

and the ballots must be counted: 498; *Kuykendall v. Harker* (1878),
Dale v. Irwin (1875), 78 Ill. 170; 89 Id. 126; *Hodge v. Linn* (1881),
Clark v. Robinson (1878), 88 Id. 100 Id. 397. W. W. THORNTON.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The increased size of this number requires for once the omission of the Abstracts of Recent Decisions, which will be continued from month to month but with a selection more especially designed to contain valuable cases in the various United States Courts in preference to those in the State Courts as less likely to fall under professional notice.

A new department, here begun, will precede the Abstracts hereafter, and will especially be devoted to noticing changes in the laws embodied in the leading articles and annotations contained in the recent volumes of this periodical. It is not intended to make these Editorial Notes less valuable for reference than the leading articles and the annotations; rather the contrary, as otherwise slight changes in the law could not be noticed until they had accumulated into a mass sufficient to form another article or annotation.

Advantage will be taken of the space afforded in the few pages devoted each month to these Editorial Notes, to furnish the statutory changes in the law, and as often as possible in the literal language of the statutes themselves. There is so much difficulty in obtaining a library of the session laws and the actual use for it is so infrequent that the printing of the statutes may often save the expense of purchasing the volumes of the laws. Moreover, it is dangerous to cite cases dependent upon statute law without having the statute at hand to confirm the summary made by a law writer; at least, the evident similarity of statutes in different states affords good reason for citing decisions from one state in another when the similarity can be easily established. This has been notably true in the use of the leading article on Legal Holidays (*ante*, page 137.)

Thus it is hoped to make the AMERICAN LAW REGISTER more fully what its name signifies—a record of American Law from month to month; omitting all temporary and unimportant as well as merely local decisions and statutes, and excluding other interesting and even valuable articles which cannot be classified with reference matter. Such excluded matter will continue to appear in the pages of the *Current Comment*.

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