

CONRAD P. OLSON

Conrad P. Olson was born at Clay Banks, Wisconsin, September 4, 1882, son of August and Mary (Finan) Olson. At the usual age he became a pupil in the public schools of his native state and afterward attended the Stevens Point Normal School of Wisconsin, before entering the University of Wisconsin as a law student, graduating with the degree of LL.B. He was admitted to the bar of Wisconsin at Madison June 22, 1909 and came to Portland September 4, 1909 and was admitted to the Oregon Bar September 14, 1909.

Before preparing for the bar he taught school in his native state. He was afterward connected with the Civil Service Commission of Wisconsin and in 1909 came to Oregon, since which time he has engaged in the practice of law in Portland.

In September 1913 he was appointed associate justice of the supreme court of the state and served on the bench until January 7, 1919. On the third of June of the latter year he was appointed by the supreme court, Code Commissioner of Oregon and he prepared a new Code of Laws for the state.

In 1912 he was elected to represent his district in the lower house of the state legislature and was one of the active members thereof during the succeeding session. He was reelected in 1914. During that session he was made chairman of the judiciary committee and was recognized as floor leader of the house. Then followed his election to the state senate in 1916. In the upper house he was made chairman of the roads and highway committee and he introduced and secured the passage of the boom and logging bill, opening up the streams of Oregon to lumbering.

In 1910 Judge Olson was united in marriage to Miss Nellie C. Frost of Portland and they became the parents of a daughter Margaret and a son Conrad Patrick, Jr. In politics Judge Olson was always a Republican and in 1920 was one of the four delegates-at-large from Oregon to the National Convention. He was a Mason and a member of the Shrine. He also belonged to the Woodmen of the World, the Royal Arcanum, the Foresters of America, of which he was grand chief ranger, and other fraternal orders, including the Chamber of Commerce of Portland. He belonged to the Laurelhurst Club, of which he was a director, also the Ad Club and along strictly professional lines his connections were with the Multnomah and State Bar Associations.