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or a delay in, a notice or claim 'if it is found that the insurer was not prejudiced', similar to the Missouri statute. The comment continues: "The New Hampshire statute is even better. It provides: 'Defective Notice. No want, defect or inaccuracy of a notice shall be a bar to the maintenance of proceedings unless *the employer proves* that he is prejudiced by such want, defect or inaccuracy.'" There may be a move for such a statute in Missouri, as a result of the *Brown v. Douglas* case.

By way of conclusion, counsel representing Workman's Compensation claimants are reminded that if the actual notice of injury is not given as required by *Missouri Revised Statutes*, Section 287.420 (1949), then they should be careful to include in the hearing before the referee, proof excusing such notice; either proof of "good cause" or "that the employer was not prejudiced by failure to receive such notice."

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THE AMERICAN LAWYER. By Albert P. Blaustein and Charles O. Porter. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1954. Pp. xiii, 360. \$5.50.

The Survey of the Legal Profession, sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation and the American Bar Association, has published many reports dealing with the various services performed by lawyers and with legal education, admission to the bar, legal ethics and organization of the legal profession. In the present volume, the authors ably summarize these reports.

TAX PLANNING FOR ESTATES (1955 Revision). By William J. Bowe. Nashville: The Vanderbilt Press, 1955. Pp. 98.

This book was first published in 1949, and the present revision reflects the changes made in the Revenue Act of 1954.

In reviewing an earlier edition of this book, we said: "Professor Bowe is an experienced tax and estate planner, and this little book is a clear and concise, but not over-simplified, exposition of the more basic problems of that field, illustrated with well chosen examples. A good text for the beginner, it could also be read with profit by the expert."¹ This statement is equally applicable to this edition.

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1. 18 Mo. L. Rev. 90 (1953).

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