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## TALENT FILES FOR SHERIFF'S JOB

### Twice in a While

With the entry of Charles P. Talent into the already overloaded race for the nomination for sheriff, we expect another anguished howl from the "Lighthouse on the Alley" on west Main street, Medford. All right, Lew, but we believe a native son of Jackson county, who has lived here all his life has as good right to ask for a local office as a certain Californian, who had just acquired a residence in Oregon, had when he aspired to the highest office in the gift of the people. Also we can see no shadow of that up-state political "gang" in Charlie's entry.

The stormy weather of the past few days, plus the closing of the Jackson County bank, has put a jamper on business generally. Farmers are waiting more or less patiently to get into their fields, and men who usually find work in the orchards, are cursing the weather man daily.

The depositors of the Jackson county bank certainly showed a wonderful spirit of cooperation with the bank officials in the recent settlement of the difficulties of that institution. They readily understood that it was much better to make the adjustment through the good offices of the First National rather than to have a high-salaried receiver appointed and be compelled to wait months and perhaps years for their money. His method allowed them 50% of their deposits in cash, and the balance as fast as the First National could dispose of the securities of the Jackson County bank.

What has become of the saw mill and box factory which was to be ready to start here this spring.

We note that recently we have made a lot of lumber trucks between here and Medford. Some one must be doing something besides cursing the weather.

According to reports, 51 feet of snow has fallen this winter in Crater Lake National park. Think of it! In mind when one poor, lonely retaker used to hole up there and sit shut in for months. Now they get a whole crew up there and with the aid of the big rotary snow plow the park roads open all winter, despite of such snowfall. We are formed they expect to have the roads to the lake open for travel on after April 1. It is sure a wonderful trip when the heavy snow on.

This heavy snowfall will be a godsend to all who use irrigation water this valley this year. With plenty of water crops of all kinds should be good and if anything can help this valley out of the depression that will hit it. The sight of bumper crops growing seems to put life into everyone.

Maybe you don't think the state scale are on the job. Just start nothing and see. We are proud of the record they are making. Since the inauguration of the force, lawbreakers have had a much harder time of it. By the way, will it not be practical to equip their cars with a horn. If a man out on patrol could notified instantly in case of a motor crime, it would help to catch the wrongdoer. From what we hear of the scheme in the large town cities it ought to work fine.

How come? We thought there was a dealer of Weights and Measures for this district. Now we see the papers that Bro. Banks' scales don't agree with the Farmers' Exchange scales. Maybe some of those shrunken badly waiting for their share at the Suncrest scales. We hear at times many trucks waited a long time for a chance to unload. By way, to be perfectly fair, even to Banks (if we think he hasn't says been so to us) we want to say that matter of poor planning fruit deliveries at the packing it, is the only criticism we have heard from fruitgrowers or workers serving Banks as a fruit man.

Congress seems to have fallen (Continued on page 4)

## L. M. Sweet Urges Support Meier Tax Reduction Plan

To the Editor of The American: In announcing my candidacy for the office of County Commissioner, I think, cannot be misunderstood or misinterpreted. No department was excepted, or coddled into believing for a moment, that so called "xmas" packages were to be handed out as daily manna to appease their troubled aching breasts, so prone to sometimes imagine public office is a prize found agreeable to said departments and not destroying or crippling the safe and sane readjustment, of the necessary efficiency in all said departments. This declaration, I think, cannot be misunderstood or misinterpreted. No department was excepted, or coddled into believing for a moment, that so called "xmas" packages were to be handed out as daily manna to appease their troubled aching breasts, so prone to sometimes imagine public office is a prize found agreeable to said departments.

## Co. Records Show Efficiency in Office Of County Clerk

A report just given out by Delilla Stevens Meyer, county clerk, shows how experience in that office counts for economy. In the first table a comparison is given between the years 1923 and 1931 and shows the number employed in the office each month and the net fees collected. It will be noted that nearly \$4,000 more fees were collected in 1931 than in 1923, and that an average of 9 helpers were employed in 1923 as against 6.5 for 1931. It will be remembered that the more fees collected the more work entailed. The table plainly shows that an efficient trained office force, carefully supervised can easily do more work per helper than a new, untrained force.

