

PIONEER DIES IN LOS ANGELES

John S. Coke Succumbs to a Long Illness at Home of R. J. Coke in South.

John S. Coke, Sr., father of Judge J. S. Coke and Thomas Coke of Marshfield, and a well known pioneer of Coos county, died at the home of his son, R. J. Coke, in Los Angeles this morning. His death followed a long illness, he having been a total invalid for the last three years. He was 85 years old. Although the news of his death was not unexpected, it came as a shock to the relatives and many friends here. For a couple of years he had made his home with his son, Thomas Coke, in Marshfield, but when R. J. Coke moved from North Bend to Los Angeles, he decided to go south with him.

Mr. Coke was born in Hawkins county, Tennessee, July 28, 1828. He moved to Coos county with his family in July, 1871, settling on a ranch near McKinley, where most of the subsequent years were spent.

In 1876 he was elected county superintendent of schools and held office one term. In 1892 he was appointed collector of customs at Empire and held that position for five years until Major Tower succeeded him in 1897.

Mr. Coke had been crippled from early childhood and a few years ago, the old injury to his limb became worse and made him a total invalid. Prior to that time he had been fairly active and spent much of his time on the ranch near McKinley.

He is survived by his wife, who lives in Marshfield, and who has been an invalid for several years, and several children. The children are:

Mrs. Judge L. Harlocker of Coquille; Thomas Coke of Marshfield; R. J. Coke of Los Angeles; Dr. R. J. Coke of Los Angeles; Dr. Judge J. S. Coke of Marshfield; Hugh M. Coke of Berkeley, Calif.; and Jas. L. Coke of Honolulu. One daughter, Miss Caroline S. Coke, died in 1890.

Mrs. Ira B. Bartle of North Bend is a granddaughter of the deceased. The funeral will probably be held in California as a number of the children live there. Judge J. S. Coke will leave tonight or tomorrow for Los Angeles to attend.

AMONG THE SICK.

Fireman Olson of the tug Roscoe is confined at Mercy hospital with an injured leg, as a result of an accident on the barge towed here by the tug Roscoe. One of the bones was broken and will lay him up quite awhile.

Albert Hansen is again able to be about after several weeks' severe stage with pneumonia.

Mrs. D. J. Rees has been quite ill of a gripe, but is reported some better today.

Mrs. Fred Kruse was reported considerably improved at Mercy hospital this morning.

Mrs. H. I. Rutledge is confined to her home by grip.

Miss Annie Rankin of Daniels Creek is in Marshfield to receive medical treatment.

The Bandon Surf says: "The many friends of Roll Anderson will be pleased to learn that the skin-grafting operations which he has been undergoing are now at an end and have proved a complete success."

BOY SCOUTS.

The Marshfield Scouts are taking up active work in first aid bandaging and relief for the injured, and the members of the troop are taking a great amount of personal interest, which will not only be of use to them in this early period of their lives, but will be beneficial at all times in the aid to their fellow man. Many times when a physician is unavailable, lives are lost through inability of those around to give relief. It is one of the manifold purposes of the Boy Scout work to overcome the difficulty and by becoming efficient in "first aid to the sick and injured" to become of material use to mankind.

MAY BE LINK IN COAST LINE

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mountainous country is said to make it most expensive construction.

May Work With Brookings.
A party, who is in close touch with the Brookings Lumber Company said that the report from Curry county about the big operations of the company at Brookings, near Chetco, are greatly overdrawn. Instead of a million dollar plant that they are reported to be building there, it is claimed that a comparatively small mill will be put in for operating only a few years.

Some time ago, according to reports, officials of the Brookings Company and the other big Curry county timber owners and C. A. Smith figured on a means of getting the timber out of Curry county where it could be shipped. Then the plan generally agreed upon was to have a logging road built into Curry county and bring the logs to the Coquille or Coos Bay to be manufactured. The Smith-Powers Company line would fit in as a link of such a road, it is said.

This was before it appeared that the Coast road between Coos Bay and Eureka and San Francisco would become a reality within a few years.

VIEW IN EUGENE.

The Eugene Register says: "The Coos Bay country has plenty of reason to celebrate Saturday. The occasion was the beginning of actual work on that end of the line to Eugene. The next occasion for jollification will be when the first train is operated over the new road. Eugene will then join with Marshfield and North Bend in a celebration that will be a fitting expression of the joy of the three cities."

