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## J. A. HAMBLOCK PASSES AWAY

### Coos County Pioneer Succumbs to Attack of Measles While on Camping Trip in Curry County.

John A. Hamblock, a pioneer of Coos county, died Sunday at the Hilliard ranch near Eucre Creek in Curry county, where he had been on a camping trip. Death was due to a severe attack of measles.

Mr. Hamblock, in company with S. W. Fay and family, Abia Barrows and family and J. H. Morrison, went to Euchre Creek the last week in July for a hunting and camping trip, and shortly after their arrival there contracted the disease which caused his death.

John A. Hamblock was a native of Coos county having been born here 48 years ago and had lived here all his life being at the time of his death the owner of a dairy farm four miles up the river from Bandon. His parents were among the first settlers of this section and at one time in the early days ran the only road house between Port Orford and Coos Bay.

Mr. Hamblock was unmarried. He was a man of genial disposition, straightforward and honest in all his dealing, and had not an enemy in the world. His untimely death has caused widespread and genuine sorrow. He is survived by his mother, and two sisters, Mrs. R. W. Bullard, of Bullards, and Mrs. Abia Barrows of Bandon.

The funeral was held at two o'clock this afternoon from the Odd Fellows hall, the Odd Fellows having charge of the services. Interment was made in the private family plot on the Hamblock estate.

The sympathy of the entire community goes out to the bereaved family.

### AUDITOR WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION LAW IN TOWN

B. T. Spaulding, traveling auditor of the State Industrial Commission, is in the city and will remain for a week or ten days. Mr. Spaulding says that over eighty-five per cent of the mills, factories, etc., in the state have accepted this act and are working in connection with it. He will call upon all the plants in and about the city that have connected themselves with the commission.

### German Version Different.

The reports of the European war appearing in the German newspapers in the United States is vastly different from the reports coming from London and Paris. Albert Newhouse, an employe of the Recorder office, arrived last spring with his parents from Germany, and has an uncle in present German army. In a recent German paper received by the Newhouse's the Germans are credited with the capture of the Belgian fortress "Lutich," which is claimed to be the largest fort and strongest in Belgium. The reports states that the Germans lost heavily, and that it required three army corps to turn the trick.

### Now Ready at the Library.

"The Hidden Children" and Booth Tarkington's Boy Stories, taken from the Cosmopolitan and bound in book form.

Also the following twelve valuable pamphlets: Manual of Common American and European Insects and Manual of Common Moths and Butterflies, with illustrations in natural colors. Manual of Plays. A List of the Useful Minerals in the U. S. and their Location. Illustrated Manual of Common Oregon Ferns. The Governors of Oregon. Present Problems in Public Service. Panama Canal Tolls. The Willamette University Bulletin for July. Views from the South Dakota School of Mines, and a list of the publications pertaining to Government Ownership of Railroads.

A. J. Mendel, proprietor of the Hub stores of Coos county, is over from Marshfield today looking after the interests of his business here.

## TAX PENALTY UP TO COUNTY COURTS

State Tax Commission Decides That County Courts Are The Ones To Decide Mooted Question.

Salem, Ore.—The state tax commission has put it up to the county courts to deal with the much discussed question of penalties on second half of tax payments. The commission says it is of the opinion that the law requiring the collection of penalties on the second half of taxes, paid before September 1, where the first half was paid before April 1, are definite and by no means unreasonable, but injunctions restraining the collection of such penalties have been issued in Multnomah and one or two other counties. While these injunctions, in the absence of affirmation by the supreme court, do not modify the administration of the law in other counties, in sound reasoning and fair dealing, says the commission, taxpayers of certain counties should not enjoy privileges and immunities in the administration of a tax law which are not granted to the taxpayers of other counties. In conclusion the committee says: "This commission has not sufficient authority under the law to order the tax collectors of the several counties to remit penalties on second half tax payments, but inasmuch as the county courts of the several counties prescribe the amount and approve the bonds given by the tax collectors for the faithful performance of their duties, we are of the opinion that the county court of any county, by an order properly made, may accept the injunction granted in Multnomah county, and remit the penalties on second half tax payments. In obeying such an order of the county court the tax collector would be relieved of responsibility under his bond for failure to collect such penalties."