FOR YEAR 1923			FOR YEAR 1931		
Month	No. Helpers	Net Fees	Month	No. Helpers	Net Fees
Jan.	9	\$ 1,131.85	Jan.	8	\$ 1,498.95
Feb.	9	871.80	Feb.	7	1,354.35
Mar.	9	960.25	Mar.	7	1,400.50
Apr.	9	1,308.75	Apr.	7	1,533.65
May	10	1,334.35	May	7	1,624.22
June	9	1,084.69	June	7	1,621.50
July	9	874.05	July	6	1,459.85
Aug.	8	740.95	Aug.	6	1,406.70
Sept.	8	851.80	Sept.	6	1,397.70
Oct.	9	1,295.35	Oct.	6	1,259.65
Nov.	9	1,194.85	Nov.	6	1,067.23
Dec.	9	878.95	Dec.	6	1,252.35
Total fees for year		\$12,627.64	Total fees for year		\$16,446.95
Total Expenses		\$12,576.94	Total Expenses		\$12,483.12

Above fees include only regular fees turned over to General County Fund. Dog License fees, Circuit Judge's Salary fees, District Attorney's Salary fees and other special fees not included. The 1929 Legislature passed a law providing that the papers and cases filed by state, city, county or irrigation districts be filed and recorded free, and that copies be made free for them. In February, 1932, this office lost \$13.00 in the recording department and \$184.00 in Circuit Court filing fees, by reason of this law. No record was kept of the free copies furnished under this statute. Included in the 1931 expense above there were sufficient record books on hand Jan. 1st to last until about June 1st of this year. These books were purchased in advance in order to take advantage of a discount on quantity of books purchased at one time, and cost \$411.00.

COMPARISON OF FILINGS				
Year	Equity Cases filed	Law Cases filed	Marriage Lic. issued	Dog Lic. issued
1923	329	146	270	62
1931	342	189	573	1874

  

Year	Clerk's fees	Recorder's fees	Total fees	Total Expenses
1919	\$ 5,101.26	\$ 6,967.90	\$11,169.16	\$ 9,558.92
1920	5,219.54	6,485.20	11,714.74	13,336.27
1921	4,511.41	5,889.80	10,411.21	12,360.42
1922	5,433.30	6,248.50	11,681.80	12,632.68
1923	6,348.15	6,579.49	12,927.64	12,576.94
1924	6,195.70	6,712.10	12,907.80	14,017.56
Total	\$32,589.36	\$38,002.99	\$70,512.33	\$74,481.89
1925	\$ 5,912.40	\$ 8,760.70	\$ 14,673.10	\$13,822.45
1926	6,119.30	7,917.15	14,036.45	14,168.73
1927	7,915.25	7,293.40	15,208.65	14,961.84
1928	8,423.45	7,254.90	15,678.35	14,480.25
1929	8,999.90	7,972.15	16,972.05	14,911.44
1930	10,641.40	7,278.55	17,919.95	13,591.12
1931	9,979.97	8,466.98	18,446.95	12,483.12
Total	\$57,992.67	\$50,043.83	\$108,036.50	\$97,428.95

### River on Fire Causes Many To Investigate

Tuesday afternoon we noted a big column of black smoke rising down near the mouth of Bear creek. For several hours this smoke rose in dense clouds to the sky. Some thought someone's oil tank was afire. Others said it must be a service station. The explanation was simple when we drove down the highway to investigate. We found the fire on the slough back of the Scherer orchard, where the catfish bite. A leaky valve in the pipeline used to distribute smudge oil about the orchard let a lot of oil escape and run into the slough, covering almost all of it heavily. Some fishermen, thinking the oil might kill the fish, set fire to the oil. The fire burned over the entire slough but did no serious harm.

