

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Penn, Alberto Valdega Senator

Served from Fremont County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 11 Aug 1851 Washington County, Pennsylvania

2. Marriage (s) date place  
Mary Zingie Gray 18 Nov 1874 Sidney, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business \_\_\_\_\_

B. Civic responsibilities Knights of Pythias, Mason

C. Profession Druggist

4. Church membership Baptist

5. Sessions served 33rd and 34th General Assemblies 1909 and 1911

6. Public Offices

A. Local Town councilman of Sidney - 8 yrs; School board member at Sidney - 12 yrs; chm. of Democratic County Central Comm. in 1900

B. State \_\_\_\_\_

C. National \_\_\_\_\_

7. Death 11 April 1945 Sidney, Iowa Buried in Sidney Cemetery Sidney Iowa

8. Children May (died 1900); Valdy

9. Names of parents Dr. John N. and Emily (Richey) Penn

10. Education Educated in common schools and in private schools maintained by the Baptist and Methodist churches in Sidney, Iowa

11. Degrees Attended Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He studied pharmacy and operated since 1884 a pharmacy in Sidney, Iowa established by his father.
- Wife, Mary Zingie, born 1854, died 1925, buried Sidney Cemetery, Sidney, Iowa
- In 1856, his father, came to Fremont Co. Iowa and began practicing medicine at Sidney. In 1857, he returned to PA for his family.
- In 1863, his father saw the need for better medical service in Sidney, so purchased a drugstore for his son, to operate in Sidney, Iowa
- Alphonso "Phon" operated this drugstore for 82 years.
- Became a registered pharmacist in Iowa 10 June 1886.
- He and his wife raised their granddaughter, Mildred May Bentley, after death of their daughter, Lulu May Bentley.

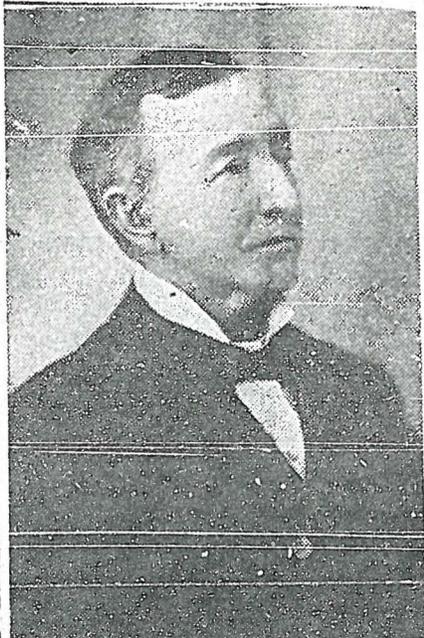


# SIDNEY ARGUS-HI

FREMONT COUNTY'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

SIDNEY, FREMONT COUNTY, IA., THURS., APRIL 19, 1945

## A. V. Penn, Sr., Veteran Druggist, Passes Away



A. V. PENN, SR.

Honorable A. V. Penn, Sr., pioneer pharmacist, passed away at the home of his son in Sidney at 12:30 p. m. April 11, 1945, at the age of 93 years and 8 months, after a short illness caused by pneumonia.

Alphonso Valdeze Penn was born Aug. 11, 1851, in Waynesburg, Penn., being the second in a family of five of Dr. J. N. and Emily Penn.

In 1856 his father made the long and tedious journey to the part of the territory of Iowa which is now Fremont county and began to build and establish his practice of medicine in Sidney. By 1857 he had acquired sufficient funds to return to Pennsylvania so that he might bring his family to Iowa and Sidney. The journey was made by boat as far as St. Joseph, Mo., but because of sand bars, the boat was abandoned and the remainder of the journey was by land. They forded the muddy Missouri at a point below where Hamburg

## We Mourn the Passing of a Great Man

Fremont county joined with Iowa and the entire nation last week end, in mourning the passing of the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Flags were flown at half mast over all of the county, and business houses were closed during the hours of the funeral services Saturday afternoon. Appropriate services were held at all churches, either in the form of special gatherings, or at the regular services Sunday morning.

