

JUDGE DAYTON TO STEP FROM BENCH

Three Suggested for Place of Circuit Judge.

CHANGE COMES JAN. 1

Jurist Would Give Voters Chance to Pass on Qualifications of Aspirants for Bench.

Arthur C. Dayton, who has presided as judge of department 3 of the district court of Oregon for Multnomah county since June 3, 1913, tendered his resignation to Governor Olcott late yesterday, to take effect January 1, 1920. His term would not have been up until January 1, 1921.

No successor has been named, though among those seeking the position are Martin J. Hawkins, Joseph



Arthur C. Dayton, district court judge, who resigned yesterday.

L. Hammersley and Edward Y. Lansing. Mr. Hammersley is deputy district attorney and Mr. Lansing deputy city attorney.

That voters may have an opportunity to judge the qualifications of his successor before the coming spring primaries, and the desire to return to private practice, are the reasons assigned by Judge Dayton for leaving the court. He has declined several offers of partnership in leading law firms of the city, deciding to practice alone, with offices in the Northwestern bank building.

New Court Is Success.

Chief monument to the work of Judge Dayton on the local bench is the small claims court, for it was through his efforts that the law establishing this court was passed. His draft of the law has received commendations from every part of the country. Its operation has been a signal success.

The small claims court permits a litigant to appear in court without engaging an attorney and seek a settlement of a claim less than \$20 by paying a filing fee of 75 cents. It opens the court to poor people who otherwise would be barred in affairs of much concern to them.

"I have conscientiously tried to perform my duties without fear or favor, regardless of personal or political ends," declared Judge Dayton yesterday. "While here I have not been content with mere performance of the routine duties required, but I have tried—sometimes in vain—to secure many needed corrections and reforms in our laws. I have the satisfaction of knowing that the small claims court met with much commendation and success."

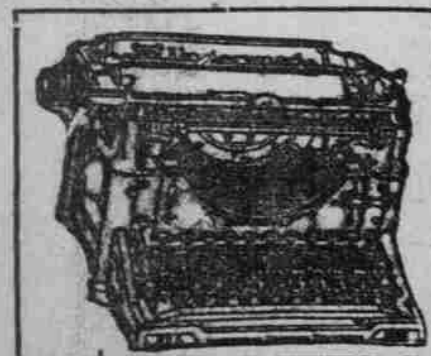
Business Requires Attention.

"I believe that my leaving at this time will give citizens an opportunity to take the measure of my successor before the spring primaries. I also find it necessary for me to give my entire attention to affairs which I could not look after while I continued in my present position. Judge Dayton was graduated from the Illinois College of law in 1903 and came to Portland the same year to engage in general practice. From a field of 24 candidates he was chosen as the appointee of the circuit bench for the position which he has occupied continuously since his appointment in 1913. In 1914 he was elected to the position.

Judge Dayton is 35 years old, is married and has three children. His home is at 625 East Fifty-fifth street North, in the Rose City Park district.

Travelers Form Chapter.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The Astoria chapter of the Travelers' Protective association has been organized here by Clyde Evans, secretary of the Oregon division, and Paul C. Morton. The officers of the new chapter are: Joseph T. Smith, president; James H. Zong, vice-president; Charles P. Hall, secretary-treasurer; Frank K. Woodard, John L. Tucker, Homer A. Frye, R. P. Prael and H. L. Eckman, directors.



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cial.)—With levies necessary to raise the county's portion of the fund provided by the market roads bill and the soldiers' and sailors' relief act, coupled with a 6 per cent increase over the general levies of last year, Hood River county will raise the rec-

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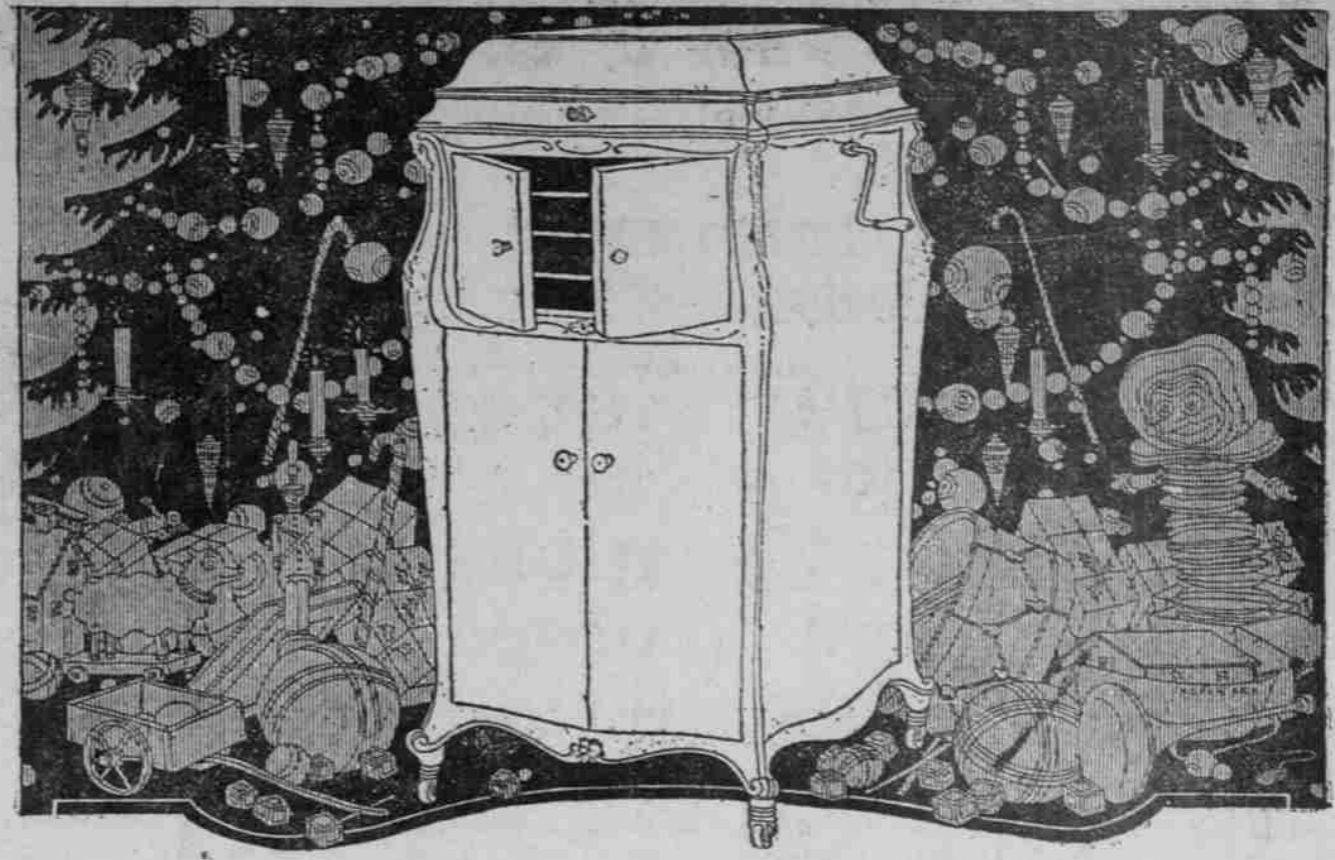
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