### O. S. C. Band High School Friday A. M.

The Oregon State College military band, which is on tour of the state during the spring vacation, and which appears in Medford Friday (tomorrow) night, has been secured for a short concert at the Central Point high school at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. Here will be no charge and the public is invited to hear this celebrated organization. The Oregon State college military band, which appears here in concert Friday, March 25 has played at every world fair on the Pacific coast since 1900. Organized in 1892, by Colonel J. D. Letcher, then head of the military department of the college, the band has grown to its present proportions of from 75 to 85 members. It has won the name of being one of the best college bands on the Pacific coast.

Captain H. L. Baird, nationally known veteran bandmaster and former student of Herbert L. Clarke, world famous cornetist, has directed the band since 1905, with the exception of year before last, when he was on a sabbatical leave in the east. Some of the events and festivities played for by the band were the Lewis and Clark world fair in 1905, the strawberry festivals in Roseburg in 1910, 1911 and 1912; the Panama-Pacific exposition in San Francisco in 1915, and a number of state and county fairs in Oregon. In addition to these trips, the band has always taken an annual concert tour during the spring vacation, through the state and neighboring states, each averaging 1200 miles.

A year ago the band accompanied the Oregon State football team to Chicago, where it took an active part in parades and formation marching at the Oregon State vs. West Virginia game, Thanksgiving day. Telling its appearances, it is estimated that the band appears before more than 200,000 people each year. In addition to its many other activities, the band, in cooperation with Kappa Kappa Psi, national band fraternity, sponsors an annual contest in which more than 20 bands have already signified intention of entering. Two years ago this contest was recognized as a national high school contest for the state of Oregon by headquarters in New York City.

### Rostel Blossoms Forth as Lecturer On Crater Lake

Ernest Rostel, member of the Crater Lake park staff, returned Tuesday from Roseburg and Grants Pass where he spoke briefly on wild life in the Crater Lake park. He spoke before the Boy Scouts and the Kiwanis club of Roseburg. Rostel plans to return to Grants Pass in a week or two to speak before the chamber of commerce forum there, showing pictures of Crater Lake and telling of its beauties and wild life. Plans are also under way for the showing of moving pictures of winter scenes in the park at the Holly theatre soon.

### BANK PRESIDENT HAS HIGH PRAISE FOR DEPOSITORS

MEDFORD, March 23.—Special—Although no formal statement has yet been issued by bank officials involved in the transfer of the Jackson County bank to the First National bank, under the direction of the state banking department on Monday, C. W. McDonald, president of the Jackson County bank, when interviewed today, expressed the highest appreciation for the attitude shown by the bank's depositors, throughout the recent crisis. "On behalf of the officers and directors of the Jackson County bank," said he, "I would like to publicly thank our depositors for their splendid loyalty and spirit of unselfish cooperation toward the institution in its recent difficulties—a spirit responsible for surmounting a serious crisis at the minimum delay and with minimum sacrifice to all concerned." "This spirit extended throughout the bank's clientele, from the smallest depositor to the largest, and did not spaken even after the goal set by the state banking department had been attained. I am therefore glad to personally take this opportunity of letting our depositors know how much we appreciate their action, and how grateful we are for the spirit of loyalty and helpfulness they have shown."

Other officials of the bank expressed the same appreciation. They were particularly grateful for the attitude of many of the largest depositors, who in case of loss, had the most to lose. In this direction the Standard Oil company of California came in for specific commendation, as well as most other large depositors, who also promptly waived 50 per cent of their deposits. "The Standard Oil company, however," as one official expressed it, "not only waived its 50 per cent, but voluntarily waived the entire amount—thus handing over for the benefit of the bank and its depositors a substantial sum. Certainly this was a demonstration of civic loyalty and self-sacrifice, for which the officers and directors of the bank are not only deeply grateful, but for which the entire community may well be proud."

