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**HAMMOND TORPEDO, BOUGHT  
BY U. S. MAY ALTER WAR**

Among the stories of "Interesting People" in the July American Magazine is an account of John Hays Hammond, Jr., whose remarkable device for steering torpedoes by wireless has been bought by the United States for \$750,000.

"An son as he got out of college he put up the laboratory at Gloucester and got down to the business of perfecting his system of wireless control of torpedoes. That he had to take out one hundred and thirty patents, and that he worked on the proposition almost seven years, is proof enough that this young fellow had tackled a big job.

"This torpedo of Hammond's is really a surface craft which can carry one thousand pounds of the high-

est explosive and travel at about 50 miles an hour. When several army officers—doubting Thomases' all of them—at last were prevailed upon to visit Gloucester, Hammond, leading them to his wireless station said:

"If you take these glasses, you will see a bamboo pole which I have set upright in the water three miles out at sea. It is upright because one end of it is weighted. I propose to hit that pole with this torpedo nine times out of ten."

"The officers took the glasses and saw the feat accomplished.

"Now," pursued the inventor, "if you gentlemen will get on the craft and wigwag to me, while you are on it, in what direction you want to go, when you want to stop, and where you want to strike, I'll carry out the directions."

"They consented rather reluctant-

**CAMAS VALLEY**

Mrs. Dave Trueman came home from Roseburg last Tuesday. Mrs. Trueman has been in the hospital for about eight weeks.

Geo. Trueman and family came back to Camas from Crook county the last of last week. They went to Crook county last fall and took up a homestead. Geo. says eastern Oregon is too cold for him.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Dawson are the proud possessors of a baby girl, born June 13. Dr. Shoemaker, of Roseburg, was in attendance.

Mr. Porter and daughter, Maud, of Eugene, are spending a few days here. Mr. Porter is shearing his sheep.

Prof. Street has the grades from the last eighth grade examination. All but one of the class of nine were successful. We have about thirteen pupils in the high school for next year.

Mr. Jones was elected as director and R. W. Dick as clerk of district No. 21, at the school meeting last Monday.

Dr. Van Fossen, the district superintendent of the M. E. church, will preach at the school house Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and Sunday afternoon. There will be a basket dinner at noon.

There is to be a box social at the school house Saturday evening. The proceeds are to be used to defray the Fourth of July celebration expenses.

**SMITH RIVER**

We have been having showery weather lately.

George Hardenbrook was in town Tuesday attending to some business matters.

Jake Bowers went to town the first of the week, returning next day. Everett and Albert Wright were

ly. Hammond, by manipulating wireless waves against the delicate machinery of the torpedo, steered them as they directed through the sailing vessels and other craft.

"After that the war department began to sit up and take notice."

in Drain Saturday to attend a dance, returning next day. Their grandfather, Mr. Wright, Sr., accompanied them to Drain.

An auto load of folks from Drain were over on Smith river Friday, returning the same day. We did not learn their names.

Mr. and Mrs. Tillman Redford and another couple whose names we did not learn were on Smith river the first of the week in an auto which we understand Mr. Redford intends buying.

Arthur Wooley expects to go to Elkhead one day this week to be gone several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Traylor were over to Smith river the first of the week.

**PEEL ITEMS**

Everyone has been busy cultivating since the rain.

Mr. and Mrs. Everts returned last week from Portland where they have been enjoying the Rose Show. Uncle Jack says he got his money's worth.

Lafe Engles and son Lee made a business trip to Roseburg Monday in their new car and arrived home for dinner. Lafe says that beats the old buck board.

Mrs. Bond returned to her home Monday after several weeks visit with her mother in Gates, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay of Edenhower, spent one day last week visiting relatives above Peel.

Miss Grace Engels spent Tuesday visiting at the Everts home on Cavitt creek.

Roy Matthews and E. Watson were business visitors in Peel a few hours yesterday.

Homer Robnett left on the Peel stage Monday for Roseburg.

**SEVEN PUPILS IN SUTHERLIN SCHOOLS WIN DIPLOMAS**

Grading of the papers of those taking the eighth grade examinations have been completed, showing that 198 out of 161 applicants in Douglas county were successful and will have diplomas issued to them. Of these, 98 of the pupils wrote on physiology and geography. This was the largest June class to take examinations, over preceding classes, and compares very favorably with other years. Owing to the fact that no student is allowed to draw money from the county high school fund without an eighth grade diploma, a greater number are encouraged to complete the work in the grades and enter the high school.

The following pupils of the Sutherlin schools were successful in the examinations: Elsie M. Klawisch, Minnie O. Hinkle, Linnie R. Hinkle, Edna Ralston, Elsie R. Henderson, Allee Braunniger, Fred Braunniger.

**IS IT MERELY OPTIMISM?**

It has always been said that the eastern climate has a deleterious effect on some people, and it is to be regretted that such has evidently been the case with Mr. R. R. Turner who left in perfectly sound health and mind by a few brief weeks ago to attend the democratic convention in St. Louis and to visit his old haunts in Virginia, Ohio, and New York. Whether due to the extreme temperature of the eastern city, or to the excitement of the convention days, at any rate, the results seem serious, for a card was received from that representative gentleman today, depicting the Coliseum in St. Louis where the convention was held, and the reverse side bearing the message in his unmistakable handwriting: "Here is where the next president was named—the ratification will take place next November—in America—not Berlin."

**DAILY WEATHER REPORT.**

U. S. Weather Bureau, local office, Roseburg, Ore., 24 hours ending 5 a. m., June 23, 1916.  
Precipitation in inches and hundredths:  
Highest temperature yesterday 82  
Lowest temperature last night 52  
Precipitation, last 24 hours 4  
Total precip. since first of month 15  
Normal precip. for this month 1.67  
Total precipitation from September 1, 1915, to date 38.24  
Average precipitation from September 1, 1911 33.63  
Total excess from September 1, 1915 1.72  
Average precipitation for 29 wet seasons, (Sept. to May inclusive) 22.12  
WILLIAM BELL, Observer.

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