ELKS ELECTED NEW OFFICERS

W. S. Kennedy Heads Local Lodge for Ensuing Year—Other Officers.

Marshfield Lodge, No. 1160, B. P. O. E., held its annual election of officers last evening. W. S. Kennedy, who has been one of the prime workers in the lodge and who aided in its organization, having been an Elk prior to coming to Coos Bay, was honored by being elected Exalted Ruler. The new officers chosen are:

Exalted Ruler—W. S. Kennedy.
Esteemed Leading Knight—D. Y. Stafford.
Esteemed Loyal Knight—A. E. Neff.

Esteemed Lecturing Knight—J. W. Hildenbrand.
Secretary—George Rotnor.
Treasurer—W. N. Ekblad.
Tyler—Dan Maloney.
Trustee—A. H. Powers.
Grand Lodge Representatives—Delegate, W. R. Haines; alternate, C. F. McKnight.

About 30 members and several visitors were in attendance last evening. A report from the soliciting committee indicated the last of the debt on the lodge property would soon be settled.

It was announced that steps would be taken at the next meeting to incorporate the lodge for the purpose of starting the erection of a new building at the northeast corner of Third and Commercial. It is planned to erect a modern two or three story building at an expense of upwards of \$30,000, the ground floor to be used for business purposes and the upper floor for the lodge home. It is hoped to get the building completed this year.

PIONEER WOMAN DEAD.

Mrs. Martha J. Nosler, a pioneer of 1867, died at her home in this city Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. She was the widow of the late White Nosler and mother of Quincy Nosler, Abe Nosler, of Klamath Falls; Mrs. Hansen Miller of San Francisco and Mrs. Duncan Urquhart of this city. The deceased lived for many years at Riverton.—Bandon Surf.

PERSONAL NOTES

H. C. BOONE of Sumner is in the city today.

ROCCO BIASCA of Coos River is in town on business.

W. H. STULL is a business visitor from Allegany today.

FRED NOAH of North Coos River is in town on business.

J. M. CATCHING of Sumner is in town today on business.

CHAS. ESTERBECK of Catching Inlet is in town today on business.

MRS. JENNIE LANDRITH of North Coos River is in town on business.

W. T. HENDRYX of North Bend was a Marshfield business visitor today.

E. L. ROBERTS, a resident of Catching Inlet is a Marshfield visitor today.

MRS. JOHN MESSERLE of Catching Inlet is in Marshfield today shopping.

MILO PIERSON of Lakeside returned today from a business trip to Coquille.

W. B. SCOTT and wife are moving into an apartment in the Williams building.

NELS AUSTED returned yesterday from Gould's camp, where he has been working.

MR. and MRS. PETER GUILLIAMS are spending the day in town from North Coos River.

R. C. MONTGOMERY and H. B. HAMMELL returned yesterday from Gould's camp.

A. O. ROGERS and wife of South Coos River are business visitors in Marshfield today.

W. A. LUSE of South Coos River made a short business trip to Marshfield yesterday.

MRS. SCHROCK of Cooson, who has been visiting friends in Marshfield, returned home today.

MRS. WILL RICHARDS returned today from a short visit to the E. O. Hall home in Sumner.

JAMES MERCHANT will return today to his ranch at Beaver Hill, after a short visit here.

FRED GERCKE, formerly with the Smokehouse, has accepted a position at the Blanco cigar store.

MR. WILHELM, who has been visiting L. L. Hazelton of Catching Inlet, returned to town this morning.

H. DONAHEY, representing Blumauer & Frank, wholesale druggists of Portland, is in Marshfield calling on the trade.

MRS. J. J. CLINKINBEARD and MISS ANNA CLINKINBEARD are in town today from their home on Daniels Creek.

A. BIRCH and family have moved into the house in North Marshfield which was formerly occupied by the late Mrs. Siglin. It was erroneously stated yesterday that Mike Burke and wife were to occupy the house.

HARRY HUNTLEY and JEFF HARTMAN of North Bend were Marshfield business visitors last evening. Mr. Huntley accompanying Mr. Hartman to introduce him to old friends in case they did not recognize him behind the moustache that now adorns his features.

ALBERT ABRAHAMS, formerly state senator from Douglas county, passed through here today en route to Myrtle Point, where he is interested in a logging camp near Bridge. Although they secured the timber for 40 cents per thousand they are having difficulty in getting it out at a profit.

SUPP. PAY of the Oregon agents of the New York Life Insurance Company, is here from Portland, with a view of establishing an agency here. He is pleased with this section and reports that his company had an unusually good year in Oregon in 1912.

GEORGE SHERIDAN returned today from San Francisco, where he

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has been spending a few months. He is here on matters connected with the North Bend Condensary.

