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STORY TELLING ENDED

Two Literary men, each of whom has had a certain fame died within the past week. They were Richard Harding Davis and Geo. W. Peck. Both were connected with the newspaper game and mounted into public notice through the possession of a far more delicate instinct in the arrangement of the Queens English than the average devotee who grinds out copy for the press.

Peck was by far the older man. As a young man he saw service as a soldier in the Civil War. Returning to Whitewater, Wis., he began again a discipleship to the types and soon had the good fortune to attract the attention of Brick Pomeroy at La Crosse.

Pomeroy and his Gold Dust paper man are forgotten—but they had a certain prominence in reconstruction days and helped to give Peck his training. Eventually the latter established Peck's Sun in Milwaukee when "Peck's Bad Boy" got on the map. The exploits of the boy, the grocery man, pa, ma, the hired girl, the new minister and a few others were enjoyed by many for a time.

Peck's life for years was like a musical extravaganza. His success as a comic writer was spontaneous but his success as a politician was amazing.

He tumbled to the top on the crest of the wave of disapproval that followed the exactment of the McKinley tariff act; he was elected first mayor of Milwaukee and later Governor of Wisconsin. For the latter office he defeated Governor Wm. Dean Hoard's aspiration for a second term, and the latter gentleman of Hoard Dairyman farm, has never recovered from his chagrin at the manner in which the people of the state turned him down on this occasion and he has been a political sorehead every since.

The Bennett Law, a law compelling children to attend school was blamed for this but the biggest element was the raise in tariff rates.

This political upheaval put in two Democrats as Wisconsin's senators, Vilos and Mitchell, and took the same job away from the oratorical John C. Spooner.

Spooner ran for governor against Peck the second term.

Perhaps the only serious thing ever connected with Peck was his political speeches. But no one listened to him. They were for him and let it go at that and they turned down the brilliant Spooner.

Richard Harding Davis is much more recent. A son of Rebecca Harding Davis, his

father was once editor of the Philadelphia Ledger. A series of stories printed in Scribner's twenty five years ago gained him the eye and ear of the public. "Gallegher" was the name of one of them, and "The Other Woman" and Van Bibber. Van Bibber led on to longer efforts.

Davis was the writer of a polished style although his works of fiction will not rank high.

He made a breezy war correspondent and will be missed by many who have learned to wait for his colored descriptions. Possibly the least attractive feature of his record was the divorcing of the wife of his youth and the immediate wedding with a footlight favorite.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC ISSUES BOOKLET ON THE COOS BAY COUNTRY.

The opening of the new Coos Bay branch of the Southern Pacific has opened up a wonderful country, rich in natural resources. To help give to the world the true information in regard to this section of the State of Oregon, the Southern Pacific has recently issued a beautiful illustrated folder entitled "The Coos Bay Country." The cover is printed in three colors, and shows two beautiful scenes, one of standing timber, and the other of Ten Mile Lake. Illustrations throughout the book show the various cities, and other scenic attractions and also give views of the principal industries such as lumbering, dairying and farming.

Separate paragraphs are given the following: Beautiful inland lakes; Picturesque Umpqua; Lane County's Seaport; Gardiner and Scottsburg; Coos County's cities; Dairying; Fruit and vegetables; Timber; Coal and water; Power and the Fishing industry.

The author aptly illustrates the possibilities for the future in this section by the following: "Study the Atlantic Coast Line and see if you can discover any district with the natural resources of the Coos Bay Country and with her harbor facilities that is not the site of one or more big cities. Look back fifty years and see what the Coos Bay district was—a district of blazed trails and almost impenetrable forests. Look at it today, with its modern communities, and then look forward fifty years and try to picture what they will be."

Copies of this book can be obtained from any Southern Pacific agent or by writing to Mr. John M. Scott, General Passenger Agent, Portland, Oregon.

CURIOUS NAVAL ATTACK.

Some Queer Tasks to Which Warships Have Been Assigned.

