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BAR BULLETIN

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DISTRICT MEETINGS OF THE BAR ASSOCIATION

In order to arouse more interest in the Bar Association among the lawyers of the state and to acquaint them with its purposes, the experiment is being tried this year of holding a number of district conventions in different localities. The first meeting was held at Kirksville, November 30, 1925, with an attendance of about 150 lawyers from Northeast Missouri. Hon. Elmer O. Jones of LaPlata was toastmaster and the speakers were Hon. R. R. Brewster of Kansas City, Hon. Charles Liles of Dexter, and Gen. John T. Barker, President of the Missouri Bar Association. The second meeting was at Springfield on February 27, 1926, with an attendance of about 200 lawyers. Gen. Barker acted as toastmaster after being introduced by Hon. Harry D. Hurst, President of the local Bar Association. Judge H. D. Green, of West Plains, Hon. Charles Liles of Dexter, and Hon. Henry L. Jost of Kansas City were the speakers. The next meeting is planned for April 5th at Poplar Bluff where it is expected that Hon. R. L. Ward of Caruthersville, Hon. W. H. Meredith of Poplar Bluff, Hon. E. J. White of St. Louis, Hon. George H. Combs, Jr. of Kansas City, and Gen. Barker will speak. The final conference and banquet is scheduled for May 17th at Columbia. General Barker will act as toastmaster, introducing Senator Frank G. Harris of Columbia, Hon. Xenophon P. Wilfley of St. Louis, and Hon. R. R. Brewster of Kansas City. It is reported that these meetings are proving decidedly successful, causing a revival of interest in the Association and an increase in its membership.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MISSOURI BAR ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the Missouri Bar Association will be held in Kansas City October 1st and 2nd, 1926. Hon. John G. Sargent, Attorney-General of the United States, Hon. Edward L. Katzenbach, Attorney-General of New Jersey, and Hon. Paul P. Prosser of Denver, formerly of Fayette, will speak. The Kansas City Bar Association will give a banquet on the night of October 1st and the regular banquet of the Missouri Bar Association will be on the night of October 2nd.

WILLIAM T. ALFORD EXONERATED

In Number 31 of the Law Series was published the report of the Grievance Committee of the Kansas City Bar Association and in that report at page 81, there was reference to a proceeding for disbarment against William T. Alford, of Kansas City. In fairness to Mr. Alford, the Bulletin is glad to take this opportunity to state that after the trial of the charges against Mr. Alford in the Circuit Court of Jackson County, the following judgment entry was made:

"This cause coming regularly on to be heard, the Court having heard the evidence and being fully advised in the premises, finds that the charges filed herein, and each and every one of them, separately and collectively considered, were made upon information furnished, in part, by persons who were unkindly disposed, who suppressed essential and material facts that should in good conscience have been imparted to the complaining members of the Jackson County Bar, and who related facts to said complaining attorneys that were not founded in truth; also, in part, by persons who themselves were misinformed, or misunderstood the truth concerning the facts related to the complaining attorneys; that William T. Alford has been guilty of no professional misconduct or moral turpitude as alleged in the complaint filed herein; and that the allegations of the answer filed by defendant herein are true and fully supported by the evidence introduced in this cause.

"It is therefore ordered and adjudged by the Court that the said William T. Alford be and he is hereby fully and completely exonerated from each and every complaint contained in the charges filed herein; that said charges and complaints be and they are by the court dismissed; and that the said William T. Alford be and he is hereby discharged."

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