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### SAMUEL BRECKENRIDGE LAW REVIEW NOTE PRIZES

Announcement of the awarding of the Samuel Breckenridge prizes for LAW REVIEW notes is made as follows: Sam Elson has been awarded forty dollars for the best notes in numbers 3 and 4 of Volume XIV and for the best note in that volume. The prizes were given for *Recent Developments in the Right of Privacy*, 14 ST. LOUIS L. REV. 306, which was adjudged best for the year as well as in the issue in which it appeared, and *Habitual Criminal Acts and the Ex Post Facto Clause*, 14 *ibid.* 414. The committee which made the awards for Volume XIV consisted of Messrs. Israel Treiman, Robert H. McRoberts, and Milton R. Stahl. The committee which is judging the notes in Volume XV is composed of Adolph M. Hoenny, Maurice R. Stewart, and Monroe Oppenheimer.

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## Notes

### A SURVEY OF APPEALED CASES IN MISSOURI IN 1923-24\*

The primary purpose of this study of the final disposition of cases in the Supreme and Appellate Courts in Missouri is to reveal the extent to which alleged errors in the admission or exclusion of evidence have been made the basis in whole or in part of appeals and of reversals. Wigmore<sup>1</sup> in discussing the effect to be given to erroneous rulings by a trial court in the admission or rejection of evidence declares that the issue is whether the law of evidence "shall be a mere means to an end,—the end being a just settlement of particular controversies,—or whether it shall be an end in itself—an end so independent of justice, and so superior thereto, that it must be attained even at the cost of

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\* Prepared by Ruth E. Bates, Research Assistant in the School of Law, 1928-1929.

<sup>1</sup>I Wigmore, EVIDENCE (2d ed.) sec. 21; Chamberlayne, THE MODERN LAW OF EVIDENCE, sec. 320, but compare 4 C. J. 963 and 969.