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COMMANDER Peary is leary of Dr. Cook, but the doctor says he will "Cook Peary's Goose" when it comes to a show down.

IN ANOTHER column of this issue, we publish a resolution of appreciation, from the Bandon Commercial Club to the Bandon-Port Orford Railroad Co. The Commercial Club is ever looking to the interests of the city and all realize that the railroad will be a greater boost for the city than anything else now in sight.

ENGINEERS engaged in the boundary line survey between this country and Canada have found a part of the territory so rough that it is impossible to survey it. Perhaps some time in the future, when it will be needed as a base for lieu-land scrip, some enterprising landseekers will be more successful. Prior to the Oregon land-fraud trials it was always a source of wonder how some of the Oregon lands in the mountain districts were surveyed, but testimony introduced by the prosecution cleared up some of the mystery. Some one may yet take up a homestead on that boundary line.

THE Coquille Valley Sentinel says the Coos Bay & Inland Electric line is going to be built. Good! Push the good thing along. It will be a big thing for Coos county. The road is projected from Coos Bay, by way of Coquille and Myrtle Point, to Roseburg. We are also informed that the promoters can probably be induced to extend a line to Bandon, provided the right of way from here to Coquille were given. This is a matter that ought to be easily complied with as most everyone along the line would be glad to give the right of way. This is something for our Commercial Club and business men to take up. Let's get busy and see what can be done in this connection.

THERE is no more striking example on the Pacific Coast of the ruthless destruction of timber than that which follows the gathering of oak tanbark. In the counties of Humboldt and Mendocino in California the industry of securing oak tanbark has attained considerable proportions. Oak trees 18 inches to 3 1/2 feet in diameter, up to 40 feet to the limbs, are not uncommon. To secure this bark the trees are felled and the bark stripped. The timber is left untouched on the ground to rot. Until railroad transportation can be furnished, this waste will probably continue. The bark in many instances is secured from individual claims taken by the homesteaders, the timber growth being practically all oak, which is sacrificed in order to eke out a precarious livelihood. From 400 to 600 cords of bark can be obtained from a claim. Thousands of feet of good oak timber are sacrificed each year to the bark gatherer. —The Timberman.

WALT WHITMAN, little understood, less appreciated as an author during his life, has come into prominence in the reading world in a recent biography written by George Rice Carpenter as a contribution to

the Men of Letters Series. The "good gray poet," who was untidy in person and of almost vagrant habits, would find himself in unwanted company in a series which includes Shakespeare, Browning and Sir Thomas Browne. Opinions still differ about Whitman's writings. Their involved thought and coarseness of expression and suggestion are wearisome to the student and repellent to the moralist. Tennyson, upon receiving "Leaves of Grass" however, wrote the author in terms of praise.—Oregonian.

TEN years ago you could have had your choice of thousands of timber claims in California and the Northwest, running from 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 of feet to the 160 acres, now worth 50 cents to one dollar per thousand for fir, two dollars to three dollars for redwood and cedar. These claims, located under the "Timber and Stone Act," then cost merely the trouble of one visit and the payment to the government of \$400. Thousands of our Westerners refused to "bite at the timber bait."—there was "too much timber for the Government to give away, even in a life time." Everybody knows now, how Michigan and Wisconsin men flooded out here and get the prizes along with the railroads and big corporation-timber grabbers. Fortunately for the people of the United States, Gifford Pinchot, backed by President Roosevelt finally go, ahead of the grabbers by placing 150,000,000 acres in forest reserves. —October Pacific Monthly.

THE Coos Bay Times says the whole of Coos county should work together and that what is good for one section of the county is good for the whole county. That is the sentiment the RECORDER has stood for all along, and we heartily agree with the Times in all it says along this line. Coos county has two harbors, Coos Bay and the Coquille River. Both can be made much better than they now are, and in fact both are getting better from year to year, and with the improvements now going on and projected, there will be much greater results realized. Coos Bay is soon to vote on the question of issuing five hundred thousand dollar bonds for building dredges and harbor improvement. The bonds should and no doubt will carry. Coos Bay already has a Port Commission and it is said that property has already advanced to more than the amount of the tax. Coquille River should not be behind in this matter. We should establish a Port Commission at once. This work has been put in the hands of certain persons in the valley, but as yet there are no visible results from their labors. They should get busy at once and see to it that an election is called for the purpose of voting on the project. If this valley was ever in need of anything it is in need of this Port Commission. Property will be greatly enhanced in value, as a result and shipping facilities will be greatly improved.

