

### HOOPER JAILED AT JOPLIN UPON MURDER CHARGE

Information has been received by Chief Hittson that John Austin Hooper, the bandit who a year ago held up the Rogue River bank and upon being arrested broke jail at Grants Pass, has been arrested at Joplin, Mo., on a charge of murder and robbery, having shot and killed a citizen of Joplin when he resisted being held up. Hooper was pursued and captured by a posse June 4.

Hooper was sentenced to life imprisonment at San Quentin, but was paroled September 1, 1914. He perpetrated a number of daring robberies in this vicinity last fall. At Hornbrook he spent about \$500 with one of the merchants during the day, buying automatic pistols and ammunition. That same night he routed the merchant and his wife from their bed and walked them at gun's point to the store, where he compelled them to open the safe. He made away with the \$500 he had given them and a thousand dollars in addition.

Later he held up the Southern Pacific station at Grants Pass and escaped from the authorities, but later was located at The Dalles, Or., where he had been living as a gentleman of leisure. He was taken to Grants Pass and placed in jail. In company with an Italian peddler he overpowered Sheriff Smith of Josephine county and locked him in a cell after relieving him of his gun, watch and money. He then compelled the passengers of a passing auto to drive him to Rogue River, from which place he made his way over the mountains to the Klamath country. Later he sent a letter to the driver of the car, stating that he was in Michigan and living in opulence, and enclosed a \$5 bill in payment for the ride.

### PRECIPITATION FOR JUNE IS BELOW AVERAGE

June rainfall totalled .73 inches with the heaviest fall on the 28th with .20 inches, the average rainfall for June is 1.95 inches, the month being .36 inches shy. Last year June rains totalled .12 inches, and in 1914 .66 inches. It rained on nine days, 13 were clear, and 17 cloudy or partly so. The mercury rose to 101 on the 18th, and the coldest was the tenth at 55 degrees. The seasonal shortage is 11.63 inches.

The weather report is:

Date	Max.	Min.	Rco.	Rain
1	67	34	28	---
2	79	41	28	.02
3	85	42	43	---
4	79	46	32	---
5	77	40	37	---
6	85	41	44	---
7	88	44	44	---
8	89	50	20	---
9	78	49	29	---
10	79	35	44	---
11	87	40	47	---
12	92	43	49	---
13	95	49	46	---
14	100	49	51	---
15	97	55	42	---
16	101	55	46	---
17	89	65	15	.08
18	78	53	25	.18
19	78	54	24	---
20	64	34	25	.02
21	71	36	35	.01
22	84	43	41	---
23	80	51	29	---
24	80	50	30	---
25	75	56	19	---
26	72	54	18	.02
27	71	49	22	---
28	65	47	18	.20
29	69	49	20	.04
30	76	55	21	.15

### DIED

Mrs. Rose De Groot, formerly a resident of Medford, died at the home of her sister in Santa Cruz, Cal., ten days ago as the result of a surgical operation performed for the removal of a cancer. Mrs. De Groot was an aunt of Mrs. Emil Kirchgesner, who lives near Trail. Percy De Groot, son of the deceased, has been in the employ of the Owl Drug company in San Francisco for the past 10 years, but he is now operating a 5 and 10c store in company with Zack Maxey, another former resident of Medford.

### FIRST LINE CAPTURED

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### Reserves Still Held Behind.

Notwithstanding the fact that troops have been moved to the front in immense numbers for the attack, there are still remaining billets in the rear which are apparently unnecessary in working out the present plans.

With deliberate and methodical precision the gathering of human and mechanical material proceeded. The whole line was included in the preliminary bombardment for the purpose of driving the Germans back from the point of attack.

### BRITISH LAUNCH GREAT OFFENSIVE ON WEST FRONT

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while writing of the British artillery and raiding successes, warned the public that an advance must be made by infantry, and not by artillery, and that the British army could not expect to come out of the engagement scatheless. First accounts of the battle, however, state that the British casualties were not heavy.

### French Also Attack.

Simultaneously with the launching of the British offensive, French infantry advanced to the attack. This movement of French troops was inaugurated over a section of the French line adjoining the junction point with the British front.

The artillery bombardment of the last few days was concluded this morning with a degree of fury and a number of guns which were unrepresented in the region of Albert and the Somme, with the French co-operating to the south.