Not all the tasks warships are called on to undertake have to do with war and the destruction of human life and property.

A couple of French warships were sent out into the Mediterranean some years ago to wage war against a school of porpoises which were doing an immense amount of damage to the fishing industry in those waters. After three days' hostilities, during which quick firing guns were used with considerable effect, the vessels returned to port triumphant, having practically annihilated the enemy.

A year or two ago a warship of Great Britain's Australian fleet was given the strange job of capturing

or destroying a mysterious sea monster which had been reported off the Falkland islands, the scene of the recent German naval defeat.

It is pretty safe to say that the officers, if not the crew, entertained grave doubts of the actual existence of the frightful creature which had been described. It was too terrifying, hideous, gigantic and ferocious.

But shortly after the ship arrived in the waters where the monster was supposed to lie in wait for vessels the officer of the watch described a strange looking beast making toward his ship, and it was immediately guessed that this must be the substance of all the alarming tales. And a pretty good substance it proved too.

An attack was made upon it, and after some hours' fighting with harpoons and quick firers the mysterious monster, which proved to be a sea elephant between thirteen and fourteen yards long, was slaughtered and taken aboard.

Some years ago the Norwegian government sent out a powerful little fleet of warships armed with mines, torpedoes and quick firing guns to exterminate a vast horde of seals which was denuding the sea on the northwest coast of all fish life.

But the government had reckoned upon tens of thousands of seals, whereas there were millions. So unending was their number that the fleet had eventually to admit itself defeated, with the loss of one man and two slightly wounded owing to an accident and to "retire in order," having exhausted its entire supply of ammunition.—New York American.

Irritation and Pain.

A sharp distinction should be drawn between irritation and pain. Irritation is not pain, but only a frequent cause of it. Thus a crumb lodged in the larynx near the vocal cords produces violent irritation and prolonged coughing, which often results in actual pain. So, too, a speck of dust in the eye sets up violent irritation and inflammation, followed by actual pain. Of the surface of the body the finger tips and the end of the tongue are most sensitive—for instance, a burn on the fingers is much more painful than one on the back would be, while one on the tongue would be more painful still. Deep wounds are not painful, as a rule, save as regards the surface injury.

The King Snake.

To the rattlesnake and to every other dangerous snake, large or small, the king snake is a terror. The poison of a rattler has no more effect on him than so much moonshine. Instinctively the rattler knows his match and at sight of a king snake tries to escape if possible. In fight the king snake relies wholly upon his incredible speed. If the movements of an ordinary snake seem quick to the human eye, the movements of a king snake would seem instantaneous. In a twinkling the long, lank fellow has wound himself about the throat of an antagonist and, his sinewy coils closing about the other's throat, chokes the wind out of him.

The Biggest Trust

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I respectfully ask your support at the primary election on the 19th of May, 1916.

B. F. SWOPE.

NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY OREGON

I hereby announce myself on the Republican ticket for the office of County Clerk, subject to the will of the voters at the Primary Election in May, and respectfully solicit your support.

LOUIS V. MACKEN.

TO THE VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the office of County Treasurer, on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the voters at the primary election in May and respectfully solicit your support.

MRS. WINNIE BRADEN.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

I hereby announce my candidacy for the office of County Surveyor on the republican ticket, subject to the will of the members of that party at the primary in May. I solicit the support of all republicans throughout Polk county, assuring each that if I am nominated and elected the duties incumbent upon the county surveying will be given the very best attention.

Efficiency, Economy and Impartiality is my motto.
WM. A. ("BILL") HIMES

TO REPUBLICAN VOTERS

Having been urged by my friends to again become a candidate for commissioner and having acceded to their demand, I most respectfully ask the support of all republicans in the primary May 19. My past record is my only platform.

G. A. WELLS.

FOR TREASURER

I am a candidate for the office of treasurer on the Republican ticket. Your vote is respectfully solicited at the primary election, May 19, 1916.

A. V. R. SNYDER.