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BOOK REVIEWS

Famous Speeches by Eminent American Statesmen. By Frederick C. Hicks, LL.B., Litt. D. West Publishing Co., 1929.

It has often been remarked that the age of oratory is past, but with the advent of the radio and the talking pictures, it is being born anew. Today we are able to sit in our own homes and hear the voice of some great speaker whose message is carried into the homes of tens of thousands. With the perfection of the talking pictures, we will soon be watching the gestures of these great orators as well as listening to the words that flow from their silvery tongues.

Our schools today are taking a renewed interest in public speaking and oratory, and these related subjects are again assuming an important part in the school curriculum.

This interesting volume contains fifty-nine speeches arranged in chronological order, beginning with the address given by William H. Seward in 1850 before the United States Senate on "The Highway Law" and concluding with the speech delivered by our president, Herbert Hoover, on April 22, 1929, at a luncheon of the Associated Press. The theme of his address was "Obedience to Law and Its Enforcement."

These speeches were delivered on memorable occasions by prominent statesmen, and deal with such subjects as social reform, law judicial administration, slavery, state's rights, woman suffrage, free silver, imperialism, the Irish question, the recall of judges and of judicial decisions, boss rule, free speech, the United States Supreme Court, prohibition, national defense, religion and politics, and the four American wars which occurred during the period covered by the book.

To attempt to explain the contents of this book except to state the subject matter it covers would be impossible within the brief compass of this review. The author has, however, chosen a group of speeches representative of this great nation, both as to authors and as to the subject matter covered and the book is worthy of a prominent place in the library of every good American.

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Cases on Air Law. By Carl Zollmann. Author of "*A Text-Book on Law of The Air.*" Published by West Publishing Co., St. Paul, 1930. Price \$5.50; pp. 530.

The past in the field of air law has experienced a comparatively small amount of litigation; the present is a period of great development and expansion; the future holds promises of further development and progress which we can reasonably expect to develop into one of the greatest and most fascinating fields of jurisprudence.

It is seldom that one finds a collection of cases covering the fundamental principles of a new field abounding in almost unlimited possibilities such as is presented in "Cases on Air Law."

Unlike the ordinary casebook, "Cases on Air Law," contains very novel-like reading material.

No better idea of the nature of the general contents of this book can be portrayed than that which the words of the preface would indicate. In this respect the author has stated that: "Progress in aviation and the equally im-