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WOMEN LAW PROFESSORS

Recently we received from San Francisco the following item, which appeared as an A.P. dispatch under a San Francisco date line in February last:

California Has 2 of 3
Women Law "Profs" in U. S.

San Francisco, Feb. 6 (A.P) - Two of the three women law professors in the United States are members of the faculty School of Jurisprudence at the University of California.

In claiming this distinction for the Golden State institution Prof. Orrin Kip McMurray, dean of the law school, said that the university has recognized the ability of women in the legal profession.

The two feminine law instructors at California are Mrs. Barbara N. Grimes and Miss Rosamund Parma. The only other woman to hold this position, Dean McMurray said, is on the teaching staff of the law school of the University of Texas.

Not to allow the West to take all the credit we must recall twenty years ago in the Washington College of Law when Dr. Mussey was teaching also Miss Gillett, and Miss Harriet Freeby, a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. Later Kathryn Sellers (now Judge) lectured on International Law, and Marion Weston Cottle, of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and other States, lectured on Domestic Relations.

Turning to the catalogue of the Washington College of Law for 1929-30, we find Elizabeth C. Harris and Helen E. Jamison as Professors of Law, and Judge Mary O'Toole and "The Editor" as special lecturers.

Miss Harris has recently been giving a special course of law lectures under the auspices of the Washington Branch of the A. A. U. W.

There has been a succession of women Deans in the Washington College of Law (the only college with a woman as Dean of Law). Of course, as we all know, Ellen Spencer Mussey was the first Dean. Grace Hayes Riley is the present Dean and her administration is meeting with marked success.

There must be other women law professors scattered throughout the country. We would like to hear about them.