A story telling the sad events surrounding the passing of President Roosevelt and a short resume of his life, will be found on page two of this issue.

### MORE TO REPORT FOR PRE-INDUCTION

The following list of men will report for pre-induction physical examination during the month of April:

- Ralph Loranzo Foster, Lincoln, Neb.
- Ralph Leon Bell, Hastings, Neb.
- Bryce Junior Pierson, Hamburg.
- Robert Millard Wright, River-ton.
- Richard David McIntyre, Far-ragut.
- Francis Clair Shelton, Ham-burg.
- Earl Breedlove Lloyd, Payne.
- John Harrill, Jr., Hamburg.

### WILL REPORT FOR PRE-INDUCTION

The following list of men will report for Final Induction during the month of April:

- Kenneth Earl Livingston, Far-ragut.

The following two men were transferred in from other boards for induction, and will report at the same time as the one above.

### Community Club Has Busy Session

Sidney Community club held its regular monthly meeting at the Methodist church last Friday evening with a good attendance. A 6:30 dinner, served by the ladies of the church, preceded the program and business session.

Guests were Rev. H. J. Noeding of the Presbyterian church and Lt. Richard Christopher and Lt. Harold Wyatt.

A short program was enjoyed, consisting of a short talk by Al Redington, of Shenandoah, on the G. I. Bill of Rights, and three instrumental solos, a tuba solo by Bob Ross, baritone solo by Mary Ellen Newland and a trombone solo by Martha Zack. The solos were well rendered and brought forth much applause and favorable comment.

Much discussion took place during the business session regarding post war plans, and it was brought out that the city council was at present preparing to take steps to locally conduct

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at a point below where Hamburg  
now stands, known as the Sidney  
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arrived in Sidney, which was not  
yet incorporated, and spent their  
first night in a log cabin.

In 1863 Dr. Penn, seeing the  
need for better medical service in  
Sidney, purchased the drug store,  
and almost immediately "Phon,"  
as A. V. Penn was affectionately  
known to all his friends, began  
his 82 years of work in the drug  
store. He was thought to be the  
oldest druggist in the state of  
Iowa and perhaps in the United  
States.

He matriculated at the Sidney  
schools and Tabor college. After  
concluding his education he began  
to manage the drug store and  
soon became one of the first in  
Iowa to become a registered  
pharmacist receiving his certi-  
cate June 10, 1880.

On November 18, 1874, he was  
united in marriage to Mary Zin-  
zie Gray. To their union two  
children were born—Lulu May  
and Aphonso Valdeze, Jr. They  
also raised and educated in their  
home Mildred May Bentley after  
the death of her mother, Lula  
May. Mr. and Mrs. Penn celebra-  
ted their 50th wedding anniver-  
sary in 1924 with over two hun-  
dred friends and relatives attend-  
ing.

A. V. Penn was a loyal member  
of the Baptist church of Sidney,  
joining in 1901, and serving for a  
number of years as secretary-  
treasurer of the church. He was  
affiliated with the Masonic order  
and the Knights of Pythias lodge  
and was a most active member  
during the younger years. In  
February, 1939, he was presented  
with a jeweled pin for fifty years  
of merited service in the Knights  
of Pythias lodge.

In the time of the Sidney  
Chautauqua he served on the ex-  
ecutive board and was president  
several years.

Honorable Penn's hobby was  
politics, and he took an active  
part in it during his early life. As  
a loyal democrat he served as  
county chairman for many years  
and was a regular attendant of  
the national conventions, being a  
delegate during the period of  
the Hearst-Parker reign. He was  
elected to and served in the 33rd  
and 34th Iowa General Assem-  
blies as a legislator in the years  
1909 and 1911.

"Phon" was prominent in com-  
munity affairs all his life, having  
served on the city council for sev-  
eral terms and as president of  
the school board for twelve years.

He was honored at the Old  
Settlers' Reunion at Shenandoah  
in 1935 by being the oldest legis-  
lator present and by the Sidney

Donald Dee Whisler, Farragut.  
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Community club for being in bus-  
iness in Sidney for 50 years.

