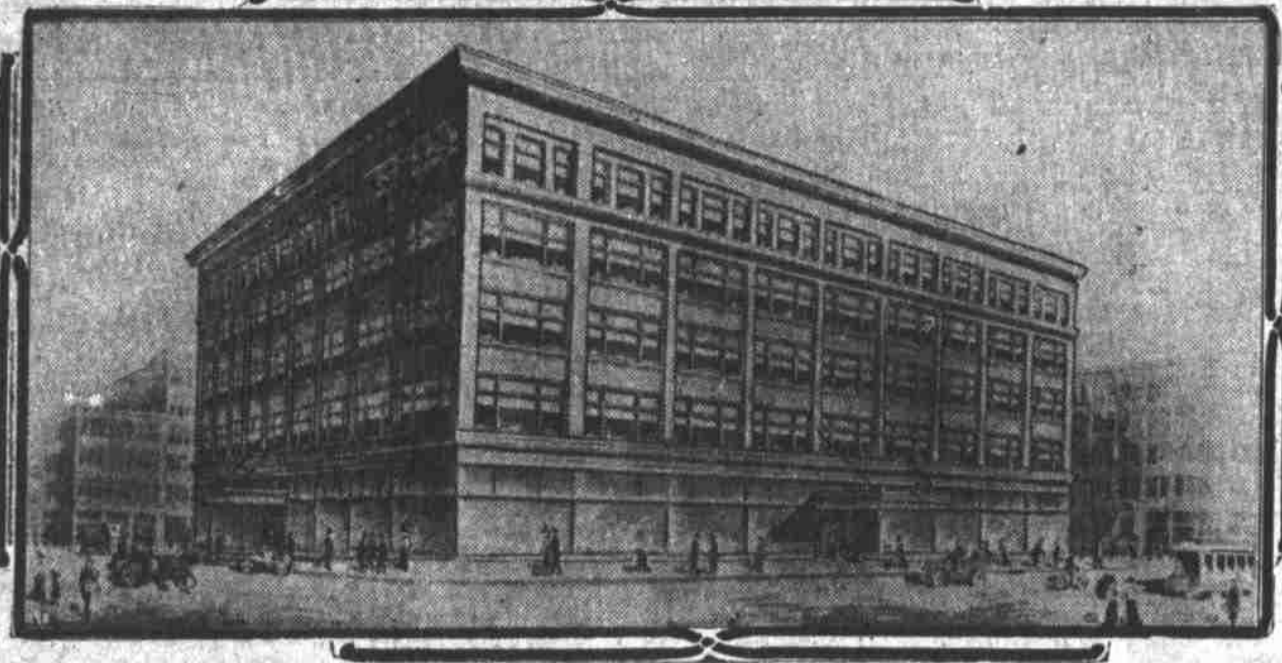


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- \$35 Suits for . \$20
- \$25 Suits for . \$15
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MUST ENACT SPECIAL LAW

Supreme Court Commissioners Cannot Hold Office Legally After March 1.

There will be no supreme court commissioners after March 1, 1909, unless the legislature reenacts the statute creating the two offices which was passed two years ago at the session of 1907. This statute was a special statute passed for the purpose of relieving the congestion of business before the supreme court. At that time it was expected that the constitutional amendment submitted to the people providing for an increase of the number of supreme court justices from three to five would be passed. It was found, however, that the amendment was full of jokers and it was killed by the legislature. The appointment of Will R. King and R. J. Slater as supreme court commissioners has been a great assistance to the court and with their aid the tribunal has been able to keep up with the cases brought before it. The law providing for these commissioners, however, says they shall hold office for two years from the time of their appointment by the governor. They were appointed a very short time after the close of the 1907 legislature and consequently their terms will expire a few days before March 1 next.

No provision was made for the appointment of successors to the commissioners and consequently there is no authority of law for the retention of the office unless the coming session shall reenact the statute.

Representative McArthur has in mind the submission of a concurrent resolution calling for a constitutional amendment increasing the number of justices from three to five. Should he do so the amendment will carry nothing other than the bare provision for the increase of the court, as it is the general assumption that the people of the state once they understand the situation and know that it contained no jokers of any kind, would indorse the proposition at the polls.