At 7:30 o'clock, through clouds of smoke and dust which hung over the whole field as far as the eye could see, the infantry sprang from the trenches for an assault over a front of twenty miles. Already it has gained possession of the first line trenches and the advance is continuing.

### New British Mortars.

The new British trench mortars, which fire thirty-five shots a minute, played a great part, cutting wire entanglements and destroying trenches.

Large numbers of prisoners have been taken. Some of the prisoners say the British curtains of fire prevented them from getting food for the last five days.

A British staff officer who witnessed the advance at the junction of the French and British lines, said the attack was launched as though the men were on parade.

The tremendous offensive which has been launched by the British army on the German front is the culmination of a five-day bombardment which, in the amount of ammunition expended and in the territory involved, exceeds anything of the kind that has previously been known in the world war.

### Two Million in Army.

For some weeks reports have been current in England and France that the "big push" of the British was about to commence. It was stated that England had 2,000,000 men fully equipped and trained in preparation for the supreme effort to break the German lines. More than 1,000,000 shells are declared to have been fired daily in the preliminary bombardment which extended over a front ninety miles in length.

The allies are now on the offensive in practically every field of the war. The British assault comes on the heels of the great successes won by the Russians in Galicia and Bukovina, which have resulted in completely driving the Austrians from Bukovina and are still continuing.

### STINE RE-ELECTED SCHOOL CLERK BY NEW BOARD

Dr. E. R. Seely was elected chairman of the Medford school board at a special meeting Thursday night, and H. S. Stine clerk for the coming year. Committees were appointed, plans were inaugurated for improvement of the sanitation and heating facilities at the Washington school, and it was decided to deposit all school funds in the banks of Medford in proportion to the amount of their capital stock.

Letters are being written by Clerk Stine, who was re-elected Thursday night, to various school district clerks throughout the county interesting them in the movement asking for the repeal of the law passed by the last legislature providing that interest from delinquent taxes shall be paid to the county instead of being divided between the county and school districts, as was done formerly.

The committees were appointed as follows:

Finance—Mrs. Hattie W. Gore, J. W. Berrian, B. J. Palmer.

Insurance—E. R. Seely and Mrs. Gore.

Judiciary—W. E. Phipps, J. W. Berrian.

Teachers—Mrs. Hattie W. Gore, E. R. Seely.

Supplies—B. J. Palmer, J. W. Berrian, W. E. Phipps.

Repairs—J. W. Berrian, B. J. Palmer.

Sanitation—E. R. Seely, Mrs. Hattie W. Gore.

On the Italian front the central powers have also met with severe reverses and for several days the Italians have been steadily driving the Austrians from position after position in the Trentino. The defense also of Verdun by the French appears to have stiffened and the balance of battle in that bitterly contested sector appears recently to have swayed in favor of the defenders.

The number of Germans opposite the British front and in reserve behind the lines was estimated a month ago at 800,000.

### Sector of Battle.

The sector of the German front on which the British have assumed the offensive forms a considerable bulge in the British line. The southern end rests on the Somme. It is a broad, rolling country over which the British are pushing, altogether different from the flat, marshy and bleak aspect of Flanders. Its rounded chalk hills are densely wooded.

At many points on this sector of the British front it is possible to see the trenches of the Germans winding about the opposite slopes. A military expert writing of the offensive says:

"It is safe to say the Germans never expected a great attack in this country. We may hope, therefore, for a reduction of the German salient there and the securing of better strategic positions. Far more important than that, it is certain this attack will be very destructive to the morale of the German troops."

### MUSICAL DAY OPENS CHAUTAUQUA NEXT FRIDAY

Next Friday, the 7th of July, the Chautauqua at Ashland opens with a Rogue River valley musical day. The choruses of Medford and Ashland have been rehearsing for some months past with a view of uniting the singers of the two towns into one large chorus. A joint rehearsal of the two music clubs was held at Medford last Tuesday night, in which a hundred singers and an orchestra of twenty pieces were brought together.

It has been the desire of George Andrews, since opening his studio last winter, not only to improve the singers in individual solo work, but to build up an interest in choral work, in the entire community from Ashland to Grants Pass. He is much encouraged with his initial efforts, and hopes by another year to be able to bring together a chorus of 250 voices for a musical convention, on which occasion some of the best noted musical talent may be engaged to assist the local societies of the valley.