## WILL ENTER TELEGRAPH BUSINESS

Coos Bay Home Telephone Company Will Connect With the Pacific States Telephone Wires.

Coos Bay Times: Manager E. C. Drews stated today that the Coos Bay Home Telephone Company had practically completed arrangements to engage in the telegraph as well as the telephone business, handling messages to all coast points direct without being relayed over either the Western Union or the Postal. The telegraph instruments were installed today and G. W. Carleton will work from 7 to 9 o'clock each evening, ending out commercial messages, night letters, etc., which are turned over to the telephone company telegraph. The arrangement is made possible by similar action on the part of the Pacific States Telephone Company, with whom the Coos Bay Telephone Company operates on the long distance business outside of Coos and Curry counties. Heretofore the Western Union and the Bell Telephone companies were operated jointly but this merger was recently dissolved by the government and now the telephone company will operate a telegraph business over its wires as well as carrying on the telephone business, the wires being used simultaneously for telephoning and telegraphing. Within a few days Mr. Drews expects to have a telegraph operator engaged all day to handle telegraph business. Heretofore the Western Union has been using the long distance phone wires when its lines were down, paying about seventy cents per hour for the use of the wire, but now it will not have that privilege. Under the new arrangement the telephone company's telegraph will operate in connection with both the Postal and Western Union at Roseburg on incoming business which they wish to send here. The Western Union under the old arrangement had exclusive use, having the only office on the Bay, and some months used the telephone lines quite a bit.

### Japan Threatens Germany

Tokio—Japan has sent an ultimatum to Germany demanding she withdraw her warships and evacuate Kiau Chau. Unless Germany unconditionally accepts by August 23, Japan will take action.

## FORTS AT LIEGE ARE BEING TAKEN BY THE GERMANS

(By long distance telephone from Marshfield Record)  
Liege, Aug. 18—The Forts at Liege are being taken by the Germans. French military experts say it is doubtful if the Germans can be kept in Belgium by the allies. Brussels, August 18—Brussels is in danger of falling. The royal family, except the king himself, have left.

Washington, Aug. 18—President Wilson has issued a lengthy statement asking the people of the United States to be careful not to make any rash remarks that might be considered unfriendly by any of the warring nations but to keep a cool head and not stir up strife.

Paris, Aug. 18—All English troops have been landed on the continent without opposition.

St Petersburg, Aug. 18—It is reported that the German Kaiser's son has been wounded in battle and is being brought back to Berlin. The Kaiser has issued a statement asking the United States to withhold judgment as Russia claim Germany started the war and the Kaiser claims Russia started it.

## LET PAVING CONTRACT

Effort Will Be Made To Get Construction Work Completed Before the Wet Season Starts.

The city council will let the contract tomorrow night for paving First Street from the Bank of Bandon to the pier at the west end of the street, and as soon as the contract is let and the necessary preliminaries are arranged the actual construction work will commence in order that the improvement may be completed before the wet season sets in.

### Editor Has Novel Experience

The editor of the Sentinel had an experience common enough to many people but novel to him, when he bunked on the soft side of a sand dune on the cliffs south of Bandon last Friday night and had the starry sky for his canopy. Not but that he has often slept in the open, but this time he was absolutely alone. He kindled a good camp fire and lay down to a dreamless sleep, however, assured that any hobo the blaze might attract would be at least as fearful as he would be if he should come that way. With a couple of blankets it seemed really warmer than sleeping in the house, and the air was so much more appetizing that he wanted to swear off on bedrooms from that time forth.—Coquille Sentinel.

### "A Million Bid"

Vitagraph star photo feature in five reels at the Grand next Sunday, Aug. 23. This is the first of the big Broadway features that played in the Vitagraph theatre in New York City for thirty days to immense crowds. The story is intensely gripping throughout. The wreck at sea of the millionaires yacht is no doubt the most sensational stunt ever shown in pictures. The Vitagraph cast includes the best players of that company—Anita Stewart plays the heroine and Harry Morley the millionaire club man. This Broadway feature will be at the Grand theatre next Sunday, August 23. Don't miss it.

