

FARIBAULT COUNTY REGISTER^{*}

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1904

FORM BAR ASSOCIATION.

Hon. A. C. Dunn Honored by Being Elected
President.

The Attorneys of the Seventeenth Judicial District met at the court house in Fairmont, Minn., on the evening of Dec. 6, 1904, and were called to order by Hon. A. L. Ward as president of the Martin County Bar Association of the Seventeenth Judicial District.

On motion Hon. Albert L. Ward of Fairmont, was elected chairman, and Benj. G. Reynolds, of Winnebago City, secretary.

Hon. A. C. Dunn moved, and it was voted that it is the sentiment of this meeting that we do form an association to be known as the Seventeenth District Bar Association. It is moved and carried that the chairman appoint a committee of one to present a constitution of the association, and A. R. Allen of Fairmont, was appointed as such committee.

During the absence of such committee, Hon. A. C. Dunn by request presented some thoughts on the advisability of the formation of and purposes of such an association. The committee on constitution returned and presented such constitution, wherein it was recited:

OBJECT.

“This association is formed to cultivate the science of jurisprudence, to promote reform in the law, to facilitate the administration of justice, to elevate the standard of integrity, honor and courtesy in the profession

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between the bench and bar, to encourage a thorough and liberal legal education, and an enlightened ethical training, to cherish the spirit of brotherhood among the members thereof, and to perpetuate their memory.”

It provides that

MEMBERS.

“Any member of the legal profession in good standing and residing in said district may become a member of this association by signing the roll of members or by directing the secretary to sign his name thereto, and by paying the annual dues for the current year.

The court reporter of the district, the district court commissioners, the clerks of court and judges of Probate residing in this district shall during their respective terms of office be eligible to membership to this association. Honorary members may be elected by the association.”

After a few remarks thereon the constitution as thus presented was unanimously adopted. The following persons became members of the association: Hon. James H. Quinn, Judge of said District, Hon. A. C. Dunn and Benj. G. Reynolds, of Winnebago, Hon. Frank L. Putnam, of Blue Earth, E. T. Smith, County Attorney of Jackson County, H. G. Latterel and C. P. Bissett, of Lakefield, F. L. Lammers, of Heron Lake, George P. Jones and W. H. Miller, of Jackson, Hon. A. L. Ward, A. R. Allen, E. C. Dean. F. A. Mathwig, T. S. Fisk, J. E. Palmer, County Attorney of Martin County, W. L. Nichols, Court Reporter, A. R. Flygare, Clerk of Court, DeForest Ward, J. J. Goetz, Judge of Probate and E. F. Wade of Fairmont, C. D. O’Niel and A. G. T. Brown of Sherburn and Paul C. Cooper of Truman.

It was moved and carried that the constitution and the by laws hereafter to be adopted be printed for the use of the members of the association. By unanimous consent the secretary was instructed to cast the ballot for the following officers of the association for the ensuing year: Hon. A. C. Dunn, President; F. A. Mathwig, Vice-President of Martin county; E. T. Smith, Vice-President of Jackson county, and E. Babcock, Vice-President of Faribault county. J. E. Palmer was elected secretary and A. G. T. Brown, treasurer. Hon. M. J. Severance of Mankato and E. E. Ward, sheriff of Martin county, were elected honorary members. The secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of the minutes of these proceedings to the newspapers of the district.

Those present, as the guests of the Martin County Bar Association, repaired to the Bullard House and partook of an elaborate banquet of ten courses, elegant in all respects, to which one hundred plates were laid. In opening, Hon. A. L. Ward welcomed the guests with appropriate remarks. Judge James H. Quinn responded in an earnest and happy manner to the sentiment, "The Bench and Bar," and therein pointed out where bar associations tend to promote friendship and good will among the members of the profession and a closer knitting together in friendly relations of the court and of the bar.

Hon. A. C. Dunn, the oldest practitioner in Southern Minnesota, spoke on "Fifty Years' Practicing Law in Minnesota," and therein related many incidents and anecdotes characterizing and illustrating the oddities and idiosyncrasies of frontier practice of law in the anti-bellum days during the fifties in Minnesota.

E. T. Smith in a very apt and pleasing manner presented the theme, "Our Honored Guest."

Then came the address of the evening by Judge Edward A. Jaggard of St. Paul. The Judge dilated in his remarks on the uses and benefits of bar association, which interspersed with mirth provoking anecdotes and witticisms, bubbled over with good fellowship, so characteristic of the speaker, which contributed much, it has been suggested, to his having received the largest number of votes of any candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court in the last election, after which the association adjourned. †

Benj. G. Reynolds, Sec. ■

† In the election in November 1904 for Associate Justice for the term beginning January 1905, the results were:

Edwin A. Jaggard (R.).....	179,353
O. M. Hall (D.).....	86,074

See "Results of Elections of Justices to the Minnesota Supreme Court, 1857-2010" 33-34 (MLHP, 2010).