E. C. Root, Carleton Jones and Harry Howell are doing splendid work in bringing together their pupils to unite in one big orchestra, and it is their intention to build this orchestral organization up to thirty or forty members, which will be used not only as an accompaniment for the chorus, but standard overtures, and some of the symphonies will be taken up. The orchestra is composed of musicians from Medford, Talent and Ashland.

A picnic dinner has been arranged for Friday, at which all the musicians and singers are to participate, and concerts at the pavilion in the afternoon and evening.

The program of the afternoon will be interspersed with solo singing by Mrs. Ed Andrews, Miss Geraldine Theiss, Mrs. Guy Childers and Fletcher Fish, also singers from Grants Pass and Ashland. In fact, Friday is to be the big musical day of the Chautauqua, which should receive the encouragement and patronage of all music-lovers of the valley.

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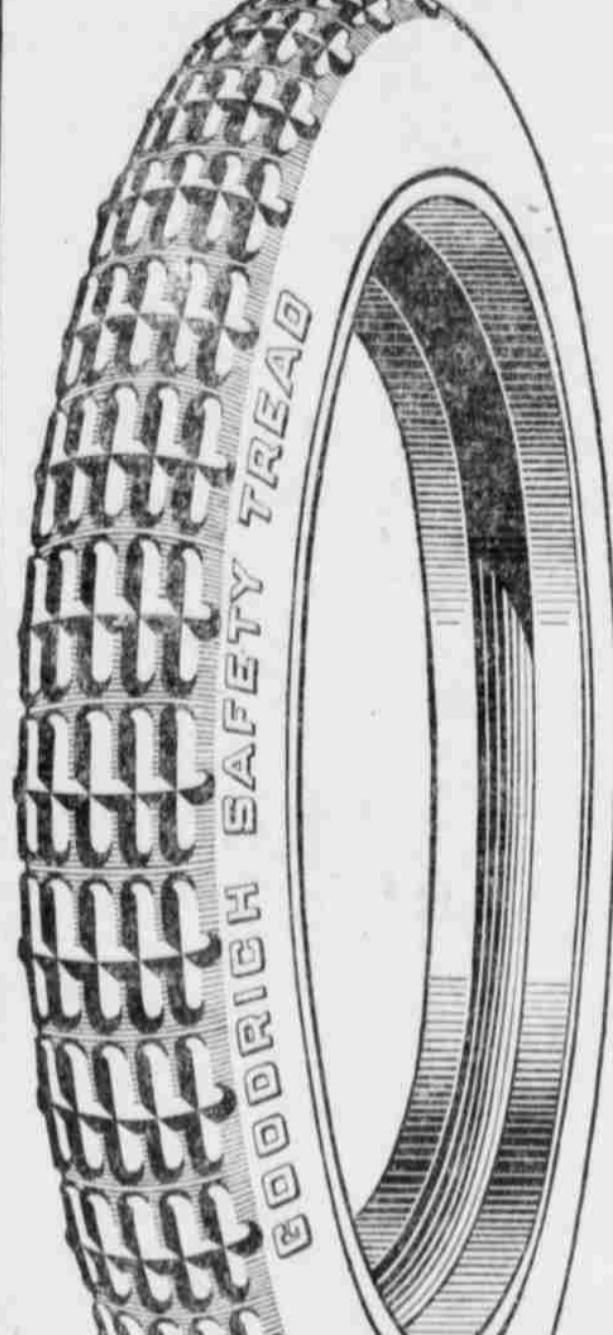
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SPECIAL TRAIN GRANTS PASS TO ASHLAND AND RETURN

Leave Grants Pass	7:00 a. m.	Leave Central Point	8:00 a. m.
Leave Rogue River	7:20 a. m.	Leave Medford	8:17 a. m.
Leave Gold Hill	7:41 a. m.	Leave Phoenix	8:30 a. m.
Leave Tolo	7:56 a. m.	Leave Talent	8:40 a. m.

Arrive Ashland (up town) at 8:50 a. m. Returning special will leave Ashland (up town) at 10:30 p. m. Low Round Trip Fares will be on sale from all Southern Pacific stations from Roseburg and south to Ashland July 3, 4, 5, and 6. Return limit July 7.

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