### AVERILL RETURNS FROM EASTERN BUYING TRIP.

D. M. Averill returned Sunday night from his eastern buying trip in which he visited a number of cities and purchased a large stock of goods. Mr. Averill says that conditions are rather quiet in the parts of the country he visited, but the people are optimistic. The wholesale houses are doing a good business as the retailers are buying quite heavily in anticipation of a big trade during the fall and winter.

## MORE ABOUT COOS CO. MAIL SERVICE

Government Still Bent On Carrying Out Penurious Policy Regardless of Many Protests.

The Coos County-Roseburg mail service situation remains unchanged. None of the bids received in the recent call for offers to conduct the star routes conform to the government's idea of economy. Congressman Hawley has strongly protested many times both in person and letter against the action of the Postoffice Department in discontinuing or decreasing service on the routes on the ground that the service was too expensive. He is continuing the fight with all the information at his command and personally appeared before the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General filing the written protest copied below, against the proposed action of the Department in the matter of the Coos county service.

The first letter is the last correspondence passing between Mr. Hawley and the Fourth Assistant, explaining the result of the latest advertisement for bids:

"My Dear Mr. Hawley—With reference to correspondence heretofore had relative to star route service between Roseburg and Myrtle Point, and between Roseburg and Marshfield Oregon, I beg to advise you that no satisfactory proposals were submitted in response to the late advertisements for service between the points mentioned, and therefore, an award of contract could not be made for either of these routes. However, in connection with the establishment of through service between the post offices in question, advertisements were issued for star routes from Roseburg to Camas Valley, Bridge to Myrtle Point, Roseburg to Reston, and Marshfield to Sitkum, Oregon, and awards having been made on all these routes except the last named. In order that service may be provided between Marshfield and Sitkum, another advertisement has been issued, and with the view of maintaining through service between Roseburg and Myrtle Point, an advertisement has been issued inviting proposals for a route from Camas Valley to Bridge. Awards of contract, however, for this service will depend upon receipt of acceptable bids in proper form at reasonable rates of compensation for the routes in question, and you will be notified at the earliest date practicable of the result of these advertisements. Sincerely yours, Jas. I. Blakslee, 4th Asst. P. G."

Following is the protest filed by Mr. Hawley:  
"My Dear Sir:—I have your letter of August 5th, 1914, relative to the mail service out of Roseburg to Coos county; more especially I desire to urge again that the many thousands of people of that section are entitled to good mail service. I cannot see that the present plan to divide the route will result in such service being maintained, especially in view of the fact that at present there is not provided by the contracts entered into service between Camas Valley and Bridge. On behalf of the people who are being deprived of adequate service, I respectfully but vigorously protest against the policy which seems to me to be a long step backward and will prove a serious handicap to that section until the railroad now being built to Coos Bay is completed. Yours truly, W. C. Hawley."

### GRANGE PICNIC ON THE BANKS OF BEAR CREEK

The Grange picnic last Saturday on the Haga ranch on the banks of Bear Creek was attended by about 50 people from various parts of the adjoining country and everybody present had a fine time. A number went up from Bandon on the boat and were met at Parkersburg by teams which conveyed them to the picnic grounds. The day was spent in playing games and an excellent program was carried out, but the best part of the affair was the big picnic dinner. The tables were spread with many good things to eat and everyone did justice to the feast. In the evening all left for their homes, voting it a most pleasant day and resolving to have more grange picnics in the future.

### Tax Will Be Imposed.

Washington, D. C.—Ways and means to supplement falling customs receipts by other taxes during the European war were discussed by Secretary McAdoo and Chairman Simmons of the Senate Finance Committee, and Chairman Underwood of the House Ways and Means Committee. There was considerable talk of the feasibility of a stamp tax on checks and documents, much the same as during the Spanish war and of an increased tax on beer and tobacco. No conclusion has been reached. It was determined to draft a bill to raise \$100,000,000 by additional internal revenue.

