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TILLAMOOK is not doing very much talking but it looks as though they might have an electric line to that point before Coos county even gets a smell. There should be something doing here, and not so much talk.

THE Gold Beach Globe carries an official directory of the state, or what purports to be one and in their issue of April 6th they still have Chas. Fulton as United States Senator and Geo. E. Chamberlain for Governor. Wonder if they know the Revolutionary war has been closed and the colonies gained their independence.

THE constant increase in marine business in and out of the Coquille river is a source for great satisfaction on the part of the citizens of this valley, and will play no small part in its influence upon congress when an appropriation for deepening the channel and fixing up the harbor generally is asked. This river is destined to play an important part in the commerce of the Pacific coast from this time on.

THE Coos Bay Harbor had to acknowledge the corn that the North Bend girls' basket ball team was not the champions of Coos county. In fact they more than acknowledged it, they even printed the retaliation by the RECORDER and never denied a word of it, but then how could they, for every word this paper said in the matter was absolutely true and nobody knew it any better than the editor of the Coos Bay Harbor himself.

THAT Bandon has stage talent has been many times evidenced, but never more so than by the excellent rendition of C. R. Moore's play "Saving the Game" by the high school pupils Friday and Saturday evenings. We are certainly to be congratulated upon the fact that we have a young man as a citizen who can write and arrange such a play and also that the young people can display such talent in putting the play on the stage. Bandon is certainly a leader in more ways than one.

"If a poor hunter kills one deer out of season, he is charged from \$25 to \$50. But a panther, which (estimated) kills from fifty to one hundred and fifty deer annually, is not worth \$20. Why is one deer worth so much in the first instance, and one hundred and fifty of so little value in the second?" This quotation is from one of our Coos county exchanges, and it is to the point. The reason the poor hunter is punished is there is "blood money" for someone in his locality who often eats of the venison so killed and then does the part of the informer for the informer's fee. The bill to have the state pay a bounty of \$20 for cougar scalps was killed in the late Legislature, the members of which voted lavish sums for other measures less meritorious than the scalp bounty bill.—Umpqua News.

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GIFFORD Pinchot, chief of the United States forest service, thinks it "highly important to the country that we should have free pulp wood in the future as in the past and that Canada should impose no export duty upon pulp wood. In this respect the pulp and paper making industry is in a different position from the other great wood using industries of the United States. The latter can be supplied wholly from our own forests, while the former must have free access to the Canadian spruce forests so long as spruce is the chief pulp wood." Mr. Pinchot declares that ground wood should be admitted free, "provided that it comes from a country which does not in any way restrict the exportation of pulp wood, wood pulp or printing paper." Mr. Pinchot has perhaps never been informed of the large amount of pulp wood in this section of the United States. There is enough right around Bandon to keep an immense pulp mill going for a long time.

GROUND was broken for a church building in a beautiful residence section of the city last Sunday afternoon, the occasion of which furnished opportunity for an expression of hope and faith in human nature and of love to God and man which was voiced in words of reverence and eloquence. "This church," said the speaker, "will deny every affirmation of an unjust, unwise, or defeated deity, a partial or disappointed Saviour, the total depravity of human nature, the annihilation of any soul or its endless torment in hell." If any sound of disapproval of this most precious purpose—this tender expression of a most Catholic spirit—was heard, it must be regarded as the rattling in their long closed graves of the bones of Johnathan Edwards, John Calvin and Cotton Mather. Certainly from those present there was universal approval and a manifest approval of a creed, if it may be so called, which casts out fear, exalts love and has faith in mankind.—Oregonian.

THERE seems to be an era of good feeling at present, between all parts of Coos county and a disposition on the part of business men all over the county to get together and work for the advancement of the entire county. The idea of an exhibit at the Seattle fair is a good one and every effort should be put forth to make this exhibit the very best that can possibly be obtained. We have many things in Coos county that are rareties, for instance our white cedar, myrtle and other valuable wood, we also have coal and valuable minerals, while our fruit and dairy products cannot be excelled. But the exhibit at the Seattle fair is not the only thing that the county should pull together in. If the proper effort is put forth, many needed improvements can be brought about with comparative ease. We can build better roads, and we can get a railroad of some description. If we had an electric line out to Roseburg, or some other point on the railroad, it would suffice for the present needs, and such a line can

be built if the county pulls together. The Coos Bay-Boise railroad can be built by a constant pull together, but Coos Bay cannot build it alone, neither can the Coquille valley, but the combined effort of the two, linked with the outside aid, will accomplish the work in a comparatively short time. Coos county can do things but it will take a long pull, a strong pull and a pull altogether to accomplish all the things that are needed here. There seems to be the proper spirit now and the one thing to do is to keep up that spirit.

STORIES sent out by Washington hot air correspondents to the effect that President Taft stands ready to veto any tariff bill which does not meet his unqualified approval should be taken only with the most liberal allowance of salt. The authors of the stories are nothing if not fresh. The stories are an insult to the president. President Taft is not only a dictator in the sense that he stands ready with a club to knock the tar out of any man or measure which does not dance to White House music or measure up completely to his ideas of what is right. He recognizes that the executive and the legislative branches of the government are separate and distinct. Each has its own peculiar constitutional functions to perform. Of course it might be possible that congress would return a tariff bill of which the president could not approve, but the contingency is exceedingly remote. Republican members of congress know they have no snap on their hands in the preparation of a new tariff measure. The president fully realizes the delicate responsibility, also. He knows the vast diversity of interests that must be considered. He knows the party pledges which must be kept. He also knows that there must be no abandonment of the republican doctrine of protection. It will probably be three months before congress will be able to hammer a tariff bill into shape to present to the president. These long-distance guesses as to what the president will then do very forcibly reveal the gall and the presumption which constitute the principal trade of a certain class of Washington correspondents.—Des Moines Capital.

FIGURES compiled by the Spokane chamber of commerce show that more than 63,000 settlers have located in eastern Washington during the past 14 months. Nearly all of them settled in the rural districts, and most of them in comparatively new and undeveloped regions, which, however, were not very far from a railroad line. The influx of newcomers into that region is greater this spring than ever before. A large proportion of the immigrants coming over the Union Pacific and O. R. & N. have tickets for eastern Washington points. They travel over a Harriman line out of Harriman territory. While these thousands and tens of thousands have gone into eastern Washington, how many have settled in eastern Oregon? Comparatively few. And of these but a very small fraction have gone back into central Oregon, where there is land for a million. Still eastern Washington grows and develops rapidly; still a large portion of eastern Oregon, just as rich and attractive, lies dormant, uninhabited, desolate as if a blight of the Almighty rested upon it. There does rest upon it as yet, as for a long time past, the blight of the almighty Harriman. He is making sound and motions now indicating that at last

he may dispel that blight, may open up that immense region to settlement, cultivation, development. If he does, much will be forgiven: all, perhaps forgotten. Yet it will always remain true that no such monstrous wrong was ever done an American state by any man, corporation or combination, as has been done during the past decade by Harriman to Oregon. He has both plundered it with one hand and strangled it with the other. The people of Oregon would be "forms of men with souls of geese" indeed if they permitted this condition to exist much longer. Unless Harriman builds, and right soon, they must build, or offer such inducements as will cause other capitalists to build. Oregon must be throttled and held up by one railroad buccaneer no longer.—Journal.

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