



JUDGE ALBERT J. CORNISH

Candidate for Judge of the Supreme Court.

Is now serving his twenty-first year as judge of the district court of Lancaster County.

Reputed to have a profound knowledge of the law, absolutely impartial and human in his judgments. Mature, but vigorous and active.

His neighbors have five times wanted him to be their judge.

IS ANGEL OF MERCY

Alfonso of Spain Busiest Monarch in Europe.

He Conducts Clearing House for Information About the "Missing" in the War—Every Inquiry Receives Attention.

Madrid.—King Alfonso of Spain is perhaps the busiest sovereign of Europe these days, although his country is not at war, nor likely to change its policy of neutrality as long as the war lasts. That strict and continued neutrality, without any political reasons why either side of the belligerents desires to have Spain change it, gives King Alfonso the privilege of appealing to any country at war for news of soldier husbands, brothers or sweethearts. He is doing so for all the women of Europe, receiving and replying to several hundred letters every day. They come from French countesses, English servant girls, from Austrians, Germans, Russians and Belgians. They are so numerous, numbering altogether about 50,000, that one whole floor in the royal palace in Madrid has been given up to a post office, where the king has installed numerous secretaries familiar with the

various languages and adept at reading every variation of handwriting.

It all started some months ago, when a young lady of France, acquainted with the king's gallant character, appealed to him to discover the whereabouts of her fiancé. She understood he had been made a prisoner of war, but her own government could give her no exact information. She had written to the German government, but as her communication had not passed through the proper channel it, of course, was never answered.

"Sire: A desolate lady asks your protection. Spain is the land of chivalry, and your majesty is the greatest Hidalgo of Castile, and I feel certain will hear me," she wrote to King Alfonso, relating the steps she had already taken without success to learn if her fiancé were still in the land of the living.

The letter reached the eyes of the king. He was touched by its appeal and at once wrote to the Spanish Ambassador in Berlin to see what could be done. He was soon able to report the good news that the soldier in question was safely housed in a prison camp near Leipzig. The telegraph carried the happy tidings to the royal palace in Madrid, and from there to Paris.

The whole investigation had taken two weeks, and the grateful little Parisienne was so wild with joy that she told everybody. Dozens, then hundreds, of other desolate ladies followed her example, and their servants followed theirs; the story went from country to country that anyone could write to the gallant king of Spain and he would certainly discover what was the address where letters could be sent to the missing soldier.

Not long ago the wife of an English private received a long communication from the king, written in reply to her letter. His majesty took just as much pains with this letter and sent it off with just as many indications on the envelope that it had come from the royal palace as if he had been replying to a royal princess. His secretary wrote:

"Although his majesty's embassy in Berlin is charged only with the interests of France and Russia, his majesty, being desirous, nevertheless, of demonstrating his interest in British subjects, has graciously acceded to your request, and has communicated with the Spanish ambassador in Berlin, commanding him to communicate with Great Britain's representative there—the United States ambassador—in order that the necessary investigation may be made. His majesty earnestly hopes that these inquiries may be the means of procuring satisfactory information for you."

In this case it was Ambassador Gerard who served as the first cavalier to the distressed English wife, passing the news on to the Spanish ambassador that the husband's health was excellent and that he was safely interned along with his comrades, not particularly enjoying "war bread," but hoping for better times.

NATIONAL TEAM WORK ----- BY BART



The king has thoroughly organized this labor of mercy, and every letter received is immediately acknowledged.

Gets Sixth Set of Teeth.
Huntington, W. Va.—Mrs. Annie Mahan, aged one hundred and two, of the wilds of Logan county, is cutting teeth for the sixth time, the sixth set appearing nine weeks after the preceding set had begun to grow.

Mrs. Gregory, aged one hundred and nine, neighbor of Mrs. Mahan, spends her spare time digging ginseng roots on the highest mountain sides.

Daily sells for less.

Uncle Eben.
"Patience 's line," said Uncle Eben, "of it keeps a man workin'. But 'ain't much good ef it keeps him stickin' to a crap game."

BIG MONEY MADE IN JUNK

Oregon Has Cleared Over \$23,000 in Eight Months Off Old Metal.

Eugene, Ore.—The junk dealer's job isn't such a bad sort of occupation, according to the statements of one Eugene junk firm that today shipped its eleventh carload of junk collected in and around Eugene in the past eight months. The shipment went to Seattle.

Two men with a rickety wagon have done this collecting and the results have included eleven tons of rubber, nine tons of brass and fifteen tons of copper and other metals. Receipts were more than \$23,000.

James Bartunek will oil and repair your harness. Let Jim do it.

The Whirligig of Time.

The change of a generation in human nature is infinitesimal and then some. Now it is the original red automobile, second-hand for which Indians are trading away their valuable lands; nothing out a twentieth century oad.

Knew How it Was.
"Willie," the Sunday school teacher asked, "can you tell me why Rachel wept for her children?" "Mebbe it was because the preacher came before she had a chance to git them cleaned up."—Chicago Herald.

For Sale:—One stack of alfalfa hay one good milch cow fresh soon, probably before this appears in print and one heifer fresh in April.—Henry Delling. 10-2

SPRING SUITS AND TOP COATS.

Read these reasons why you should buy of me.

1. I can understand your desires, in cut, fit and quality.
2. I handle the largest and best line of woollens in the county.
3. My prices are reasonable and in reach of all.
4. I never let a suit or garment out until I have fitted it to your perfect satisfaction and last but not least, I buy my woollens direct from the largest wholesale woolen house in America and my clothing is not made up in a sweatshop but in a shop where all men tailors are used. I have 2,000 samples of the very latest in checks, banjo stripes and all plain colors. Come in and see before you buy elsewhere.

