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therefor, that North Dakota, through its State Bar Association, will not overlook this item in its program for reform until the stench becomes as fetid and fulsome as it has apparently become in more congested centers.

### *Annual Meeting—Minot—September*

#### ATTENTION COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

In order to carry out the plan of publishing reports of committees one month in advance of the annual meeting, it will be necessary for the chairmen of the various committees to make their reports available to the Secretary on or before the 1st day of August. This leaves only six weeks for the completion of the work of the committees and the writing of the reports. May we urge a one hundred per cent response from the following chairmen:

- Geo. M. McKenna, Chairman American Law Institute
- A. G. Burr, Chairman Comparative Law
- W. F. Burnett, Chairman Constitution and By-Laws
- Geo. F. Shafer, Chairman Criminal Law
- W. L. Nuessle, Chairman Bench and Bar Ethics
- Fred T. Cuthbert, Chairman Internal Affairs
- Horace Bagley, Chairman Jurisprudence and Law Reform
- Torger Sinnes, Chairman Law Enforcement
- A. L. Netcher, Chairman Legal Education and Admission to Bar
- L. L. Twichell, Chairman Legislation
- Clyde Duffy, Chairman Local Organizations
- John H. Lewis, Chairman Powers, Terms and Salaries of Judges
- A. W. Cupler, Chairman Public Information and Cooperation with Press
- H. L. Halvorson, Chairman Public Utilities
- Paul Campbell, Chairman Uniform State Laws
- O. B. Herigstad, Chairman Citizenship and Americanization.

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#### DIGNIFIED JUDICIAL LEVITY

Where an unauthorized person forcibly throws a woman's freshly washed and ironed clothes on the floor, it is a question for the jury whether she could lay hands on him more gently than by means of a baseball bat applied to the back of his head.—*State vs. Goode*, 41 S. E. 3.

Where the record is a swarming hive of professional industry and fecundity, it may be said that a skeleton in one's closet is nothing to such a record in one's trunk in full view of the mountains among which one is supposed to be taking his vacation.—*Fouche vs. Harrison*, 3 S. E. 330.

A husband can make a gift to his own wife, although she lives in the house with him and attends to her household duties, as easily as he can make a present to his neighbor's wife. This puts her on an equality with other ladies, and looks like progress.—*McNaught vs. Anderson*, 6 Am. St. Rep. 278.

The non-resident general counsel of a R. R. company is its agent, and it is answerable for his neglect, and where such company's delay in filing an answer is due to his awaiting a copy of the complaint by mail before appointing a resident attorney to file the answer, the delay is

inexcusable as the law does not recognize this leisurely, kid-glove, dilettante manner of attending to legal proceedings at long range.—*Manning vs. R. R. Co.*, 28 S. E. 963.

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#### AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION

Attention is again called to the Semi-Centennial meeting of the American Bar Association at Seattle, July 25, 26 and 27. Among the features at this meeting will be a pageant showing the signing of Magna Charta, to be presented at the Stadium of the University of Washington on the evening of the 26th, and a loan exhibition of valuable documents, books and other material indicating important developments in the history of law. On the 25th notable speakers will present a symposium on fifty years of progress in medicine, theology, teaching and engineering, with their relation to law. Hon. Hugh Kennedy, Chief Justice of the Irish Free State, will speak on the evening of the 25th, his subject being, "The Character and Sources of the Constitution of the Irish Free State."

Consideration will be given at this session to the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Association: 1. Abolishing the requirement of three years of active practice for applicants to membership in the Association; 2. Increasing annual dues from \$6.00 to \$8.00; 3. Changing the majority required for amendment of the By-Laws to two-thirds instead of three-fourths.

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#### ETHICAL ADVERTISING

The following may offer suggestions for proper advertising or make work for the Internal Affairs Committee of the Association: "Dear Sir: I saw your add. in the paper, which read—'Attorney's services offered in exch. for what?'—and will state that six months ago I answered an add. in my farm magazine which read: 'Send one dollar and we will send remedy to cure horses of slobbering.' I sent in a dollar and got this reply: 'Teach your horse how to spit.' Now I would like to employ you to get my dollar back. I am willing to exchange for such service an old female rabbit, who is too old to breed, but I don't want to get skinned out of my Doe."

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#### GOOD BYE AND GOOD LUCK

Hon. Charles F. Amidon, after thirty-two years of service on the Bench as Judge of the U. S. District Court for North Dakota, retires this month with an expression of deep appreciation to the State and the Nation for having given him the opportunity to pursue a life work that was congenial and inspiring. He retires, also, with the knowledge that laymen as well as lawyers recognize that he made the most of that opportunity by rendering the highest type of public service to that State and that Nation. The parting from official duties, under such circumstances, should be a happy parting, for heart may speak to heart in the language of the living and be heard and appreciated.