

### LAWYER FOR POOR PROPOSED IN BILL

Thomas McCusker to Suggest Public Defender for Big Counties of State.

### JUSTICE THOUGHT AIDED

Scheme Tried in Los Angeles Proves Successful and Economical—Drys Appeal to Lafferty to Vote for Hobson Amendment.

A public defender for Multnomah County and probably for some of the other more populous counties in the state is provided for in a bill now being drafted by Thomas McCusker, of Portland.

The measure will be presented to the Legislature in an effort to secure the creation of the office early in the year. Whether it shall be an appointive or an elective position has not been determined, however.

"There is just as much need of for a public defender in counties the size of Multnomah," said Mr. McCusker yesterday, "as there is for a public prosecutor. Under present conditions justice frequently miscarries. A prosecutor naturally is ambitious to get a good record for himself. He tries to secure the maximum number of convictions. Frequently he disregards the elements of guilt and innocence, and consequently becomes a persecutor instead of a prosecutor."

Mr. McCusker's bill does not make it incumbent upon the public defender to defend every person arrested on a criminal charge. When there is no doubt of a man's guilt the public defender is expected to remain passive. He may advise the accused on questions of legal procedure and the like, but is not expected to take time to defend an accused man whom he knows is guilty. "It is apparent that the office will pay for itself," argues Mr. McCusker. "It will be possible for the defender and the prosecutor to get together in numerous cases and agree upon the disposition of a case without bringing it to trial. Large sums can be saved in this way."

"It will not be necessary, either, for every person accused of crime to accept the defender's services. Well-to-do persons brought up on criminal charges can employ their own counsel as they do now. The officers would be intended principally to defend persons who otherwise could not employ counsel."

"The public defender could be of still further service. He could offer free legal advice to poor persons who become entangled in civil suits."

Mr. McCusker has been in correspondence recently with the public defender at Los Angeles, who has been conducting his office successfully for the last few years. He has information and statistics to bear out his contention that the public defender is a necessary office in all cities the size of Portland or larger.

While the proposed bill provides only for a public defender in Multnomah County, it is possible that this service eventually will be spread into other parts of the state. The experiment at Los Angeles has been reported as working out successfully. While such an official will have all he can do in a larger city, it is apparent there would not be sufficient work to keep him busy in the less populous districts of the state. It is pointed out that a prosecutor might be named to serve in a district embracing three or four or more counties.

The coming Legislature will have for its consideration the proposed lease recently entered into by the State Land Board with the New York capitalists represented by Jason C. Moore for the lease of Sumner and Albert lakes, in Lake County. The lessees propose to extract the chloride, sodium and potassium salts from the beds of these lakes and to market them for commercial purposes. Title in the property remains with the state and the state is to receive a royalty which has a fixed minimum of \$25,000 annually.

The following telegram of protest was sent yesterday by a committee of "dry" workers in this state to A. W. Lafferty, Representative in Congress from the Multnomah County district, who recently announced his intention of voting "no" on the Hobson amendment providing for National prohibition:

"Our statement that you propose to vote against the Hobson amendment in violation of your convictions because Multnomah County official vote seems wet by a small margin in recent election is unreasonable. You know perfectly well that thousands who were or are not against statewide prohibition are in favor of National prohibition. Even had they known that Washington was to vote dry, thousands more would have voted dry than did. And many thousands more voted wet only because they thought this a bad year because of hard times. If you have the slightest thought of voting the expression of your constituency, you will support the Hobson amendment with all your soul. The people of this county are watching your vote. Copies of this message have been given to the press, as your reply will be also."

The message is signed: Committee of One Hundred, by J. E. Wheeler, chairman; Oregon W. C. T. U., by Mrs. Jennie Kemp, president; Prohibition Party of Oregon, by J. P. Newell, state chairman; Anti-Saloon League of Oregon, by Samuel Connell, president.