Loup City Tailor Shop,
South Side of Square.

Make Your Own Healing Remedy at Home.

Buy a 50c bottle of Farris Healing Remedy, add to it a pint of Linsseed Oil to make a healing oil, or add vase-

line to make an ointment. You will then have sixteen ounces of the Healing Remedy for harness and saddle galls, barbed wire cuts, scratches, or any hurt or sore where the skin is broken. Positively guaranteed the best made. Make it at home. By so doing you have \$2.00 worth for 50c.—Sold by J. J. Slominski, Loup City, Neb.

To Hang Pictures.
Pictures hung by a single wire have an annoying way of getting uneven on account of the slipping of the wire on the picture hook. This can sometimes be avoided by first hanging the picture face to the wall, and then turning it around. The single turn this makes in the wire near the hook prevents slipping.

To Clean Porcelain.
For cleaning white porcelain sinks and bathtubs use a solution of one pint of turpentine thoroughly mixed with one-half cupful of salt. You will find this does not injure the smooth surface in the least.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

By United States Senator John W. Weeks (Of Massachusetts).



I am going to submit to you some views on the subject of government ownership, as well as the operation of transportation lines and other public service facilities, although the whole subject is much too comprehensive to treat in the time allotted. I do not intend to speak in any sense in a partisan way, but I cannot fail to call attention to the fact that the reason why the subject seems to me, just now, to be of urgent importance is the recommendations by the present Administration of additional activities in this direction.

Let us consider the contention made by those advocating government ownership that the cost of capital would be materially less than it is under private control. Undoubtedly there is something to be said in favor of this contention provided the issue of bonded indebtedness by a government does not become so large that its bonds do not sell readily. If we were to take over the railroads of the United States, what would be the cost to the government? In taking over railroads in Europe by governments, from twenty to twenty-five times the net earnings for a period of years has been considered a fair price for so doing. If a similar method were adopted in this country it would make the cost to the United States about fifteen billion dollars. I think no one will contend that the United States can issue indebtedness to that amount, or to any considerable part of it, without materially increasing the rate which it would be necessary to pay for the money. Furthermore, if the government owned the railroads, there would be a loss of taxes amounting to about one hundred and ten millions of dollars a year, this being a very considerable item in the revenues of most of the States.

There are other considerations which relate to this subject. The pressure for results in privately owned corporations goes to the highest state of activity and efficiency. If they do not get as good results as their rivals, they are not promoted, and, very frequently, are retired. When we turn to government controlled railroads all this is changed. Any such system as the Civil Service applied to our railroads would be fatal. One of the distinct weaknesses of the Civil Service is that men cannot get a suitable reward for unusual activity or intelligent effort. Promotion comes to the mediocre as well as to the efficient, and nothing could be more subservient to the best results in the operation of railroads than the putting of mediocre men in positions of high executive responsibility.

Development and improvement of railroads are much more apt to result from competition than from monopoly. Generally speaking, there is a kind of stagnation and stupidity in governmental monopoly which would be impossible in the case of private control. The government is not organized for business purposes. Into its operations must enter all of the evils of political influence. The result would not be one of making profits, and putting the government into business of this kind would mean putting the government into competition with the business of its citizens.

Big Spring Opening and Demonstration

AT KOZEL & SORENSEN'S, ROCKVILLE

Saturday, March 11th

The farmers and general public are invited to visit our store at Rockville, on Saturday, March 11, to see our display and demonstration of farm implements, wagons, buggies, etc. Come to Rockville and spend the day with us. Your visit will be pleasant and profitable.

Two Free Prizes to be Given Away

Every farmer who registers at our store on that day will be given a number and at 5 p. m. drawing will be held and the lucky number will win a Wonder Grain Grader, value \$35.00, this prize to be contested for by farmers only.

Special for the Ladies'

All ladies who register at our store on that day will be given a free number on a leather seat rocker, value \$7.50, drawing at 5 p. m.

This is a Partial List of Our Stock of Goods

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| INCUBATOR, GAS ENGINES, FORD AND DODGE AUTOS, BUGGIES, SICKLE GRINDER, GRIND STONES, WASHING MACHINES, RUGS, SIDE BOARDS, BEDS, DRESERS, CHIFFONNIERS, COMMODOES, CHAIRS, BINDERS, CORN PLANTERS, CULTIVATORS, DISC HARROW, GRINDERS, FANNING MILL, ROCKER, HIGH CHAIRS, GRAIN GRADERS, HARROWS GO-CARTS, HARROW CARTS, TABLES, HAY RAKES, HAY | SWEEPS, KITCHEN CABINETS, DRESSING TABLES, CUPBOARDS, HAY STACKERS, MOWERS, BED SPRINGS, WAGONS, MATTRESSES, WAGON BOXES, STORES, RANGES, TRUCK WAGONS, LISTER, LINOLEUM, HEATERS, SPREADERS, CREAM SEPARATOR, ENAMELED WARE, EXTRA PLOW AND LISTER SHEARS, NICKLE PLATED WARE, WATER PAILS, DAIRY PAILS, SILVER WARE, KNIVES |
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Do Not Fail to Attend This Demonstration

Five Per Cent Discount on all Cash Purchases

Our prices are the lowest and as a special inducement for you to trade with us on that day a discount of 5 per cent will be given on all cash purchases on any article we carry in stock, with the exception of automobiles and gas tractors.

Don't Forget the Date, Saturday, March 11th

KOZEL & SORENSEN

Hardware, Implements, Furniture, Automobiles, Etc.

ROCKVILLE, NEBRASKA