

JOHN F. HAMPSHIRE, ex-treasurer of Wasco County, residing at The Dalles, and one of the popular and influential citizens of that progressive town, was born in Marysville, California, October 6, 1872. His parents were John A. and Kate (Sweeney) Hampshire, the father a native of Pennsylvania, the mother of New York state. John A. Hampshire was descended from old English ancestry. He was a machinist and blacksmith, and went to California in the early 50's, and for many years he was interested in the Marysville foundry. He came to The Dalles in 1877 and was connected with the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company, with which corporation he remained until his death, June 3, 1887. The mother, born in Binghamton, New York, of Irish ancestry, now lives in San Francisco, California.

John F. Hampshire was educated in Wasco county, attending the Wasco Independent Academy, until the death of his father. He then entered the employment of the Oregon Railroad & Navigation Company as errand boy in the office of the master mechanic; was subsequently in the ticket office and various other positions seven years. He was then with The Dalles, Portland & Astoria Navigation Company in the office, and as purser, two years, and subsequently with Mays & Crowe as bookkeeper. Mr. Hampshire purchased an interest in the firm, in 1903. In June, 1900 he was elected county treasurer on the Democratic ticket, receiving at his first election a majority of one hundred and fifty-six, and at his second election about four hundred. Mr. Hampshire was the first Democratic county treasurer elected in twenty-four years.

He is a member of The Dalles Athletic Club, of which he was director two years; of Cascade Lodge B.P.O. Elks, No. 303; K.O.T.M., The Dalles Tent, No. 20, of which he is past commander. He is a member of the Roman Catholic church. Mr. Hampshire has never married. He has one brother, D. Harry Hampshire, residing at The Dalles. Our subject is eminently popular with all classes and is an influential citizen who is highly esteemed and respected throughout Wasco county and eastern Oregon.

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