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I HAVE studied, I have brooded, and I've just about concluded, that I will not go a-hunting for the lost Antarctic Pole; other men will have to trail it, someone else will have to nail it, someone else must gain the glory and the medals and the goal. I would like quite well to find it; I would like to get behind it, and to nail this sign upon it: "Notice to the Public—Shoo!" I would gladly cross the planet, gather in the pole and canit, but I have about a thousand more important things to do. All my daily stunts are humble, and I often knock and grumble, thinking that my lowly station is a most disgusting shame; one who sweats around and sashes gathering the beets and squashes doesn't stand a chance of winning much of glory or of fame. All my work is dull and sordid; when I've fixed the sagging fences and have carried in the coal, I rebel against the weary round of toil so stale and dreary, and would like to borrow snowshoes, and go off and find a pole! But the preacher says: Old chappy, you have made some people happy, you have done your work so ably that it is beyond compare; everything in is hunkdory! for there is no greater glory, than in having done your durndest! Therefore cease to tear your hair!"—Walt Mason in Portland Journal.

FOR the purpose of, providing future material for ties and other uses, nearly 3,500,000 trees have been planted by the Pennsylvania Railroad company during the past year. It is said that this work constitutes the most extensive forestry plan yet undertaken by any private corporation. It is certainly an object lesson for the whole country, as it is interested in timber conservation and other benefits bound to accrue from an intelligent system of forestry. This activity of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was brought about by the problem presented of an insufficient supply of crosstie timber for future needs. It was a problem which the managers of that company felt must be taken directly in hand. The first step was experimental planting of locust trees on vacant lots and farms between Philadelphia and Altoona, and as this promised splendid results a general forestry policy was outlined; nurseries were established and systematic planting begun. The work has been steadily carried forward from year to year by the planting of red oak, pin oak, European larch, chestnut, yellow poplar and white pine. The company has not only worked on its own account to the end, as the management believes, that in twenty-five years its present efforts will produce a sufficient supply of timber for its use; but it has also encouraged forestry generally by supplying trees for planting to other corporations and to individuals. The French farmer long since demonstrated that the growing tree is a profitable crop, though it requires more patience to realize upon it than the average American possesses. The system inaugurated by the Pennsylvania Railroad company follows the French idea and practice. It is a system that other great corporations and interests could extend to their own and to National advantage.—Telegram.

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THEORY AND PRACTICE.

IN theory I don't care for money. If I can have a small supply to keep my family from starvation and some few extra trinkets buy. Enough to live in easy comfort. A luxury just now and then. But still I find I'm chasing dollars. The way I notice other men.

We speak of money as the "needful," and very truly now and then it is a useful thing and handy. To have on hand a five or ten. As to a larger pile, we scorn it. And look at it somewhat askance. Unless we have a chance to grab it. And then we wrestle for the chance.

The man who hasn't any money and none inclined to reach his mitt philosophizes very largely about the vanity of it. He thinks he's happier with nothing. But still at that you'll find him rash enough to jeopardize his pleasures if he can trade a part for cash.

In theory as we look things over we think how worthless 'tis and vain. In practice when they hand it to us we don't reject it or complain. It is a fact, and I believe it—At least that's what I've heard them say—That those who have contempt for money will meet it easily halfway.

Did Well.

"Were you ever in love?" asked the gay and care free young woman of the confirmed old grouch. "Sure I was." "When was that?" "Before I was old enough to know any better." "Was she pretty?" "Oh, she would pass in a crowd." "How did you act?" "Well, I managed to keep out of the asylum."

Sound Advice.



"I am broke." "What are you going to do?" "I don't know." "I can tell you." "Well?" "Go to work and get mended."

Expensive Economy.

"Why don't you smoke a pipe instead of so many cigars?" "What for?" "Economy." "Not for me. I tried it once and on the strength of the \$2.50 I saved the first week my wife spent \$10."

Adequate.

"Brown is going to marry Miss Hustle." "Why, I thought he didn't care for athletic women." "Well, but, you see, she has demonstrated that she can earn enough to support a family."

The Reason.

The night is chilling, Cold and dank, The grass distilling Poison rank.

The moon is setting

'Neath a veil, And I am getting Cold and pale.

Why am I sick with Discontent

And writhing quick, with Anguish rent?

Am I a felon

Fleeing fate? No; watermelon That I ate.

PERT PARAGRAPHS.

The more expensive a joke is the funnier it is as long as the other fellow is putting up for it.

Sometimes the pen is mightier than the long and elaborate petition for pardon.

The man who has a large and varied assortment of ailments should be something of an authority on the course of true love.

A case of kidnapping is sure to rouse the ire of parents when the kid naps until after 8 o'clock in the morning.

And then, besides, it can't be noticed that things to eat taste any better now that they cost so much more.

Hard work always seems to have a direct relation to hard times even if you are out of a job.

The ultimate nonconsumer has to go about with a pad on his neck.

Marrying for position is often done on mere supposition.

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