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(Submitted October 30, 1928)



LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

October 30, 1928

Hon. Geo. W. P. Hunt,
Governor of Arizona,
The State Capitol,
Phoenix, Arizona.

My Dear Sir :

I have the honor to transmit herewith the Seventh Biennial Report of the Arizona 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

October 30, 1928.

Dear Mr. Cronin :

I acknowledge receipt of and thank you for the Seventh Biennial Report of the Arizona State Law and Legislative Reference Librarian, filed in this office as required by law.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) GEO. W. P. HUNT,
Governor.

Mr. Con P. Cronin,
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cally complete, together with much of the statute law; the reports of Australia, New Zealand and Scotland have been added to the already completed English reports, including the full English Reprint and side reports, so that but little remains to complete the reports of the English speaking countries.

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

All newspapers and magazines published in Arizona are received and bound at regular intervals, thus adding to the reference and historical departments the most valued items—the history of the state from day to day.

On July first of this year there were in the library two thousand one hundred and two bound volumes of newspapers and ninety-four bound volumes of magazines. In addition the library contains the bound sets of several of the leading legal periodicals, as enumerated below:

Bound newspapers in library	2,102
Bound magazines	94
Legal periodicals, complete sets:	
Columbia Law Review, volumes	27
Harvard “ “ “	40
Michigan “ “ “	24
The Green Bag	26

In addition to the foregoing the following legal periodicals are received:

Boston University Law Review.
 Century Law Journal.
 Cornell Law Quarterly.
 Illinois Law Review.
 Law Library Journal.
 Index to Legal Periodicals.

ARIZONA

Arizona historical research and delving into the past history of the men and women who made the state have also added materially to the clientele of the library. Authors seeking facts, college and high school pupils in search of material are our constant patrons. Material and publications of all kinds pertaining to our early history is ever grow-

ing scarcer, so that whenever opportunity presents we add to our Arizona section. This section has also been enlarged by the addition of the works of recent authors who have in days long past help to blaze the trails and smooth the rough spots, and who now, in the twilight of their lives give to the present generation and to generations to come pen pictures of pioneer days and the high lights and shadows of pioneer men and women of Arizona.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE DEPARTMENT

The value of this department is already known to state officials and to all members of past legislatures. To aid and assist the members of the legislature in every manner is the aim of the librarian. To examine bills before introduction and check them for imperfections and to draft measures whenever possible and to aid the officers and committees during legislative sessions—and in fact both before and after sessions—is the duty and the pleasure of the librarian. During the past ten years it is safe to state that more than thirty-five per cent of bills introduced have been drafted by this department. During the session of the eighth state legislature more than two hundred bills, resolutions and memorials were drafted.

STATISTICAL STATEMENT

During the biennium covered by this report the grand total of 14,144 publications, exclusive of newspapers have been added to the library, as follows:

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Bound	1,753	
Pamphlets	58	1,811

DOCUMENTS

Federal, State Departmental and Miscellaneous
(Including Legal "Advance" Publications)

Bound publications:		
Purchased	88	
Exchange	673	
Gift	116	877

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Pamphlet publications:

Purchased	1,613	
Exchange	7,631	
Gift	539	9,783

Magazines:

Purchased	389	
Gift	1,235	1,624

Arizona collection		36
Maps		13
Grand Total		14,144

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Following is a report of the receipts and disbursements for the period covered:

	1926-1927		
	Appropriated	Expended	Unexpended
Salaries	\$ 6,300.00	\$ 6,298.85	\$ 1.15
Operation	440.00	418.02	21.98
Travel	500.00	500.00
Repairs and Replacements	250.00	100.03	149.97
Sub. Books and Upkeep	5,500.00	5,032.63	467.37
Totals for year	\$12,990.00	\$12,349.53	\$640.47
	1927-1928		
Salaries	\$ 6,600.00	\$ 6,600.00
Operation	450.00	449.11	.89
Travel	500.00	500.00
Repairs and Replacements	250.00	115.02	134.98
*Sub. Books and Upkeep	6,500.00	6,490.21	25.64
Total for year	\$14,300.00	\$14,154.34	\$161.51

*\$15.85 refund.

SPECIAL APPROPRIATION

Chapter 20, Acts Fourth Special Session, Eighth State Legislature:

"Providing for the purchase of metal book stacks, and steel filing cases":

Appropriated	\$600.00
Expended	560.00

Unexpended, returned to General Fund

\$ 40.00

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES

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The appropriation of a sufficient sum to erect and equip a building for the library and the supreme court is so manifestly a necessity to care for and safe guard the valuable collection making up the library that it seems futile to further dwell on the subject. An investigation by a select committee of the legislature is invited.

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