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PATRON SAINTS OF LAWYERS

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DENVER and Colorado lawyers will be interested to know there is a patron saint for lawyers. After nearly 700 years he has been discovered by the American Bar Association, and he will be honored by that august body during the month of May. It is also interesting to note that this same ancient lawyer can logically be considered to be the founder of the modern legal aid movement.

Back in the thirteenth century lawyers were sometimes regarded with suspicion, the same as at the present time. This particular saintly lawyer was a wonderment to his people inasmuch as he was not a thief.

In the *Denver Post*, Sunday, April 26, 1936, in Section 3, page 5, under the heading, "Just Ask the Post"—answers by Frederick J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C., is the question and answer:

Q. Who is the patron saint of lawyers?—C. D.

A. St. Ives. The American Bar Association has presented a memorial window in his honor to the cathedral at Treguier, Brittany, France. It will be dedicated on May 18.

The Catholic Encyclopedia gives the following biographical sketch.

Ives (Yves), Saint, born at Kermartin, near Treguier, Brittany (France), 17 October, 1253; died at Louannec, 19 May, 1303, was the son of Helori, lord of Kermartin, and Asodu Kenquis. In 1267 Ives was sent to the University of Paris, where he graduated in Civil Law. He went to Orleans in 1277 to study Canon Law. On his return to Brittany, having received minor orders, he was appointed "official," or ecclesiastical judge, of the archdeanery of the Rennes (1280); meanwhile he studied Scripture, and there are strong reasons for holding that he joined the Franciscan Tertiaries some time later at Guimgamp. He was soon invited by the Bishop of

Treguier to become his "official," and accepted the offer (1284). He displayed great zeal and rectitude in the discharge of his duty and did not hesitate to resist the unjust taxation of the king, which he considered an encroachment on the rights of the Church; by his charity he gained the title of Advocate—and Patron of the Poor. Having been ordained, he was appointed to the parish of Tredrez in 1285 and eight years later to Louannec, where he died. He was buried in Treguier, and was canonized in 1347 by Clement VI, his feast being kept on 19 May. He is the patron of lawyers, though not it is said their model, for—"Sanctus Ivo erat Brito, Advocatus et non latro, Res Mirando populo."

"Saint Ives was a Briton. He was a lawyer and not a thief—a thing that caused the people much wonder."

LITIGATION EXTRAORDINARY

We have received from Hon. Geo. F. Dunklee a synopsis

In re case No. 60052, Div. 2, In the Matter of the Adjudication of Priorities of Water Rights for the use of water for irrigation and other beneficial uses in Irrigation District No. 7, Div. No. 1, in the State of Colorado.

Case No. 60052, In the District Court, Division 2, in Re Adjudication of Priorities of Water Rights in District No. 7, Division No. 1, State of Colorado.

Case filed in District Court, City and County of Denver, Colorado, May 13, 1915.

Number of ditches, 28.

Number of reservoirs, 133.

Number of pages to decree, 709.

Number of pages to index, 3.

Total number of pages, 712.

District No. 7, Division No. 1, comprises all water from Clear Creek and tributaries.