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it would stand as the most successful auto show until it is beaten by the dealers themselves, who helped to make it. Incidentally he spoke of the rapid rise of the West in the automobile industry, which he said Eastern men consider remarkable.

J. Frank Witwer, president of the combined association, presided at the banquet and acted as toastmaster. He called upon representatives of nearly every firm in Kansas City to give short talks upon the automobile industry. They all responded with compliments to the 1912 show and urged closer harmony among the automobile men.

Dorothy Benton, a singer at one of the theaters, entertained with songs and recitations. She sang "They're Always Picking On Me" for the special benefit of a few of the dealers who are enjoying the largest sales, and for the remainder she recited "They All Run."

ONLY ONE MEMBER LOST.

President Witwer made a short address in which he said that the two associations have lost but one member in the last three years. "I believe that gives an idea of the desire all the members have to organize and work in harmony," he said. Then he complimented the show committee for the excellent work it has done to give Kansas City the best show ever held in this country. He also spoke of the work the automobile men are doing in co-operation with the good roads movement. He said:

"Better highways mean more sales for the automobile men and less complaint afterwards."

It was suggested at the meeting that the next show be held either earlier in the season or later in order that buyers from out of town may have a chance to drive their cars home. It was also mentioned that the coming show should last two weeks, one week for pleasure cars and one for trucks. This seemed to meet with the approval of the association. No date was chosen for the next show, owing to the fact that it has not been decided when the show shall be held or how long it shall continue.

BILL OF SALE FOR NEGROES.

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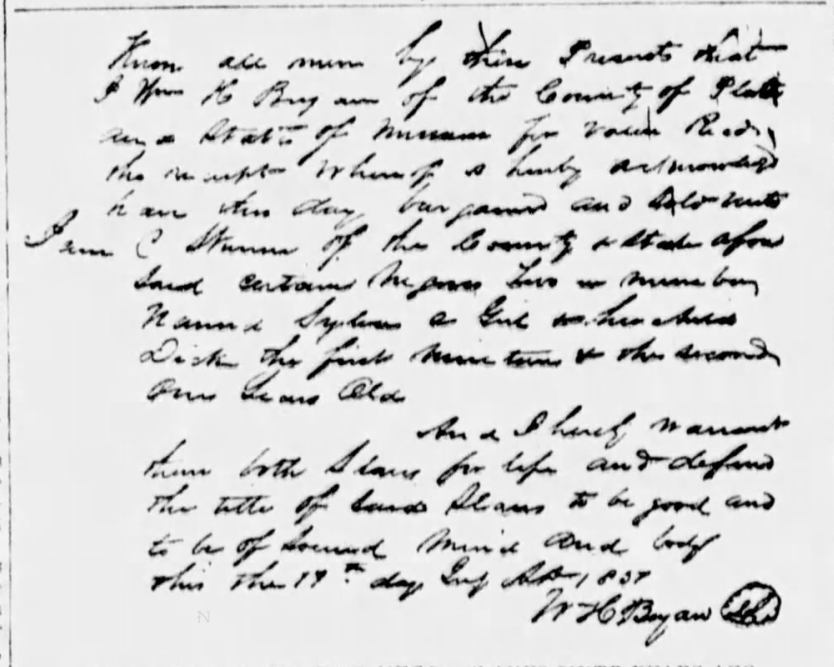
A relic of ante-bellum days, now in the possession of T. Percy Bryan, secretary of the Gray-Bryan Coal Company, is a bill of sale governing a transaction in which his grandfather, William H. Bryan, sold two slaves to Miss Jane C. Skinner, September 17, 1851. The sale took place in Platte county, Mo.

The bill of sale is in William H. Bryan's handwriting and is written on rather heavy paper. The ink has faded considerably. Bills of sale of this type were common at that time, and few of them bore the signatures of witnesses.

"Know all men by these Presents that I, Wm H Bryan of the County of Platte and State of Missouri for value Recd the receipt Whereof is hereby acknowledged have this day bargained and sold unto Jane C Skinner of the County & State afore said certain Negroes Two in number Named Sylva a Girl & her child Dick the first nineteen & the second one Years Old.

"And I hereby warrant them both Slaves for life and defend the title of said Slaves to be good and to be of Sound Mind and body this the 17th day Sep A. D. 1851.

"Wm H Bryan (Seal)"



BILL OF SALE FOR TWO NEGRO SLAVES SIXTY YEARS AGO.

Platte county at that time was known generally as the Platte reservation. Kansas City was a small village and Weston was the big landing place on the Missouri river. Boats from St. Louis stopped there and a ferry line ran across the river. Weston now is nearly five miles inland.

William H. Bryan died in 1853, two years after the sale took place. Miss Skinner lived in Kansas City until two years ago and owned considerable property here. John Georgen, an attorney, with offices in the Bryant building is a nephew.

EVA HARRIS DIES IN UTAH.

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