### Santa Claus Victim.

New York—Importers of toys are hard hit by the European war and the present indications are that there will be a dearth of the latest productions from Germany, Austria and Russia for the coming Christmas season. The first shipment had just been made on the other side when the war broke out, and with the arrival here last week of the steamship President Lincoln the last entries were received.

### American Registry Sought.

Washington, D. C.—Robert Dollar is here to put his ships under American registry. He has one vessel at Honolulu with a 600,000 dollar cargo. His other ships are all in port and he is anxious to get them home.

## PLANS ARE COMPLETED

Expect to Have Building on Dyer Corner Ready For Occupancy by the First of the Year.

Dr. D. E. Biggs and Gus Buckingham have their plans about completed for their new building on the Dyer corner. The architects plans have been practically accepted and as soon as the necessary preliminaries can be gone through with, the active construction work will begin.

It is the hope of Messrs. Biggs and Buckingham to have the building completed by January 1st and ready for occupancy.

The new building will be either concrete or brick, probably concrete, and will be two stories high, covering a ground space of 73x100.

## TWO YOUNG GIRLS DROWN LAST WEEK

May Willey and Vera Harry Go To Death in North Fork at Brewster Valley Last Week.

Coquille Sentinel: Wednesday afternoon about four o'clock our people were shocked to learn by phone from Brewster Valley of the drowning of two young ladies who were well known to our young people and had many friends here. Both were of the same age, 16 years. One was May Willey of Fairview, whose father, C. L. Willey, is employed in J. A. Lamb & Co.'s hardware store and tin shop here. The other was Vera Harry, daughter of E. M. Harry, of Brewster Valley. Mr. Willey was appraised at once and Mr. Lamb immediately took him out to Brewster in his car. It seems that Mrs. Willey had driven over to the valley that morning with May and a brother, Charles, who was near her age, who were going over to Camas valley for a visit. A younger sister about eight years of age was also along. The young people proposed to walk over the mountains and Charles took their grip over to the stage station, half a mile or more from Mr. Harry's to have it shipped. At the same time the two girls, with a younger sister of each, went down to the North Fork to bath. The stream here is full of deep holes and they got into one of these and were unable to get out. Dr. Johnson of Myrtle Point was summoned and he covered the 26 miles in an hour and fifteen minutes in getting there; but after that lapse of time all possibility of resuscitation was gone.

## SCHOOL WILL OPEN SEPT. 14

The Bandon schools will open September 14th this year and every indication points to one of the most successful school years we have ever had. The teachers have all been secured and there is an exceptionally strong corps.

### Bandon District No. 54 has more school pupils than any other district in the county and indications are that there will be a large increase this year.

### Cases Begun in Circuit Court.

August 7—Hill Military Co. vs. John Preuss.  
August 8—Louis I. Wheeler vs. Alpha R. Wheeler.  
August 8—In the matter of the assignment of Martin A. Stickle to Arthur McKeon.  
August 10—C. John Hillstrom, Conrad Hillquist, C. A. Johnson, L. A. Hogland, Alfred Hogland and Jno. Blackman vs. City of Marshfield and the Port of Coos Bay. This is a suit to secure a drainage outlet for land offered by the city that have been made in low lands.  
August 12—Olie Haglie vs. S. M. Quimby and Jesse Ackerman.  
August 13—Emma R. Gross vs. Fred H. Great, suit for divorce.

### Saloonman Found Guilty in Municipal Court of Selling Liquor to a Minor.

The jury in the third trial of the City of Bandon vs. Geo. Button, proprietor of the Office saloon, reached a verdict of guilty as charged about 8:00 o'clock Friday evening.

### The charge was selling liquor to a minor.

The case was tried before Municipal Judge E. B. Kausrud, who imposed a fine of \$75.00 and costs upon the defendant. It is not probable that the case will be appealed to a higher court.

J. T. Sullivan and family were at Beaver Hill Sunday and Monday visiting the T. C. Russel home.