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## WILES RESIGNS AS CASHIER

### On Account of Poor Health.

### IS A MAN AMONG MEN

### In Every Sense of the Word Mr. Wiles Will Be Greatly Missed in Corvallis.

The patrons of the First National Bank will be sorry to hear that on account of ill health and the advice of his family physician, Walter T. Wiles has deemed it wise to tender his resignation as vice president.

He was one of the original incorporators of that ancient and honorable institution and ever since its organization in 1890 has been considered one of the substantial pillars on which it rested. He has stood side by side with President Woodcock in the management of its financial affairs and the success that has been achieved by the high standing of the First National Bank is, in no small degree, the result of his financial ability.

He was first elected a member of the board of directors and assistant cashier, and in the death of W. T. Peet was elected cashier. He held this position until 1895, when, in the death of Judge Moore he was again promoted to the vice presidency. In all of these various positions his affable manner, courteous treatment of the patrons of this institution, his honorable dealing and his accuracy in all transactions with the public inspired the greatest confidence, and thus in connection with the other officers in the institution he has placed the bank upon the substantial plane which it now occupies, as one of the most reliable banks in the state.

He is the oldest man in active service and takes great pride in its successful career. In times of panic to walk in and take a look at Walter Wiles always inspires confidence in the heart of the depositor and he goes away, feeling that his interests are safe in such hands.

His labors were not confined to the bank, for as a citizen he was always active, having the welfare of the community in which he lives deeply impressed upon his heart. He was appointed a member of the city council and succeeded himself by election. While a member of that honorable body many important financial matters came up for consideration. Being a member of the ordinance committee, to him was largely due the securing to the city the two per cent of the annual gross earnings after the expiration of the Porter franchise in 1913, the value of which cannot be estimated.

He was recently elected clerk of the water commission, which he also declined on account of his health. He is also treasurer of the Corvallis Commercial Club and while we take pleasure in noting the honor conferred upon him by our citizens, we still fall far short of expressing the esteem in which he is held by the citizens of Corvallis. As a friend he is true as steel; as a citizen he has answered every call; as a bank official strictly honest; as a church member and Christian gentleman true to every principle the name implies, and if there is a man in Benton county without an enemy he is Walter T. Wiles.

He retires to the farm near Wells with the hope of restoring his health and many will be

the prayer offered for his speedy recovery. We sincerely hope the change will be beneficial as he would be gladly welcomed as a citizen once more.

Monday, Sept. 28, 1908. (Special Correspondence.)—The Portland Commercial Club finished its new building with Oregon or Douglas fir, and in addition to this used this same exquisitely grained wood in making some high class permanent furniture for its main parlor. Nine out of ten visitors admire it more than they do mahogany. During the visit of E. H. Harriman, he requested that samples be sent him for the consideration of his architects who are now building his country home, which will probably be the finest residence in America. Last Saturday President B. L. Winchell of the Rock Island System made a visit to the Club and particularly admired this same wood. He gave notice to an official of the Harriman lines who was present that if they didn't hurry the Rock Island would have the first dining car or sleeper finished in the chief wood of the Pacific Northwest—of which there is sufficient yet left to turn out more and richer millionaires than has the iron and steel district of which Pittsburgh is the center.

## ROOSEVELT'S STORIES

### Of His Experiences in Africa This Year.

The Gazette will soon begin to publish "Roosevelt's Hunting Stories," written by Theodore Roosevelt and completely illustrated. The publication of these stories will be according to the custom heretofore of the Gazette to publish popular stories during the long evenings of fall and winter, when readers enjoy interesting reading matter during the long evenings after the busy work has become more quiet. It is now time that all persons subscribe for the Gazette, who wish to read these thrilling stories, as they will soon appear in the paper. Similar writings of President Roosevelt are to be paid \$2 per word for the writings by eminent publishers.

Subscribe now for the Gazette so you may not miss any of this interesting reading matter. These stories are complete with the excitement and dangers of the chase. They breathe the free air of the mountain and the plain, and reflect the glow of the camp fire and express the unique personality of the author.

During the fall and winter the Gazette will also publish others of the latest popular stories.

### "Uncle Josh Perkins."

"Uncle Josh Perkins," the New England rural comedy-drama comes to the Opera House next Thursday, October 8th. It unfolds a story filled with sweet naturalness and possesses enough real life to make it a big success with all who go to see it. The company this season is said by our exchanges to be stronger than ever and the play as laudable and as entertaining as anything produced in many a day. It is one of those creations that sends its audience home in a better frame of mind and on better terms with oneself, after having set through the entertainment. The cast is said to be a finely blended one and the specialties introduced are declared to be specially high class. Novelty settings for every scene depicted are carried complete by the company.