### Property Is Held Intact By Court

The circuit court late Tuesday issued an order, at the request of Niedermeyer, Inc., directing that the sheriff hold the Pacific Record Herald equipment and building and the personal property of Earl H. Fehl, its editor, in "status quo," pending further orders of the court. The plant was recently closed under a judgement execution, as the result of a libel suit award of \$15,000 in favor of Roy H. Parr, game warden. Niedermeyer, Inc., holds a mortgage against the plant. The situation is now in somewhat of a legal stall-mate.

### Mark P. Welch Dies at Home From Heart Failure

The many old friends of Mark P. Welch will be sorry to hear of his death at Medford, March 17th, from heart failure, after he had undergone a major operation. He was a resident of this city for many years. Mr. Welch leaves his wife, Flora, and five children, Mrs. Robert R. Poellnitz, and M. S. Welch of Medford; Orme E. Welch of Reno, Nev.; Harley Welch of Sacramento, and Harry Welch of Vallejo, Calif. Also two brothers and three sisters, as follows: Mrs. Emma Payne, of Ashland; Mrs. J. C. Barnard and Mrs. Clara Baker, Joseph Welch of Portland, Wm. Welch of Tulsa, Okla.

### Well Known Traffic Officer Decides to Throw Hat in Ring

Charles P. Talent, Today Filed for Nomination on Republican Ticket. Has had Many Years Experience as Law Officer. C. P. Talent, former captain of the southern Oregon district of the state traffic department, after having served for seven years in the ranks as private, corporal and sergeant. With the reorganization of the state law enforcement forces he resigned to take over his present position, which necessitates his almost constant traveling over the state and brings him in close contact with the sheriffs of every county in the state. This has enabled him to further familiarize himself with not only the best methods of law enforcement, but the business administration of the office, including the issuing of motor vehicle licenses and tax collections. Mr. Talent expects to carry on this work, except for a brief leave of absence which he will secure to do such campaign contact work as he believes necessary. In filing for office Mr. Talent made the following statement: "I have had eight years experience as a law enforcement officer and have been criticized for some errors I may have made. I do not claim to be perfect, nor do I say that I have never made mistakes. No man ever entered the business of law enforcement (Continued on page four.)"

### Bad Weather Halts Attendance At Grange Meet

Owing to the inclement weather on Friday night, the Central Point Grange was not as largely attended as usual. Following the routine business, candidates were balloted on for membership in this rapidly growing organization. During the entertainment hour, a contest between the men and women on subjects of interest to all given in writing form, or impromptu speeches, and were greatly enjoyed. Since the men were on the winning side in the contest the ladies are made responsible for the program at the next meeting which falls on April first. Delicious refreshments were served by the younger members of the grange at the close of the program. On Wednesday, April sixth, the Home Extension Unit will meet in Central Point Grange hall, at which time Miss Case, nutrition specialist of O. S. C. will be with us, also Mrs. Mack. These ladies will be assisted by Mesdames, Virginia Bohner and Eva Smith in demonstrating economical meals. This means wholesome, but not, fancy cooking. These meetings are open to all ladies in the community, and we earnestly request your attendance. Hours from 10 A. M. to 3:30 P. M.

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### Steiwier Aids Federal Help Unemployed

Senator Frederic Steiwier today advised the county court in a telegram that he was taking steps toward securing federal employment aid for this state, and that there was nothing definite to report. Senator Steiwier is supporting the federal emergency road aid bill, for an appropriation of \$125,000,000, and it is expected to come to a vote in congress ere the end of the week. Under the appropriation Oregon will be allotted more than \$3,000,000 for federal aid in road work.

### Pioneer Lady Passes at Home In This City Today

Mrs. Sally Williams passed away at her home in this city this morning at 2 o'clock. She has been failing in health for a number of years, and on Tuesday evening she suffered a stroke of paralysis from which she failed to recover. She leaves to mourn her loss, one son, Alvin Williams and one daughter, Mrs. Nora Dyrnes, both of this city, also six grandchildren. Her husband, Leonard Williams, predeceased her five years ago. Mrs. Williams was a pioneer resident of Jackson County, was a member of Mt. Pitt Rebekah Lodge, and she leaves many friends who mourn her passing.