Commission and the results that it has accomplished justify the disposition to retain it is the contention of the Chamber of Commerce and Commercial Club. A mass of information is being prepared and will be presented to the Legislature to prove these contentions. Consideration of the proposed tax bill prepared by the special committee on taxation will be a special order of business at the Multnomah County legislative meeting next Monday night. The proposed bill provides for semi-annual payments and a penalty of 1 per cent per month on delinquencies, together with an additional penalty of 5 per cent for delinquencies beyond the second-payment period. Some members think the penalty too high; others not high enough. A compromise probably will be attempted.

### VOICE IN PEACE IS AIM

G. N. BLACK MAKES PLEA FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM.

Diplomatic Intervention of the United States in Final Terms Urged to Gain National Integrity.

A plea for the diplomatic intervention of the United States in favor of religious freedom and national integrity, to remove for all time the principal causes of war, is made by George N. Black, of Los Angeles, former president of the California State Realty Federation, and past grand president of District No. 4, Independent Order of Elks, who is in Portland with Mrs. Black visiting his mother, Mrs. Charles Kohn.



George N. Black, of Los Angeles, Who Urges Diplomatic Action by United States to Obtain Peace in Europe.

"We cannot hope to abolish war merely by writing so-called 'peace treaties,'" asserts Mr. Black. "No treaties will ever beget peace," he continues, "unless the nations of the earth are willing forever to forego territorial conquest, religious bigotry and national greed in favor of magnanimity and righteous dealing, religious toleration and equal justice."

"When the fighting ends and the reckoning begins in Europe, as soon it must, shall we let things drift along in the same old silted-up fashion and permit our children to blunder blindly

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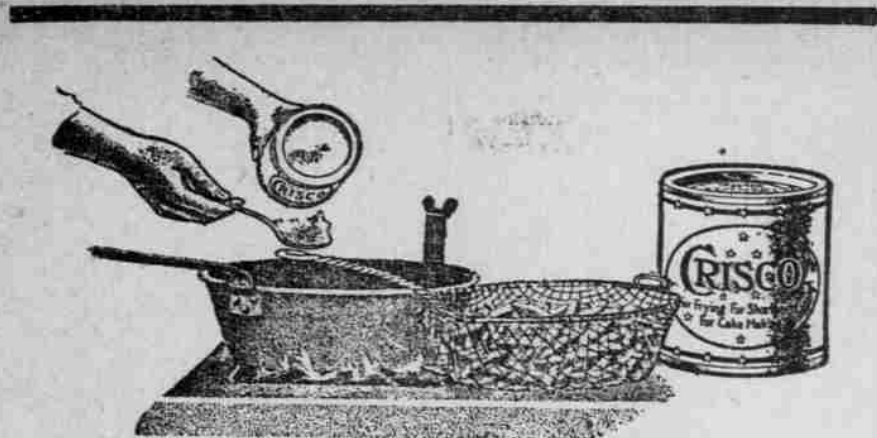
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### For a Sweet Kitchen

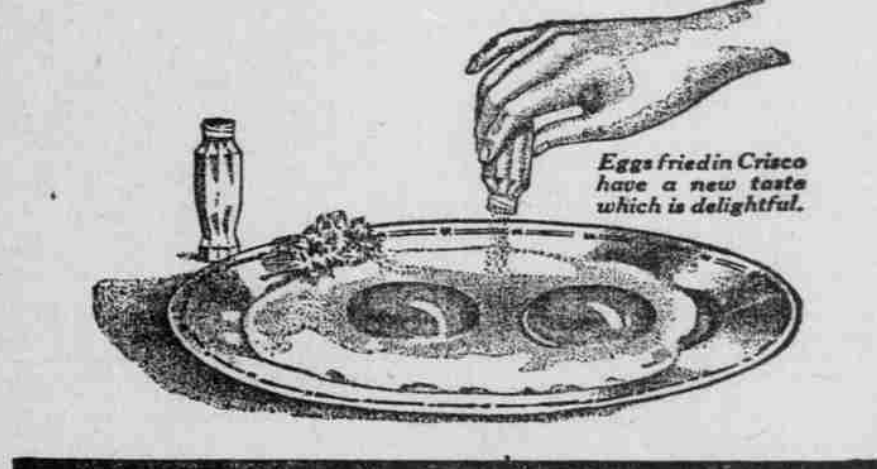
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