in some rare volume not often referred to, the library provides for the immediate procuring thereof, and has on several occasions secured the loan of same by telegraphic request.

That the legal profession of the State is acquainted with the library and its merits is manifest by the ever growing use it makes thereof and the ever increasing demands thereon,—not alone from the members of the bar of Phoenix and Maricopa County, but throughout the State. Law books are loaned to lawyers in every section of the State and almost daily are forwarded and received by mail and express.

It is with pardonable pride that we assume the achievement of bringing the Law Library up to the high standard desired by the legal profession and the Courts of the State.

Indicative of the growth of the Law Library is the fact that in June, 1915, the library consisted of a scant six thousand volumes. Not one of the State Reports (Supreme Court, etc.) was complete; the statutory law of the several states was fragmentary, even to the current statutes; the statute law of Arizona, even, was very incomplete the earlier statutes and fully a dozen of the scarcest and most valuable session laws being missing; Case Law sets were very few; digests were unknown, excepting one or two of the standard sets; English and Canadian Reports were unthought of. In fact the Law Library was but a nucleus around which has been builded what is indisputably the best law library in the State and the equal of any in the southwest. Containing complete the Court Reports of the sister states, the current statutory law of all the states,—and in many instances the statutory law complete of many of the states; standard and State Digests complete; everything classified as Case Law; complete and up to the minute text books; English, Irish and Canadian Reports and Statutes,—in all a Law Library of fifteen thousand (15,000) volumes of live, legal matter.

At current prices the purchase of the accessions to the law

library during the incumbency of the present librarian would exceed greatly the total appropriation for all library purposes. Fully fifty percent, or one-half, were, however, procured by gift, or through the system of exchange arranged with the other states and foreign countries.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The success of this branch of the State Library is gratifying.

During sessions of the legislature the members have sought the advice and assistance of the library staff. Past, present and prospective legislation is digested, indexed, and made available for the benefit of legislators and all others interested in public affairs.

Bill drafting has been featured by the Librarian and approximately thirty-five percent of all bills, resolutions and memorials presented during the several regular and special sessions since 1915 have been drawn by this department.

At this time it is considered germane to state that it may be impossible to prepare for presentation to the Sixth State Legislature many bills of special merit recommended for adoption by the several states by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws, owing to press of business and the unfortunate handicap suffered by the library in having its force reduced from three to two by the veto power of the governor. At a period when the rapid growth and activities of the library seriously needed the services of an additional assistant the force was reduced, as stated.

All official publications of the State, such as departmental reports, bulletins, pamphlet laws, etc., legislative documents and legal publications, are on file and available to the members of the legislature, public officials, and the general public, all of whom make free use thereof.

Legal publications, including many of the standard law journals, and all newspapers and periodicals published in the State are procured, filed, and kept available for ready reference. Being an officially designated "National Depository" the library receives the published reports, bulletins, etc., of every department of the National Government. Copies of all Bills, Resolutions, Memorials, etc., presented in both branches of the Arizona legislature are conserved in the original form as presented, and indexed and bound.

The reference bureau serves not only the legislature and individ-

ual members thereof, but the general public, in person, by mail and by telephone and telegraph.

There is issued each year by the library an "Annual Check List" being a complete list of all publications of each department of state. This check list is printed and copies may be obtained upon application.

The Legislative Reference Bureau has now completed its seventh year as an integral part of the State Library, and the numerous assurances of satisfaction for services rendered, and the knowledge that in every instance during these years of activity has the library force rendered satisfactory service, is indicative of the wisdom of the legislature in establishing this legislative branch.

"ARIZONIA"

The demand for historical and fictional publications pertaining to Arizona,—especially early Arizona,—has resulted in a steadily growing section devoted to this subject. The library has been fortunate in procuring a number of rare and very scarce historical publications of value greatly in excess of the price paid therefor. "Advertising" this branch of the library has resulted in a steadily growing demand for all publications pertaining to Arizona. Arizona stories constitute the only fiction in the State Library.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the information of the Governor, the legislature, and the general public a detailed statement of receipts and disbursements during the period covered by this report is hereby submitted.

RECEIPTS

Fees from the Supreme Court, July 1, 1920 to June 30, 1922, inclusive.....	\$11,343 70
Balance on hand, July 1, 1920.....	4,210 52
Total.....	\$15,554 22

DISBURSEMENTS

July 1, 1920 to June 30, 1921:

Traveling expenses (two years).....	\$ 500 45
Stationery and office supplies.....	103 13
Postage.....	120 00
Telephone and telegraph.....	21 25
Express, freight and drayage.....	104 45
Printing and publications.....	51 75
Law books.....	3,671 06
Reference books.....	290 97
Books,—“Arizona”.....	33 15

Premium, official bond, Librarian.....	5 00
Subscriptions, newspapers, periodicals, etc.....	246 30
Binding, books and newspapers.....	471 99
A. L. A. Membership (Institutional).....	5 00
Total.....	<u>\$5,624 50</u>

July 1, 1921 to June 30, 1922:

Operating expenses (Stationery, office supplies, postage, freight, express, drayage, telegraph, telephone, premium, etc.....)	\$367 07
Traveling expenses.....	229 18
Capitol expenses (Law books, reference books, news- papers, periodicals, office equipment, etc.....)	8,259 49
Repairs and replacements (Book binding, binding news- papers, typewriter repairs, etc.).....	652 75
Total.....	<u>\$9,508 49</u>

SUMMARY

In summing up, the physical disadvantages of the library are immediately apparent to even a casual observer. The law library is located on three floors, causing great inconvenience and loss of time. Stack space has now been utilized to the utmost limit, recently necessitating encroachment upon the ante-room of the supreme court.

As previously stated the already inadequate library force has crippled this department, to such an extent that the routine work is much in arrears, and the preparation of very useful and very material legislation for the coming legislative session is problematical. It can truthfully be stated that no State library in the country is conducted by so small a force as that at present conducting the affairs of the Arizona State Library. In many states the State Library, the State Law Library and the State Legislative Reference Library (Bureau), are distinct and separate institutions. In Arizona the three are combined and the varied and manifold duties are conducted by the librarian and one assistant. To continue the work in the high degree of efficiency of the past additional clerical assistance should be provided. It is as reasonable to expect a full rigged ship to successfully circumnavigate the globe, manned by a skipper and one first mate, as to conduct this department of state in a satisfactory manner with its present limited force.

Respectfully submitted,

CON. P. CRONIN,
State Law and Legislative Reference Librarian.