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## PRESIDENT CUPLER VISITS MINNESOTA BAR

"At the invitation of the Hennepin County Bar Association, I had the honor of representing the North Dakota Bar at their meeting held in Minneapolis, December 18, 1924, which was called to act upon the Bill proposed by the Minnesota State Bar Association to the coming legislature of Minnesota for the reorganization of their Bar Association.

"Since 1920 the Minnesota State Bar Association has been endeavoring to have passed by the Legislature a law similar to ours. At the 1923 session of their legislature a bill was introduced, but on opposition from a certain group of attorneys it was not passed. A new bill has been drafted in an endeavor to meet these objections which chiefly related to the power of the Association and its Board of Governors to discipline and disbar members of the Association.

"I was requested to explain the plan of our organization and our experience with it. I told them of the successful operation of our Association under the compulsory plan of organization.

"At the invitation of the committee in charge of the bill for the Ramsey County Bar Association I met with them at St. Paul on the 19th inst., and gave them my observations of the successful operation of our plan of organization.

"The bill to be introduced at the coming session of their legislature is essentially the same as our Bar Board and Bar Association Acts, and provides for an annual license fee from every practicing lawyer. The Meetings at Minneapolis and St. Paul, with few dissenting voices, endorsed the bill, and similar meetings are being held in the several judicial districts of the state, and, I have no doubt will result in similar endorsement of the bill and of the plan under which we are operating.

"I extended to the Bench and Bar of both cities fraternal greetings, and was asked to convey to North Dakota Bench and Bar their greetings and best wishes.

"The suggestion was made by them that a joint annual meeting of the Minnesota and North Dakota Bar Association be held at some time in the future, and that we cooperate in arranging for speakers, and that an exchange of speakers at annual meetings be considered. I mention this as an evidence of the very cordial feeling which exists toward the Bench and Bar of North Dakota."

A. W. Cupler,  
President.

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## BAR BOARD REFERENDUM

The referendum balloting for recommendations to the Supreme Court for the appointment of a successor to Hon. C. J. Fisk on the State Bar Board was closed on the 20th of December. At that time 277 ballots had been cast. The total number of names listed on the ballots was 154. A large number of these received only one or two votes each.

The vote was canvassed by the Secretary and certified, under oath, to the Committee appointed by President Cupler. The Committee then reported to the President and the President to the Supreme Court.

Those receiving ten or more votes each were as follows: Tracy R. Bangs, 15; George Bangs 12; H. A. Bronson, 10; Horace Bagley, 10; A. W. Cupler, 11; A. G. Divet, 18; S. E. Ellsworth, 13; C. J. Fisk, 194; John Knauf, 22; Aubrey Lawrence, 33; W. A. McIntyre, 10; B. F. Spalding, 14; C. L. Young, 12; Alfred Zuger, 12.

Subsequent to the closing of the ballot 13 additional ballots were received, which did not change the result, and showed the following distribution among those listed above: George Bangs, 1; A. W. Cupler, 1; A. G. Divet, 2; C. J. Fisk 9; John Knauf, 2; W. A. McIntyre, 1.

The members of the Bar Board holding over are S. D. Adams and C. L. Young. Later the appointment of Judge Fisk has been announced.

#### CODE REVISION

The President of the State Bar Association appointed a Committee to outline a plan for the revision, compilation, or codification of the statutes. The last compilation was made in 1913, and the last codification in 1895. There have since been held five regular, and two special legislative sessions, resulting in additions to the statutes, of over two thousand pages. The enactments of the Session of 1925 will be included in the compilation.

The Committee consists of Sveinbjorn Johnson, Chairman, Chas. M. Pollock, Fargo, Aubrey Lawrence, Fargo, C. J. Fisk, Minot, Geo. A. Bangs, Grand Forks, Ed. Pierce, Sheldon, and S. E. Ellsworth, Jamestown. The Committee met at Fargo on December 20th, and, after canvassing the situation, decided to recommend a compilation of the statutes under the general supervision of the Supreme Court, the Court to make the necessary arrangements for printing and publishing the volume. This plan was successfully carried out in Montana when the latest revision was made. It is understood that Mr. Nestos will include in his message to the Legislature a recommendation that appropriate action be taken for the compilation of the statutes.

Members of the Bar can materially assist the Committee by bringing the facts as to the necessity for the compilation to the attention of their representatives in both houses of the Legislature.

**Hon. Sveinbjorn Johnson,**  
**Chairman.**