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DUAL PERSONALITY OF WOMAN JUDGE BLENDS COURT AUSTERITY WITH GRACIOUSNESS OF HOME

Miss Florence Allen Is Answer to Criticism That Politics Abrades Inherent Feminine Traits

FIRST WOMAN STATE COURT JURIST IN U.S.

Elected Because the People Believed in Sincerity of High Purposes Shown in Campaign

What will be the effect upon the administration of justice of newly enfranchised woman's invasion of the higher courts of America?

Will she tear away the veil which has blinded the eyes of the goddesa' hrough the centuries?

Or will the ponderous wheels of the legal machinery grind on into the future without perceptible hange in the mechanism?

Perhaps the answer to these quesions will be found in the future actions of Miss Florence Allen, who takes office January 1 as a member of the Ohio Supreme Court, the first roman in America to occupy such a uosition.

In the race for political distinction Miss Allen holds two other "firsts." She became the first Comnon Pleas Judge in the county when elected to that position two years ago in Cuyahoga County, O. She was the first person running independently of party connections to vin a place on the Ohio Supreme Court.

Ohio's new Supreme Court Judge eems a living answer to the critiism that politics and office-holding will detract from the inherent finer haracteristics of a woman.

Determination Is One of Her Characteristic



Woe Betide Any Boss or Bosses Who Try to Influence or Intimidate This Judicial Joan of Arc

WANNSLAW IMPARTIALLY ENFORCED

Always in Forefront of Fights for Equal Suffrage, She is Strongly Opposed to Militancy

sitting in the case of a man accused of beating a strike-breaker in a Cleveland strike. She heard that one of the principal witnesses for the State had been threatened with death if he came. to court to testify. The names of the two men who were said to have uttered the threat were given to her. While she said it was doubtful if they could have been convicted of any crime, she set her bailiff to watch for them and declared she would send both to jail for contempt if they so much as came into the courthouse

"Their appearance in court, after that command was made, would have been contempt, and I certainly would have releved them put in jail." she said. The two men charged with having made the threat left town and did not come back.

She also ordered the jury locked up at night and refused to allow even their friends to hold conversation with jurymen. The trial lasted eight days, and the jury was locked up every night.

The accused was acquitted, but Judge Allen said that did not matter, as she wanted both the man and the State to get a square deal and proposed to see that both got that even if she had to lock up half the attaches of the court to assure it.

Politics and professional life have not dulled the feminine instincts of Judge Allen, as proved by the following episode of the suit case.

a Handsome Gift

Possessing a faculty almost to the

oint of a dual personality, she has andled her court cases with a grim professional hours she is restless, brief to the point and gruff to the he throws off her official duties.

ions quickly but in detail, at the same time keeping up separate con-rersations with as many as three

the interest of other conversations, may have been, he is kicked out be- to want to vote. but invariably comes back to the cause the politicians have demanded this subject under discussion, with an air job for some henchman as a condition While a Schember t having never wandered into new to their recommendation of the new judge. fields of thought. But find her alone, the rush of a

hard day's work over, and she is have taken care of my bailiff, for he is again the woman, discussing triviali- a good one," she added, with a slight ties in a manner entirely foreign to sparkle in her eyes.

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tant to her feminine self, "I could she declared. tot have won the Democratic nom-

Angered at Activity of Political Bosses

nation.

"No, I am not saying that to get paign. otes. I am not beginning my next

Campaign yet. 1 sincerely believe Once Was Disturbed at he courts should be out of politics, Marion Meeting

and when I see the way some "I had the pleasure of taking on political bosses attempt to interfere Boston Common, in Farmed Hill and with, and even try to dictate, the at various places in many other eithes. ppointments the judges are to make, and I never experienced but one atfairly makes my blood boil." tempt to have the meeting broken up. Then again, "Of course the Re-publicans are worse than the Demo-crata." Strangely mount, at Marion, the here in my own State, at Marion, the home of President Harding. "There was a political meeting on was right

the courthouse steps and since the poli-"Really, I do not say that because ticiaus had se considerately gathered

I am a Democrat; but the Democratic a crowd for us, some of the sufdetermination not exceeded by her leaders of Cuyahoga County have fragettes concluded that, following the male competitors. At work or during never interfered with me, even in politicians' meeting was a good time the slightest degree. They have for our assemblage.

been absolutely square with me and "My speech was well under way extent that makes her almost un- I consider them real men. But I when some hoodhuns in the crowd berecognizable when a few hours later have seen Republican leaders even gan to boo and hoot; but I just aphave seen Republican leaders even tell the Judges they had elected whom they must appoint as court whom they must appoint as court must appoint as court

Interviewed, she answers ques- bailiffs. It made me furious, I'll fragette. Like Topsy, according to her tell you. No political boss could own statement, she "just growed that MAY."

