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prevent the sale of liquor as a beverage. So far as we know, however, the dispensing of liquor for medicinal purposes has never ceased or been prevented. Well, if it isn't "inherently wrong" to drink or sell it for medicinal purposes, how can it be "inherently wrong" for any particular individual to use it as a beverage? It is wrong to sell it as a beverage but only because the law says so. Repeal the punishment for stealing, and it will still be considered wrong to steal. Remove the punishment for liquor selling, and a host of people will insist that it isn't wrong to sell liquor to a man, unless it is commonly known that the purchaser needs the protection of society to prevent him from making a "hog" of himself.

At any rate, Judges Birdzell and Christianson seem to us to have gathered the gist of the controversial points into a few words. The former says, "The majority leaves no room for the operation of the proviso". The latter, in referring to the legislative intent, says, "They (the legislature) said in words, and in circumstances, too clear for doubt that it was their deliberate intention that no person should be subject to the provisions of the act upon conviction of any offense made a felony by statute 'not involving moral turpitude'".

As stated before, we had an interesting time going through, over and around the forty-nine typewritten pages of the Malusky decision; we bow to the inevitable; believe others should likewise; and therefore, hope that all of our friends will keep their cellars clean after this.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Prospect of obtaining Honorable George W. Wickersham, chairman of President Hoover's Crime Commission, as the principal speaker to address the annual meeting of the State Bar Association at Devils Lake is an outstanding item of interest to lawyers who are planning upon attending the state meeting. The convention is slated to be held August 15th and 16th, followed by a golf tournament on the Devils Lake golf links on Sunday, August 17th.

At the time of the writing of this item, Secretary Wenzel is in Washington for a personal interview with Mr. Wickersham, and hopes to receive his promise to attend the state meeting.

Another item of interest will be the address of the Honorable H. A. Bergman, K. C., barrister and solicitor, of Winnipeg, who will address the Association on the topic, "A Brief Outline of Some of the Principal Differences Between the Canadian and American Systems of the Administration of Justice." Mr. Bergman is just leaving on the expedition to Iceland to participate in the celebration of the one thousandth anniversary of the establishment of the Icelandic Parliament, but will return in time for the North Dakota State Bar meeting. Mr. Bergman is a graduate of the University of North Dakota Law Department. From North Dakota he went to Winnipeg and continued the study of law there, was admitted to practice in Canadian courts, and has now the honor of being known as King's Counsel.

The annual banquet will be presided over by the Honorable George F. Shafer, Governor of North Dakota. It is expected that addresses will be given at the banquet by two members of the Bar of North Dakota, one of them a woman practitioner. Negotiations are also being conducted for the obtaining of a prominent member of the Winnipeg Bar as a speaker at the banquet.

The lawyers of Devils Lake, with Fred J. Traynor chairman, are making extensive plans for the entertainment of the members of the

Bar and their ladies and friends, and assert that they hope to make this convention the best yet. Devils Lake's sporty golf course will lure many of the devotees of the game to remain over Sunday, making a week-end of profit and pleasure for all concerned. With good roads and good weather, the largest attendance ever had at a state bar meeting is anticipated.

At last year's meeting a very interesting discussion was had upon the report of the committee having to do with the matter of automobile liability and compulsory insurance. The majority report was made by Honorable C. H. Starke of Dickinson, and the minority report by P. W. Lanier of Jamestown. No action was taken upon the report at that meeting. The committee was continued in force with instructions to again report at the annual meeting this year. An intensive study has been made of the problem and it is anticipated that majority and minority reports will be again made and that a most lively discussion will follow and that recommendations will be made by the body of the convention to be submitted to the state legislature.—Program Committee.

#### NORTHWEST DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION

The Northwest District Bar Association was reorganized at Minot, May 31st. Prof. P. W. Viesselman, of the University Law School, gave a very interesting address on "Education for the Practice of Law." He discussed modern tendencies in the teaching of law, and urged a closer co-operation between the bar and the law school.

President A. M. Kvello was present and gave an interesting talk on the relation of the bar to the public, with special reference to the criticism of the bar by the public, and the necessity for constructive reform in procedure to obviate such criticism. He urged the necessity of closer co-operation of the members of the bar through District Associations.

Hon. F. T. Cuthbert, first President of the Lake Region Bar Association, was also present and gave an interesting address. He urged conservatism in procedural reforms.

The meeting was opened by an address of welcome delivered by Hon. James Johnson, president of the association, in his usual jovial manner. Hon. Geo. P. Hommes of Crosby responded to the address of welcome, stressing the idea that the bar of the state are pioneers, in a pioneer state, and that the state needs the leadership of the lawyer.

This association is composed of the lawyers of Divide, Burke, Renville, Bottineau, McHenry, Ward, Mountrail, Williams, and McKenzie Counties. All counties were represented at the meeting though only about half of the lawyers in the District were present. Those present were apparently strongly in favor of the organization of the district association, and the association promises to be a success, though it can only be so by reason of the co-operation of the entire bar. One purpose of the district organization is to reach the individual lawyer and to secure his co-operation with his fellow lawyers in the State Association. President Kvello promises us plenty of work in discussing and furthering the purposes of the State Association. He wishes the new association to hold a business meeting shortly before the State Association meets to discuss the reports of the various committees which will be submitted to the State meeting. He also requests the bar to urge the adoption of the amendments increasing the length of judicial terms of office.

The business meeting was preceded by a banquet held Friday evening at the Industrial Room of the Waverly Hotel. The banquet was well