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Floyd A. Futter is taking over the late Parker W. Kimball's office in Spokane on May 1. Mr. Futter was admitted to practice in January, 1936, and has since his admission served as assistant counsel for the Tax Commission at Olympia and as legal advisor for the Seattle and Spokane offices respectively of the Tax Commission.

Wm. V. Kelley, who for a year previous had been associated with the Spokane law firm of Witherspoon, Yantes & Witherspoon, became a member of the firm on January 1, 1937, the new firm name being Witherspoon, Yantes, Witherspoon & Kelley.

James P. Dillard of the Spokane law firm of Dillard & Powell was appointed by Governor Martin to fill the vacancy on the Spokane County Superior Court bench left by the resignation of Judge Charles H. Leavy, following the latter's election to Congress. Judge Dillard served upon the bench until January 11, 1937.

Charles W. Greenough, elected to fill the position upon the Spokane County Superior Court bench left vacant by Charles H. Leavy's decision to seek election to Congress, was sworn in on January 11, 1937, and has since served as Presiding Judge of the Superior Court for Spokane County.

Mr. Lester Seinfeld, formerly associated with Wesley Lloyd, deceased, in Tacoma, and Leo A. McGavick, is now associated with Anthony L. Stella and E. J. Hackett in that city.

Kenneth E. Serier, Washington, 1933, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney at Prosser, has recently moved into the office formerly occupied by Mr. C. W. Fristoe, now deceased. He has taken over Mr. Fristoe's practice.

Dan W. Zent, who formerly practiced in the State of Idaho, has again reopened an office in Pasco.

Hugh Aitken, who has been practicing law in Grand Coulee, Washington, recently moved to Walla Walla and associated with E. L. Casey.

A Bill placing Whitman County in the Northern Division or the Eastern District of Washington for the Federal Court, instead of the Southern Division, has passed Congress, but has not yet been acted upon in the Senate. Congressman Charles H. Leavy introduced the bill upon the request of Wm. LeRoy LaFollette as president of the Whitman County Bar Association, who first secured the approval of Judge J. Stanley Webster.

Leslie Jochimsen, Puyallup, was recently elected Attorney of that city.

Mr. Charles W. Johnson and Mr. E. M. Hayden returned after over-seas trips, the former having been to England and the latter to Honolulu.

Three newly admitted members of the Bar from the Tacoma district are now located in the city of Tacoma as follows:

Frank Hale, associated with the law offices of Charles T. Peterson.

Dean W. Mullin, associated with the law offices of Guy E. Kelly.

Clinton C. Corliss, associated with the General Exchange Insurance Corporation in Seattle.

At its regular meeting on February 6th the Skagit County Bar Association adopted the following resolution:

“Resolved, that the Skagit County Bar Association oppose the proposal of President Roosevelt to increase the number of Supreme Court Justices, and that a copy of said resolution be forwarded to the Senators and 2nd Congressional District Representatives from the State of Washington.”

The Tacoma Bar Association held its 29th annual Lincoln birthday banquet on February 12. Reuben C. Carlson, President of the Association, was toastmaster. Thomas S. Henderson and Frank A. Latcham of the Tacoma Bar, William G. McLaren, President, Washington State Bar Association, Judge W. O. Chapman of Tacoma, Justice Wm. J. Steinert of the Supreme Court, and Robert S. McFarlane of the Seattle Bar were on the program.

Rhode Island Denies Plea of Collection Agency

Recently in Rhode Island, the Creditors' Service Corporation brought an injunction against M. Joseph Cummings, et al, wherein the collection agency sought to enjoin the Chief of the Division of Banking and Insurance, and the Department of Taxation and Regulations of Rhode Island and the Attorney General from enforcing the provisions of a chapter of the statutes forbidding laymen to practice law, on the ground it was an unconstitutional invasion of the power of the Judiciary.

In denying the writ, the Court stated that the right to regulate and control the practice of the law is a prerogative of the judicial power, and that although the legislature may not subvert the power of the Judiciary, yet it may in the exercise of the police power pass laws which are in aid of the judicial power, but had no power to pass a law granting the right to anyone to practice law.