

LAKE BENTON NEWS

March 21, 1882.

Benton Bar Association. *

Benton Bar Association met at the office of Chas. Butts at 7:30. Present, G. I. Larson, C. W. Stites, A. G. Chapman, Chas. Butts, J. L. Cass and Clerk of Court, A. C. Matthews.

On motion, G. I. Larson was chosen Chairman, J. L. Cass, Secretary.

On motion, the Bar was called the Benton Bar Association, temporarily.

On motion, the chair appointed Chas. Butts and C. W. Stites as a committee to draft resolutions on the death of Fred. W. Randolph; said committee to report at 12 o'clock m. on Monday the 13th, to which time the Association, stood adjourned.

12 o'clock m:—Present, G. I. Larson, Chas. Butts, A. G. Chapman, C. W. Andrews and J. L. Cass.

On motion, the Association adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

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One o'clock pm.:—Present, G. L. Larson, Chas. Butts, C. W. Andrews, W. E. Dean, A. G. Chapman, C. W. Stites and J. L. Cass. Chairman asked for the report of the committee on resolutions, which was submitted by Committee.

On motion, resolutions as presented, after some discussion, were accepted.

On motion, the report of the committee as accepted, were adopted.

C. W. Andrews made a motion that the resolutions as adopted be printed in the papers of the county, and that a copy of the same be forwarded by the secretary, to Charles Randolph, father of the deceased, at South Evanston, Ill., which motion prevailed.

On motion, the name of the association was changed to Lincoln Co. Bar Association. On motion, the chair appointed C. W. Stites, Chas. Butts and W. E. Dean a committee to draft a constitution, by-laws and rules governing the Association and report on the evening of June 12th. A. D. 1882.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet on the evening of June 12th 1882, at Morse's Hall.

J. L. Cass, Sec.



In *Early History of Lincoln County* 211 (Lake Benton News Print, 1936)(Rev. ed., 1973), a compilation of early

accounts, reminiscences and articles, Editor A. B. Tasker reported the founding of the Benton Bar Association:

BENTON BAR ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED

The Benton Bar Association, the first association of its kind in Lincoln county, was organized sometime previous to March 21st, 1882. According to the Lake Benton News of that date, a meeting was held at which were present Charles Butts, G. I. Larson, C. W. Stites, A. G. Chapman, J. L. Cass, C. W. Andrews, W. E. Dean and Clerk of Court A. C. Matthews. G. I. Larson was chosen chairman and J. L. Cass, secretary. At this meeting the association was given the temporary name of Benton Bar Association, which was later changed to the Lincoln County Bar Association. A committee consisting of C. W. Stites, Chas. Butts and W. E. Dean, was appointed to draft a set of by-laws and a constitution, to report at a meeting on June 12th, the same year.



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