WANTED—A woman to do light housework and assist in nursing. Phone 333 or P. O. address 534.

## FOREST FIRES HAVE PLAYED MUCH HAVOC THIS YEAR

### A Conservative Estimate Places Loss at \$1,000,000 a Day.

### IT COULD PROBABLY HAVE BEEN PREVENTED

### If the Various States Had Provided an Adequate Number of Men to Patrol the Woods and Arrest All Such Fires in Their Incipency.—Users Should Be More Careful.

Nothing could better call the attention of thinking people to the necessity for the preservation of our natural resources than the great forest fires which have been so widely distributed throughout the country and have played such havoc this summer. It is doubtful if the losses for the year 1908 will ever be fully known, but a conservative estimate by Dr. W. J. McGee, Erosion Expert, United States Department Agriculture, places the aggregate loss in all parts of the country during these months of conflagration at \$1,000,000 a day.

In nearly every instance, and probably in every instance, these devastating fires might have been prevented if the various states had provided an adequate number of men to patrol the woods and arrest all such fires in their incipency, and if lumbermen and other users of the forest were more careful to dispose of brush after logging so as to prevent the spread of fires.

Uncle Sam had a lot of work to do on his National Forests in the fire-fighting line this year, but his work has shown good results. Exclusive of the salaries of forest officers, the work of putting down fires on the National Forests for the year has cost the government \$30,000. This means protecting approximately 168,000,000 acres. The value of the timber destroyed will not be known until the fire reports are made at the end of the year, though it is estimated that it will be larger than last year.

After timber is cut, the regulations require brush to be compactly piled at a safe distance from living trees. Sometimes this brush is burned under the direction of a Forest officer, but even if it is allowed to stand, no fire that starts finds fuel by which it can spread.

### New Plate Glass Mirror.

The next time you have business on Main street step into Graham & Wells' pharmacy and see how pretty you will look in the elegant new plate glass mirror that extends across the room over the prescription case. To the customer waiting for a bitter dose this will have a soothing effect and will at once remove the wrinkles from your face. These druggists believe in keeping pace with the new improvements, and it will do you good to step in and see how attractive everything looks. Even the clerks are handsome and they are certainly very obliging.

### Fall Trade Opens.

The fall trade has opened up in fine shape and the merchants are busy looking after the interests of their customers and, of course, thinking of the flour barrel at home. Several have added very materially to their stock and added new lines to keep pace with the growing demand of their customers.

Our business men are live, active citizens and deserve the patronage of our people, thus

keeping the money circulating at home. When you want merchandise of any kind see your home merchant first, particularly those who advertise in the Gazette.

### With The Churches.

**UNITED EVANGELICAL.**  
Corner 9th and Harrison Sts.  
"The Secret of a Successful Life" is the subject to be considered next Sunday morning at the Evangelical church, and in the evening, "Is it Well With Thy Soul?" Sunday School at 10 a. m.; K. L. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; Bible study and prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

Beulah Sunday School at 2 p. m.; preaching at 3 p. m., subject, "A Better Country," K. L. C. E. at 8 p. m.

**FIRST CONGREGATIONAL.**  
"The Autumn Leaves: A Sermon from Nature" will be the theme of Evan P. Hughes, the minister, Sunday morning, Oct. 4th, at the First Congregational church. This preacher believes that the phenomena of nature bristle with suggestions of spiritual things no less than with material for "the butcher, the baker and the candle-stick maker." In keeping with the theme the decorations will be composed of autumn leaves—with their chaste, mature beauty. 10 a. m., Bible School, Prof. A. B. Cordley, Supt.; 6:30 p. m., the devotional hour of the C. E.; 7:30 p. m., theme of discourse—"Salvation by Growth." This church extends a cordial welcome to the public to its exercises of worship.

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
Preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning by the pastor, Rev. J. R. N. Bell. The morning topic will be "Oneness of Mind." At the morning service the reception of members and the communion. Session will meet at the manse at 10:30 a. m. In the evening there will be a choral service and a short address by the pastor, the topic "The Heavens Praise Thee." Anthem, Ladies' Sextette; one soprano solo, one contralto solo, by request; and several hymns by the choir and congregation. All made welcome. Come and enjoy this song service.

**CHRISTIAN.**  
The Christian church begins a series of evangelistic meetings Sunday, Oct. 4. Elder Hubbell, pastor of the church, will do the preaching. You are invited to attend these meetings. The following subjects will be discussed this week: Sunday evening, "Seeking the Truth;" Monday, "The Old Way of Wickedness;" Tuesday, "What we Know of the Devil;" Wednesday, "The Sense of Sin;" Thursday, "Counting the Cost;" Friday, "The Good Confession." No service Saturday evening.

**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.**  
There will be preaching at the Methodist Episcopal church, South, next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, C. L. McCausland.

