

## THE KAISER IN COURT.

It may not be generally known that some years ago (1856) a predecessor of the present reigning "All Highest," Frederick William IV., became a suitor in the courts of Missouri seeking to recover from the estate of a deceased postmaster a sum with which he absconded to America (*King of Prussia v. Kuepper's Admr.*, 22 Mo. 551). The royal plaintiff thus modestly described his status: "The plaintiff states that he is absolute monarch of the kingdom of Prussia, and as king thereof is the sole government of that country; that he is unrestrained by any constitution or law, and that his will, expressed in due form, is the only law of that country, and is the only legal power there known to exist as law." All of which is commended to the notice of those whose "consciences" revolt at the effort to prevent that type of government from gaining a world ascendancy.—*Law Notes.*

## ADVERTISING BY LAWYERS.

A speaker at a meeting of the Peoria Bar Association said that ninety per cent. of the people do not employ lawyers and do not know what their functions are. He recommended systematic advertising, saying that if people were properly informed as to the functions of lawyers they would consult them more freely and save themselves financial loss. There is no doubt that people in general are too reluctant to seek legal advice, and that their interests suffer greatly thereby. Most business men realize that the most valuable function a lawyer can render is to keep his client out of a lawsuit, and they seek professional aid promptly for that purpose. But with the great mass of the people it is otherwise. Not until trouble is imminent do they resort to a lawyer, to find that some simple act a year or two earlier would have avoided all the difficulty.—*Law Notes.*

## INFLUENCE OF THE PROFESSIONS.

At a recent meeting of the Chicago Bar Association, one of the speakers stirred up considerable comment by a statement that while the leadership of the bar has held its own in the last fifty years, that of the press and the pulpit has declined. The pulpit is too far outside our province to permit of its discussion. There is, however, an anecdote of a Bishop who claimed to be a greater man than a Judge because "I can say to a man 'you shall be damned' while you can but say 'you shall be hanged.'" "Yes," retorted his lordship, "but when I say to a man 'you shall be hanged' he is hanged."—*Law Times.*