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1931 ANNUAL MEETING

Aug. 18-19-20

With a sweltering summer attacking us on one side, a seering depression on the other, and piratical "business-filching" pecking away at our good nature between the other "scorchings," it may seem rather difficult to keep ourselves in an optimistic frame of mind concerning anything or anybody. Nothing, however, is more conducive to "moping" and melancholia than keeping at home to ourselves at such a time. The "will to win" will come back more readily and more quickly if we get away from ourselves and our "rut-making."

May we suggest, in all seriousness, that there will be no better opportunity afforded the members of this Bar Association to get back into that purposeful, virile "we have just begun to fight" spirit—that will do as much as anything else to slay the swarming, teeming "depression blues"—than to pack up every trouble, and its twin sister, and "trek" to Jamestown for the annual meeting August 18th, 19th and 20th.

We say it in all seriousness, because we thoroughly believe it. To support our belief is our own experience in several organization lines, and the knowledge that the last few sessions of the Bar Association have evidenced an unmistakable trend toward change, growth—constructive regeneration, if you please. This Bar Association *is doing* things.

But you, Mr. Stay-at-home, are part of the Bar Association, and the Bar Association can't make the "welkin ring" with "Marching Through Georgia" or "Hallelujah," when you "mess up" the harmony by staging your "Pessimism Blues" in the wings. Come on! Join in with us at Jamestown! Do it, and the Bar Association will not only go, but it will go somewhere worth while.

If ever there was a "futuristic" program prepared for you this is it. Every item says, "Look ahead, we're going forward." The three committees that will set the pace are the Committees on Jurisprudence and Law Reform, Local Organization, and Unauthorized Practice of Law. They are supplying enough targets to permit you to "shoot" or "snort" to your heart's content—shoot if you're fearless, snort if you're scared. Other items will allow you to laugh—at yourself or someone else—and, in either event, you'll feel better for it. And for a real thrill, a "headliner" act, if you please, there will be Hon. Geo. F. Shafer, Governor of North Dakota, and Hon. Chas. A. Boston, President of the American Bar Association.

May we be permitted to say, respectfully and seriously, that you ought to know where you are going; but whether you think you do or don't, take off those three days (Aug. 18-19-20), fly, ride or "hitch-hike" to Jamestown, and get your bearings on the basis of an annual meeting compass, that is likely to prove itself rather reliable. This meeting isn't a "gamble." You just can't "lose" on it.



CHARLES A. BOSTON
President American Bar Association

Rated by many as America's leading lawyer, President Boston's message to the Bar and people of North Dakota should prove of sufficient import to supply the added impulse that encourages "record" attendance.

The social side of the annual meeting isn't going to be a "side-show" attraction, either. It will be a "main event" in itself. Entertainment for the ladies has been planned with thoughtfulness but without ostentation. It isn't going to be "gaudy," but it promises to be decidedly "gay." Joy, rather than pleasure, is going to be the predominating motif. So, don't leave the "lady lawyers" at home. As a matter of just plain fairness, they ought to be there.

The banquet will make you neither "groggy" nor "grouchy." It is planned for the evening of the first day. It will be held at the Legion Pavilion, on beautiful Spiritwood Lake. For unbeatable appetizers there will be fresh-water boating and swimming—or golf for those whose complexes make them avoid "beauty parades." Then, after material wants have been satisfied, so that contentment reigns, there will be a pungent, spicy, witty program of talks, well-flavored with sound sense. Mrs. C. L. Young, the Presidents of the Minnesota and South Dakota Bar Associations, President Traynor, President Boston, and Governor Shafer are listed for the verbal tournament. And, by way of desert, there will be the President's reception and dance—and, of course, moonlight on the lake; fun and frolic before the banquet, fun and frolic at the banquet, fun and frolic after the banquet.

As now outlined, the regular programs will be conducted at the following places: First day's session—morning, at Federal building; afternoon, at county courthouse; Second day's session—morning, Federal building; afternoon, Junior High School Auditorium. The program for the third day is your own program, with a baseball game and two or three golf courses supplying means of entertainment, and, of course, Spiritwood Lake will not go dry over night. You'll come, and you'll stay, for the three days. We just can't understand how you could afford to miss it.

Some time during the session, and as a special feature of it, the pioneer lawyers of North Dakota will be entertained at a noon luncheon. The details of this feature are, as yet, unknown to us, but, being in charge of no less a person than Hon. S. E. Ellsworth, a former President of this Association, nothing more need be said concerning the propriety or the appropriateness of the prepared program.

In addition to the addresses by Presidents Boston and Traynor, the program includes the following:

Herbert G. Nilles, Fargo;
James P. Cain, Dickinson;
A. M. Christianson, Bismarck;
John Thorp, St. Paul.

In order that no one may lose out this time, this issue of Bar Briefs carries a return post card, which please fill out, sign and mail at once.



GEO. F. SHAFER
Governor of North Dakota
(Banquet Speaker)



MORRIS B. MITCHELL
President Minnesota State Bar
(Banquet Speaker)