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ANNUAL MEETING

Plans are getting well under way for the entertainment of the North Dakota State Bar Association at its convention in Fargo late this summer. The Cass County Bar Association is determined to make this convention one that no member of the State Bar will miss without deep and lasting regret. Active, competent committees are already functioning and no effort is being spared to provide the highest type of inspiration, education and recreation, and to foster and facilitate the camaraderie that is such an essential part of every bar convention.

Negotiations are now being made to secure a speaker of national prominence; legal problems of local and national interest will receive capable discussion; a banquet, a golf tournament, and other forms of recreation will present excellent opportunities for the renewing of old acquaintances and the making of new. The entertainment of the ladies is also receiving ample attention and members are urged to bring their wives along.

The Annual Convention of the State Bar Association plays an important part in promoting the spirit of fellowship and co-operation which enables the North Dakota lawyers to work as one in the accomplishment of changes and reforms that will aid and assist the administration of justice. It is our duty to attend, but unlike many duties, it is one you will thoroughly enjoy.

Fargo and the Cass County Bar Association join in extending a hearty invitation to every member of the State Bar. We want you here and when you come you will be given a reception that will demonstrate how very welcome you are.—Lynn U. Stambaugh, President Cass County Bar Association.

EVIDENCE

Thomas H. Hearn, of the Los Angeles (Cal.) Bar offers some new rules of evidence for civil cases tried to a court, without a jury, and supports his own argument for them by quoting *Dean Wigmore on Evidence Vol. 1, Page 123* (2nd ed.). We quote:

1. The decision and judgment must be supported by evidence admissible under the rules of evidence, by legal presumptions, by admissions of the parties, or by judicial notice. All material allegations not so proved shall be deemed to be untrue.

2. All evidence offered by the parties on either direct or cross-examination, except that to which objection is permitted as is hereinafter provided, shall be received or rejected in the legal discretion of the court, and the parties or their counsel shall have no right to oppose its introduction or to move to strike it out.

3. Parties or their counsel shall be permitted to object to, or move to strike out, evidence only upon the following grounds, and no others:

- (a) That the witness is legally incompetent;
- (b) That the evidence consists of confidential communications as defined by the rules of evidence;
- (c) That the evidence tends to incriminate the witness;