MAY SHAKING THE PLUM TREE

Candidates for Jobs in Legislature Springing Up On Every Hand.

Candidates for subordinate positions in the house of representatives are springing up on every hand and the different members of the legislature are being deluged with letters of application for every position from chief clerk down to the general committee clerks. It is a noticeable thing, however, that the applications for general clerkships are much smaller in number at this time than at any other former session. Up to this time the most insistent and perhaps the leading candidate for chief clerk of the house is W. C. Winslow of Marion county. Winslow was a candidate for representative during the primaries, but was defeated and is now desirous of becoming a regularly accredited member of the legislature. For assistant chief clerk W. F. Drager of Marion, and George Neuner Jr. of Douglas county, are the prominent candidates who so far have made their appearance.

For salaried clerk John H. Latour of Multnomah county are making a head race. W. G. Frill of Multnomah, John Withycombe of Benton and Glen G. Holman are candidates for reading clerk. Withycombe was reading clerk

SALVATION ARMY GIVES ALL COMERS HOT BREAKFAST FREE

Free breakfasts for poor and hungry men are to be served by the Salvation Army division under Ensign Ernest F. Omann at the barracks, 265 Davis street, as long as it seems advisable. The meals will be served to all comers from 8:30 to 5 o'clock and will consist of coffee and rolls. Ensign Omann fed 41 yesterday morning and was obliged to turn as many more away as he was not prepared for so large a number. "Aren't there many who are not deserving who will ask for the free breakfast?" was asked Mr. Omann. "Undoubtedly," he replied, "but to let one man who is deserving go hungry is bad—is bad."

And is there any work that a man can do to pay for his breakfast?" "Very little. Some few will send to houses where a request is sent in for some one to work. "Aren't you afraid of pauperizing them?"

"There are hundreds of unemployed men in the city some of them loafers and some of them good, honest men out of work. To give them enough to eat once a day will not seriously hurt the first class and it may be the means of holding over the latter class and keeping hope in them until work is found."

And how will you meet the expense?" "Some people will want to help when they hear about it. Nothing is paid out except a small sum a day for the cook who prepares and clears away the breakfast, and supplies can be bought in large quantities cheaply through the kindness of some of the wholesale men."

"How much money will it take?" "That depends on how many are fed. Probably from \$15 to \$20 a week."

Ensign Omann's telephone number is East 3883 and letters will reach him if addressed to 367 Sellwood street, or at the barracks 265 Davis street, by people interested in his work.

at the last session of the legislature, while Holman served in that capacity several sessions ago.

D. C. Ely of Morrow county and M. F. Isenberg of Hood River county are after the position of sergeant-at-arms, while J. F. Singer of Multnomah wants to be doorkeeper. W. F. McAdams of Polk county is after the position of mailing clerk.

MAY EXTEND LOCAL SERVICE TO PORTLAND

The latest rumor along "Railroad Row" is that the Northern Pacific will within a short time extend its local train service between Yacolt, Wash., and Vancouver to Portland, thus giving one Vancouver to Portland, thus giving one more train a day each way between Vancouver and Portland via the North Bank bridges. The Yacolt train under the present schedule leaves Yacolt at 6:30 a. m. and arrives in Vancouver at 8:55 a. m. Returning the train leaves Vancouver at 4 o'clock and reaches

Yacolt at 6:30. A straight passenger train was recently put on the run. The Yacolt-Vancouver road was originally called the Vancouver & Yakima Valley, it having been the plan to extend it north to Yakima. It was operated as a logging railroad for some years, but was taken over by the Northern Pacific at the same time that the Kalama-Vancouver road, now the main line, was acquired.

Free New Year's Gift

The Ellers Piano House will give away free tonight a \$25 phonograph as a door prize at the concert novelty all night ball at Merrill's hall. Ladies free. Come early and hold your coupons and take home a fine phonograph.

Football! Football!

Multnomah vs. Whitworth college. Multnomah field, New Year's day, 2:30 p. m. Admission \$1, including grandstand. Tickets for sale at Schillers, Cadwell's and St. Rich's cigar stores.

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