A. V. Penn, Sr., managed and  
operated the drug store—one of  
the most modern stores in Sidney  
—until his son, A. V. Penn, Jr.,  
took over controlling interest in  
the store in 1926. He continued,  
however, until a few days before  
his death to make daily trips to  
the store and wait on customers  
in his usual, pleasant, courteous  
way. The Mid-Western Druggist  
and the Rexall Ad-Vantages hon-  
ored him by articles in several  
issues.

He was preceded in death by  
his father and mother, Dr. and  
Mrs. J. N. Penn, two brothers, Dr.  
Ham and Dr. William; two  
sisters, Clara and Phobe Ann; his  
wife, Mary Zinzie; and a daugh-  
ter, Lulu May.

He is survived by his son and  
wife, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Penn,  
Jr., of Sidney; one grandson, Wil-  
liam A. Penn of Sidney; one  
granddaughter and husband, Capt.  
and Mrs. A. L. Larsen of Yuma,  
Ariz.; one great grandson, Rob-  
ert V. Larsen, Pfc. United States  
Army, somewhere in Germany;  
one great granddaughter, Nilja  
McDonald of Yuma, Ariz.; one  
great great granddaughter, Sharyl  
Lee Mildred McDonald of Yuma,  
Ariz.; and a host of other rela-  
tives.

Funeral services were held on  
Sunday April 15, at 2:30 p. m.  
at the home in Sidney. There were  
beautiful floral arrangements of  
all kinds. The services were well  
attended, the home being com-  
pletely filled.

Among those attending the ser-  
vices from out of town were:  
Capt. and Mrs. A. L. Larsen of  
Yuma, Ariz.; Mr. and Mrs. James  
Esden and John, of Shenandoah;  
Mr. and Mrs. Homer Stevens and  
Mr. and Mrs. Kent Thornell, of  
Clarinda; Dr. and Mrs. Joe Thor-  
nell, of Council Bluffs; Dr. and  
Mrs. Henry Ziegenbein, of Colum-  
bus, Neb.; Let and Lula Penn, of  
Randolph; Mr. and Mrs. Omar  
LaPorte, of Randolph; and others.

Pall bearers were Messrs.  
James Esden, Homer Stevens,  
Kent Thornell, Lon Penn, A. J.  
Jorgenson and Paul Nichols. The  
flowers were in charge of Mrs.  
Mada Jorgenson and Mrs. Clem  
Maher. Mrs. Elizabeth Adams  
had charge of the music, consist-  
ing of organ music and a quar-  
tet, Mrs. Lillian Brown, Mrs.  
Maude Ettleman, Stewart Foster  
and James Moseley. Rev. Tandy  
of Hamburg was the minister in  
charge. Interment was made at  
the same time as the one above.

to take steps to legally appoint a  
post-war planning committee. In-  
terest is being shown for various  
post war matters including air  
line feeders.

The club voted that all business  
houses close from 3 to 4 Saturday  
for the funeral of President Roos-  
velt.

The matter of deciding on clos-  
ing hour for business houses on  
the various holidays was put up to  
a committee consisting of J. H.  
Pullman, John Adams and C. I.  
Thompson, who are to report at  
the next meeting.

Several other matters of minor  
importance were discussed at the  
meeting.

### MAY 1 CLOSING DATE FOR CORN PURCHASE PROGRAM

The Commodity Credit Corpora-  
tion's offer to purchase 1944 corn  
under the program which guaran-  
tees farmers the highest possible  
net return for their corn has been  
in affect approximately six weeks.  
It has now been determined the  
Corporation's offer to purchase  
corn under this program will be  
withdrawn on May 1, 1945.

According to Quentin Parki-  
son of the local AAA Committee,  
182,055 bushels of corn have been  
contracted by 96 Fremont county  
producers during the time the  
program has been in operation.

Producers who still have corn  
to contract have until May 1st to  
complete the transaction. Under  
these contracts, producers are  
guaranteed at delivery time, the  
highest ceiling price in affect at  
the local elevator to which they  
deliver their corn even though  
the market price is below the ceil-  
ing price.

