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BAR ASSOCIATION

At the recent annual meeting of the Fourth Judicial District Bar Association Hon. Alfred Zuger was elected President; G. A. Lindell, Vice-president; and Neil Cameron, Secretary-Treasurer. A good attendance was had, and all report an interesting meeting. A committee consisting of L. J. Wehe, Chairman, Geo. F. Shafer and Nelson A. Mason, was appointed to make an investigation of the unlawful practice of law before State Boards, including the Pardon Board, and instructed to report its findings to the President of the State Bar Association for appropriate action.

OUR SUPREME COURT HOLDS

State of North Dakota, Plft. and Respd., vs. Gladys R. Gibson, Deft. and Applt.:

That following State v. Hagen, 54 N. D. 136, 208 N. W. 247, it is held: "The district court has no power to entertain a motion for a new trial made after the time for appeal has elapsed. An appeal from the judgment and a motion for a new trial are independent remedies, and the taking of an appeal does not extend the time within which the motion for the new trial must be made."

That a "confession", as the term is employed in criminal law, is an acknowledgment in express terms by a person of his guilt of a crime, while an admission is an acknowledgment, direct or implied, of some fact or circumstance which in itself is insufficient to show guilt of a crime, but which is pertinent and tends in connection with the proof of other facts to prove such guilt.

That in order to be admissible as evidence in a criminal action, a confession must be freely and voluntarily made.