"Right in my own case is an exam- "My father was a lawyer and active i r four persons besides the inter- ple of why the courts should be out of in politics," she explained. "He was politics. When a judge dies or resigns elected a member of Congress for sev-

If, as has been true since she -and who can tell when I may do eral terms and I took a great interocated in Columbus, she is particu- either ?- the very bailing of the court est in both his legal cases and his camarly busy, she seems, at times, to becomes the prey of political spoils- paigns, so it was but natural for me

While a Schoolgirl

"Then, when I was just a fulle girl, "You can bet your last dollar that I I was sent to a private school. The but my other sister, aged thirteen, had partisan indicary. Judge Mica de-

Always a leader in the Ohmo - Arage strangely incongruous to her other fight. Judge Allen maintains she never

had much in common with the militant

party Democrat" she calls herself, "I do not believe in being militant. ut she ran for Supreme Court for I do not think one gets much in that udge and was elected by a sub- manner." she said. "I have always tantial majority as a non-partisan appealed to man's fairness and have andidate, just as she was elected found men both fair and chivalrous." she added, smiling.

"The Constitution provides for a "But I do believe in militant enon-partisian judiciary," was her forcement of the law." she declared, eclaration, "and I feel that strict with some of her courtroom grimness. "We need nothing nowadays so much bilts either party from having as respect for the law-real respect, real udicial candidates. My candidacy reverence for the moral and puepose vas a fight to establish the non-parsanship of the Supreme Court and children and in our schools. And the feel my election has placed the tamp of public approval upon the coarts must protect human rights which exist, in all cases, even property cases.

body politic will do nothing else than "Besides," she added, thereby stimulate greater participation in govsemingly giving place for the in- ernment, it will be worth the winte."

As early as 1912 and again in 1914 Miss Allen took active parts in Ohiosuffrage campaigns. The year 1915 saw her in Massachuseus helning her sisters of that State to wage their cam-

Florence E. Allen, Ohio Supreme Court Judge-elect, as she appeared after sentencing William H. Mediannon, former Chief Justice of the Cleveland Municipal Court, to the Ohio State Penitentiary at Columbus following his conviction for perjury at the time Miss Allen was on the Common Pleas bench

Miss Florence Allen, the austere juris

When she left the Common Pleas hench a few days ago, the court baliffs

clared her compation primarily was to eidentativ, we wan the case," she added, gave her a handsome leather traveling try to establish that principle, and said (cheerfully, bug.

even her defeat would not have been a That was the fight that brought When she come to Columbus the folgreat disappointment. "Of course, we Judge Allen into the public eye, and lowing day, to be sworn in as the to win, but I believe the neorle of baying spent several years in news. Supreme Court Justice, she brought this about that paper work herself, she profited by the bag along and was telling her proposition, and I believe there are but publicity and soon after was made As- | friends about it. two ways to make the courts non-part) - sistant Proceeding Attorney of Cuya-"Just look at those beautiful ivory

hogh County, the most populous county fittings," she said enthusiastically, san," she snid. "Fither we must make it non-pays, in Ohio. "That's the woman for you. She

Criminal Court Judge

isan in fact as well as theory as a That appellement on the after five doesn't pay any attention to the utility matter of law, or we must have so years' practice in Cleveland, where she of the log, but is taken up with . many independent compations with at - opened her office. As soon as she was bunch of lyory dew-dads on it." reconduct victories that the politicians minimed to the far in 1914, after two marked one of her men friends. will grow to understand that a party years in the prosecutor's office, she was "That's all right; those ivory fit-

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zoing she tols the whole story, and murder for the alleged shring of his bonor, which have been many since when the story is follow this bonor. when the story le rold, stops talking and friend, William Kagy, who was killed her acrival in Columbus, she presents only for her interviewer to start a in an automotion

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Likes to Review Her Fights for Suffrage

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Obtained by Stealth

"They had the book and I asker no

The Sheuff knew Judge Allen, and questions, but later 1 discovered it promptly requisitioned a blanket, which her ability in their profession, he presented to Metiannon and told him Members of the judiciacy have exhad been obtained from a Chicago IIhad been obtained from a Chicago if-brary and, while I am not prepared to say it was purloined. I must admit they adopted devious ways to obtain it, they adopted devious ways to obtain it. they adopted devious ways to obtain it, tenced to the penitentiary. They have a math to the colors, Inc. On another occasion, Judra Alten was as well as a man.

colored, one-piece frock, simply fash-ioned, and her shoes are "common a strange contrast to the vari-

Fooling run high. Money was sport but such is her personality she never freely to clear Metiannon, and nony al. seems to suffer much from the conleged the jury did not excupe the "inst.

of Real Happiness

fier hier of complete imprimess, she tobl n mental thoregrapher. live on a farm and have a grand plane. and the idea of canappiness. It a slow of associated functions," 'to he: Her facorite prose author is Cerverties and her fatterire poet Homer, Her favorite heroine is Susan B. Antheny and her particular aversion is Metternich

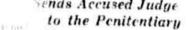
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Her sisters in the suffrage hoovement tope for great things, and believe they have an able representative in office. Lawyers throughout Ohio recognize

Sends Accused Judge





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"One day some one introduced a coeffed and I have been drived bome suffrage bill and I was for it. My suffrage ever since " twelve-year-old sister agreed with me, thoing back to the subjection .