Lee C. Bell of Baker City is visiting his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Bell, in this city. He seems to feel perfectly at ease in and around Corvallis, having spent many years of his life here, first as a preacher's son and later as a student at OAC. He is an ardent supporter of his Alma Mater and they tell us the college yells are often heard around Baker City when the OAC boys clean up the good things in the field of sports. Mr. Bell is quite a prominent citizen in Baker City, having held the position of deputy county clerk for the past eight and a half years. He is also an elder in the Presbyterian church there, thus showing that a preacher's son can be good like other people. Hope he will see his way clear to come back to the best town in the Willamette Valley and become a citizen.

### Rev. Leech Returned.

We are pleased to make the announcement that Rev. D. H. Leech has been returned to the Corvallis M. E. church for another year by the conference recently held in Salem. It is a deserved compliment to a good man, showing that his labors have been appreciated by the official body as well as by the members of the church over which he has been called to preside.

The Christian people of all denominations will be glad to have him return to Corvallis, where he and his estimable family are held in high esteem.

## ALCAZAR STOCK COMPANY

### Tonight—George Lester Paul, Leading Man.

Tonight at the opera house the Alcazar Stock Company will open a two nights' engagement with the sparkling comedy, "His Wife's Hobby," a play on the order of "Mrs. Temple's Telegram" and "A Night Off." The company is a first class one in all respects and gives a splendid production.

G. L. Paul is playing leading roles and has personal direction of the plays, which in itself is assurance of an artistic performance. Mr. Paul is well known in Corvallis, where he has staged numerous local plays with marked success. Last commencement he was here as director of the senior play, with which he attained remarkable results.

Miss May Barbour, the leading woman, is well known on the coast and in the East where she has played for years. It is the aim of the management to have Corvallis people appreciate the fact that they have a home interest in the Alcazar Company inasmuch as it belongs to the Willamette Valley and will visit our city from time to time, always with plays that will merit patronage and at prices within the reach of all.

Saturday night they will present the great moral play, "The Devil," which is creating such a furore in the East, not exactly his Satanic Majesty, with horns and tail. Suffice to say, the Devil himself appears in the person of a man, to the ordinary spectator, but to those capable of understanding he is the personification of thoughts and temptations, and the more closely one watches the more fascinating it all becomes.

Popular prices 25, 35 and 50c.

At noon Wednesday the enrollment at the OAC had reached 988 and still the good work was going on. It will take several days' active work on the part of the faculty to get everything in thorough working order. The friends of the college are highly gratified at the prospects for the ensuing year. The enrollment at the public schools was 640.

## MONEY FOUND IN BENTON DIRT

### But Little Labor and Large Profits.

### A. E. BELL WELL SATISFIED

### With His Experiences With Real Estate Since Coming To Benton County.

That Fortune favors those who help themselves and that good profits can be made in all real estate investments in the Willamette Valley has been fully demonstrated by many citizens during the Roosevelt administration.

Here is the record of A. E. Bell, who came to Corvallis about five years ago. He studied the situation carefully and about three years ago purchased a tract of land of Judge McFadden, lying between Mary's river and Oak Creek. He kept it one year and after harvesting a crop, sold it for \$300 more than he paid for it. He then purchased some property on College Hill and again sold it about two weeks ago, realizing a net profit of \$1500.

Last week he bought a farm of 108 acres, eight miles east of Corvallis, and was ready to move Monday, having one load of his household effects in the wagon, when he received a telephone message to appear and show cause why he should not again give up his earthly possessions. A check for \$1000 net profit was too great a temptation for him and the family is now stored away in a tent awaiting future developments. With a net profit of \$2800, Mr. Bell seems to be very well satisfied with the result of his labors.

It affords us great pleasure to note the success of these good people and we predict he will be heard from again along the same line.

### Road Inspection.

Judge Woodward and Commissioner G. W. Smith went over to the Alsea country on Monday to inspect the new gravel road being constructed under the supervision of J. H. Malone and report the completion of 2 miles of elegant road already finished. They say you would be surprised at the improved condition.

The people of the two road districts through which the road passes voted a 10 mile tax which created a fund of \$6,400. While this burden was felt by the taxpayer they were directly benefited not only by the advantages to be derived from the improved conditions of the road but \$2000 of this amount came from the Southern Pacific Railroad.

This improvement brings the good citizens of the beautiful valley in closer touch with the county seat and makes it possible for them to view the outside world during the rainy season which was almost impossible under conditions heretofore existing.

With such substantial improvement in road building in a few more years you may travel through the county with pleasure instead of wading through the mud. To such men as Mr. Malone who realizes the responsibility placed upon them and have the public spirit to enforce active labor when working for the mutual benefit of the entire community we should give due credit.