The maximum moisture require-  
ment has been reduced from 20½  
to 17½ per cent. The new re-  
quirement became affective April  
1st and conforms to the regula-  
tions with respect to moisture for  
both loan and purchase programs.  
However, drying weather of the  
last few weeks has reduced the  
moisture content of much of the  
stored corn so there are but few  
cribs containing corn with a mois-  
ture content of over 17½ per cent.

Farmers desiring to contract  
corn before the program is termi-  
nated should notify the County  
AAA Office or the corn sealers  
serving their township so as to  
give ample time to inspect the  
corn and complete the contract  
before May 1st.

The American Legion Auxilliary  
met last Thursday evening at the  
Legion hall for their regular  
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school director. He filled that position for a number of years and is now school treasurer. He belongs to the Masonic fraternity, and in his political affiliations he is a Republican, exercising his right of franchise in support of the men and measures of that party. His has been a busy and useful life, and at all times he has been found as true to the duties of citizenship as when he followed the old flag upon the battle-fields of the south.

#### ALPHONSO V. PENN.

Among the prominent business men of Sidney, Iowa, is Alphonso V. Penn, the subject of this sketch. He was born in Washington county, Pennsylvania, in 1851, and is the son of Dr. John M. and Emily (Ritky) Penn, the latter still a resident of Sidney, Iowa. Dr. Penn came from Pennsylvania ancestors, as did his wife, they both coming from that state in 1856 and locating in Fremont county, Iowa. Dr. Penn was a very prominent physician of Sidney until the loss of his eyesight in 1876. He was a son of a man of education, having read medicine at Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, and the misfortune which fell upon him was felt keenly by his patients as well as by himself. He opened the Penn drug store in 1862 and now this is one of the institutions of the city. The death of Dr. Penn occurred in 1896, when he passed out of life, regretted by a very large circle of friends.

Our subject studied pharmacy and since 1884 has owned and conducted the store established by his lamented father. He was reared and educated in Sidney and has

watched its wonderful growth with a great deal of interest.

The marriage of Mr. Penn took place in this city, in 1874, to Miss Zinzie Gray, the daughter of John B. Gray. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Penn, the eldest, named May, dying in 1900; a son, Valdez Penn, born in 1887, still surviving.

Our subject is a staunch Democrat, prominent in the affairs of the party, and is the chairman of the Democratic central committee, of Fremont county. He is now acceptably filling the office of school director. Socially he is connected with the K. of P. and Mrs. Penn is a valued member of the Baptist church. They belong to the class of the most respected residents of Sidney.

#### JAMES K. P. GOODFELLOW.

Farming and stock-raising form an important element in the business activity of Fremont county, and of this line James K. P. Goodfellow is a prominent representative. He is a successful man whose determined purpose has overcome all obstacles and difficulties in his path, enabling him to advance steadily on the high road to success. He was born in Wooster, Ohio, August 26, 1844, and is of Irish lineage, for his paternal grandfather, William Rufus Goodfellow, was a native of the Emerald Isle. He married a Miss Allison, became a Pennsylvania farmer and subsequently removed to Ohio, locating in Wayne county, near Wooster, where he reared his family of three sons and three daughters of whom one daughter is still living. The grandfather died in 1866, when eighty years of age. His son, Matthew A. Goodfellow,

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### 1920 United States Federal Census

Name: **Alphonso V Penn**  
**[Alphonse V Penn]**

Home in 1920: **Sidney, Fremont, Iowa**

Age: **68**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1852**

Birthplace: **Pennsylvania**

Relation to Head of House: **Self (Head)**  
**[Head]**

Spouse's name: **Mary Z Penn**

Father's Birth Place: **Pennsylvania**

Mother's Birth Place: **Pennsylvania**

Marital Status: **Married**

Race: **White**

Sex: **Male**

Home owned: **Own**

Able to read: **Yes**

Able to Write: **Yes**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	<a href="#">Alphonso V Penn</a>	68
	<a href="#">Mary Z Penn</a>	63
	<a href="#">Alphonso V Penn</a>	32
	<a href="#">Nora Rainy</a>	21

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