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The first, that of *Atlantic Coast Line Ry. Co. vs. Driggers*, 49 *Sup. Ct. Rep.* 490, held the claimant not entitled to recover by reason of his own negligence in stepping off the footboard of a switch engine, striking a locomotive passing on an adjacent track, paying no attention to the signal of the conductor, which, ordinarily, indicated that the switch train was to back up.

The other, *Mpls., St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry. vs. Rock*, 49 *Sup. Ct. Rep.* 363, held there was no liability for death by accident where the workman, who had been refused employment by reason of his physical condition, later obtained such employment by having another person impersonate him at the physical examination. The Court said: "While his physical condition was not the cause of his injuries, it did have direct relation to the propriety of admitting him to such employment. It was his duty. . . . to disclose his identity and physical condition. . . . his concealment. . . . was a fraud upon the petitioner, and a peril to its patrons and its other employees. Right to recover may not justly or reasonably be rested on a foundation so abhorrent to public policy."

THIRD DISTRICT ORGANIZED

The first response to our request for information concerning local organizations brings the information that the Third District, comprising Dickey, Emmons, La Moure, Logan, Ransom, Richland and Sargent counties, has had an efficient organization for several years. The present officers are: A. M. Kvello, Lisbon, president, and C. G. Mead, Lisbon, secretary. County vice presidents are: T. L. Brouillard, Ellendale; Chas. Coventry, Linton; E. F. Coyne, La Moure; A. B. Atkins, Napoleon; C. S. Ego, Lisbon; Max Lauder, Wahpeton; C. O. Stockstad, Forman.

Two meetings, both boasting better than a 50% attendance, have been held this year, the first as guests of the Enderlin Bar and the second as guests of the La Moure Bar. A third meeting is advertised as a "duck dinner" at Ellendale on the 19th of this month. Invitations have been extended to the president and secretary of the State Association, and H. L. Williamson, Esq., of Aberdeen, S. D., is slated as the principal speaker.

WORD FROM BRAATELIEN

Responding to the kindly greetings of the Association at its annual meeting, H. W. Braateliën, who is now sojourning at Albuquerque, New Mexico, in search of better health, expresses his appreciation of the thoughtfulness of the Association members assembled, and said in part: "Will you kindly, through Bar Briefs, extend my thanks to the Association for this little act of kindness, and assure them that the land of 'O'Henry,' justifies itself, when it comes to being good as a health country."

In a postscript he added: "The desire to be with the Association became stronger after I noted that we homely men have equal chances with the beauties, when it comes to being elected president. No offense meant, Mr. Bagley, but this is added to lend encouragement to those of us who lost hope when Young, McIntyre, Lawrence and Lewis were elected."