MRS. C. F. McCOLLUM returned overland Tuesday from a visit with relatives in San Francisco.

F. W. DAVIS, the logger evangelist, returned to Coos Bay today after an extended eastern trip. He will spend several weeks in religious work among the Coos County logging camps.

MISS ALICE PECK returned today noon from a short visit with Coquille friends. She left yesterday without telling her friends and some of them became alarmed over her absence. She planned to return last evening but missed the train.



Dr. Dix says it hurts some Coos Bay men so much to pay for a meal that the food doesn't do them any good.

Sol Israel is on his way to Coos Bay. Sol made a great hit with his non-talkable hats.

Fred Marx, the well known traveling man, is at the Chandler today. Fred is swelling around because his sister-in-law, Mrs. Delphine Marx, is the headliner at the new Empress theater in Portland this week. Fred says he has a musical voice himself, but he can't get \$1000 a week for it.

H. E. Bultman is back from his valley trip and still carries the suite that won't come off.

HOTEL COOS—M. J. Dorothy, Black Hills; Gladys Tyler, Coquille; Glen Grant, Myrtle Point; J. W. Miller, Coquille; Mrs. Huckendorff, Prosper; Mrs. G. Pederson, Prosper; Milo Pierson, Lakeside.

BLANCO HOTEL—Wm. E. Sears, Gardiner, Or.; J. J. Fox, Coquille; Hiram F. Edwards, Allegany; G. K. Harrington, Salem; Robert T. Peterson, Helena, Mont.

LLOYD HOTEL—A. L. Forster, Grants Pass; Frank McKee, Oregon City; Ola Christenson, San Francisco; G. L. Weldon, Cames Valley; Anson Meyer, Portland.

THE CHANDLER—J. W. Day, Portland; R. Weddle, San Francisco; Harry Smith, Portland; Fred A. Dryden, Portland; Milton Glass, San Francisco; C. M. Leonard, Portland; H. J. McDermid, Bandon; W. B. Mead, Eugene; W. E. Burdell, Portland; James Grady, Gardiner; Ray S. Ovelman, Portland; N. D. Pratt, Albany; L. P. Hart, San Francisco; Hugh Latimer, Chicago; J. W. Furgerson, Jr., Portland; Fred W. Davis, Minneapolis; C. C. White, Eugene; W. B. Starkey, Portland; Leo R. Pearson, Portland; W. W. Nason and family, Marshfield; Miss J. S. Wood, Salt Lake City; R. A. Felter, Bandon.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NOTICE

Regular monthly meeting of Marshfield Chamber of Commerce will be held Friday evening, March 7, at 8 o'clock. Business of importance.

D. C. Green, Pres.

AT THE ROYAL.

Seldom have we seen upon the local stage a company that have proved themselves such a hit as the Big Four, packed houses seeming to be in order since the opening of this excellent big little company. One can scarcely imagine how a company so small can put on a show that will cause the laughter and please the people as much as the Big Four are now doing. Each night since their opening here they have changed the program and each change seems to be a better one. Last night's rendition of a burlesque on Geo. M. Cohan's famous "Running for Office" was certainly a scream of laughter and the packed house that witnessed it could not have been any better pleased. Ed. Harrington, who played the part of Patrick Riley, who was running for the office of Alderman, certainly caused rounds of laughter by the funny situations he got himself into through trying to learn a political speech, and when he finally did learn one, the effect of it on the audience nearly caused them to go into convulsions. Frank McSorley, who took the part of a stuttering country boy, played the part to perfection and showed that he is a comedian capable of handling almost any style of part and playing it well, for the many laughs he created through his funny antics would make a circus clown blue with jealousy. Miss Melville was seen in the part of Kitty Riley to good advantage, as also was Miss Eleanore. They announce a complete change of program for tonight, which will be "At Gay Coney Island."

Many a man who runs in debt crawls out on his hands and knees.

Along the Waterfront.

The Washington arrived in from San Francisco today with a cargo of general freight.

The Oregon sailed from Bandon today with a cargo of lumber for San Francisco.

Messrs. Ames and Weldon, assistant United States local inspectors of steamers, arrived on the Bay on the Breakwater to inspect the tug Roscoe, which is being overhauled and having a new propeller installed at the North Bend shipyards. They may also inspect other crafts while here.

The gasoline craft Tramp will leave tomorrow morning with a load of freight consigned to Miller & Johnson and others at Port Orford. Captain John Swing and James Wasson have charge of the Tramp on this trip.

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