

## WOODSON TAYLOR SLATER

Woodson Taylor Slater was born in Corvallis, Oregon, November 18, 1858. He was the son of James Harvey and Edna Elizabeth (Gray) Slater. He married Mary Price Howe in June 1885 at Eugene. There were 4 children: Mrs. Chester Wrucke and Lela Slater, Woodson Eugene Slater and Dr. Harvey M. Slater of Palo Alto, California.

Judge Slater attended the public schools of Union County, Oregon, and later the University of Oregon at Eugene, graduating with the degree of A. B. in 1883. He read law in the office of L. Bilyeu in Eugene for three years and was admitted to the bar of the state of Oregon in 1885. He commenced the practice of law in 1886 at Pendleton, in partnership with his brother, R. J. Slater, and remained there one year, when he removed to Salem and was appointed assistant to G. W. Webb, State Treasurer, for four years. He taught school in Eugene for several years before moving to Pendleton to practice law.

He left Salem to engage in the mercantile business in La Grande, and returned to Salem again in 1894 where he was engaged in the insurance business. In 1890 he entered the law firm of Ford & Kaiser, of Salem, and continued until February 23, 1907, when he was appointed Commissioner of the Supreme Court by Governor Chamberlain, which office he held until February 12, 1909, when he was appointed Justice of the Supreme Court for a term of two years, or until January 1, 1911.

He later moved to Portland, where he engaged in practice of law with John Manning -- firm name of Manning, Slater & Leonard.

Judge Slater died in Portland, November 30, 1928.