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THE SHERIFF "REFUNDS" COUNTY TAXES

EXPERT ACCOUNTANT FILES REPORT THAT SHOWS SOME VERY UNUSUAL METHODS

George P. Clark, the expert accountant who has been employed by the county court to expert the books of the various county officers, in a special report made to the county court makes some severe strictures upon the methods employed in the sheriff's office in handling the tax moneys. This report was considered by the county court at its meeting yesterday and steps taken to rectify the matters that are alleged to have been improperly done by Sheriff Pomeroy.

That is, it is stated that these taxes, having been assessed in due form, were properly due and payable, but that the sheriff took it upon himself to let these taxpayers go without paying.

Sheriff Pomeroy appeared before the county court yesterday morning and the matter was given an airing. At the conclusion of the discussion the court ordered that the "refunded" taxes be collected.

It is said that this practice of refunding or rebating taxes by the sheriff has been done here before and that Sheriff Pomeroy was simply following out a plan set by one or more of his predecessors. Whether this is true or not the action, apparently, has not the slightest warrant in law, any more than if the janitor of the court

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CONSULAR REFORMS AND PLUMS TOLD OF

INTERESTING LETTER FROM WASHINGTON ON THIS SUBJECT.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Young men throughout the country looking forward to a career in the diplomatic service may take cheer in the thought that during the coming Taft administration merit alone will open the door to appointment. This announcement may strike with particular force that class of young men who have achieved university honors. Aside from Mr. Taft himself, the best friend of this merit system will be his secretary of state, Philander Knox. In taking these consulships, which mark the road to higher diplomatic preferment, out of the political "grab bag" Mr. Knox will follow the course of the present Secretary of State, Elihu Root who can rightfully lay claim to being "the father of consular reform."

A few years ago it could be said, and was said with truth, that the average American consul was "a joke," that he had no right to represent this or any other country in an important diplomatic capacity, and that his presence as such was entirely due to a bad political system. Except in exceptional cases, these assertions would be without foundation now, and when Mr. Taft and when his Secretary of State get through with their pruning these exceptions, too, will be of the past.

Changed commercial conditions, as well as the embarrassments brought about by incompetent representatives abroad, have made this consular reform imperative. It was either a question of divorcing the consular berths from politics or he discredited in the eyes of foreign governments. Though the change wrought has not been without opposition, and Mr. Taft when he becomes Chief Executive probably will be urged to return to the old "spoils" system, the results attained have proven the wisdom of the reform.

To the average American this field offers varied attractions. It may not have been so in former years, when most of these jobs were properly labeled "sinecures," because the consul's chief duties consisted of killing time and drawing his pay. The service is now ridding itself of the few incumbents who follow this exciting routine. While it is true that some consular offices offer a wider field of opportunity than others, none of them are without their offerings to the ambitious man. Many of those stationed in the various countries of South America, which countries are now marching to the tune of a quick-step to capture some of this country's trade, have found ample opportunity to develop lines of trade for home merchants, and thus benefit indirectly. Others have been offered alluring inducements to enter the service of corporations having a large shipping headquarters at the port where they were stationed, and still others have left the consular service to develop opportunities they learned of while acting as their country's representative. Taken all in all, this field would seem a vastly more inviting one than formerly, and more so because, instead of being closed to all except a class of hungry politicians, it is now within the reach of all—if they only show their fitness.

The arrival of a new member of Washington's diplomatic family always causes a stir of interest. This is particularly so if the new member hails from the Orient, for the Orientals, taken as a class, are picturesque; they are never without their touch of color.

Therefore, the coming of Hussein Kiam Bey, recently appointed Turkish Ambassador to the United States, is worth noting. It will be remembered that since the hurried departure of Chekib Bey, the former Ottoman representative to this country the Sultan has been transacting his business with the State Department through Mundji Bey, Turkish Consul General at New York. It was not because of the insistence of this government that Chekib Bey packed up his belongings one morning and fled toward London. Just about that time Turkey, through the "Young Turks," had gained a constitution, and matters got a little warm for all of the Sultan's representatives of the old regime. Understanding the volatile character of Turkish politics, Mundji Bey seized this opportunity of humbling his old

arch-enemy, Chekib Bey. He came over from New York on a fast train, sought out Chekib Bey at the Embassy, and denounced him publicly as an unworthy son of Mehmet, besides saying a few unpleasant things about misappropriating the funds of the Turkish Embassy. So Chekib Bey, realizing himself among the "down-and-outers," straightway left these parts for the fogs of London, to join his uncle, Izzet Bey, another of the Sultan's deposed advisors.

Hussein Bey probably will not experience such embarrassing conditions here. He happens to belong to the "Young Turks" party, which means a great deal just now, and in addition he is a friend of Mundji Bey which also is something in his favor.

TO PROTECT ELK.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—William E. Curtis, in an article under a Washington date in today's Record-Herald advocates fencing off certain portions of the national forests, outside for game.

"There is," he said, "a herd of 25,000 elk in Yellowstone Park and the forest reserve adjoining it in Northern Wyoming. General Young, who has been superintendent of Yellowstone Park for several years, says that hunters have estimated the herd as high as 40,000 head. They spend the Summer in the Yellowstone Park and as Winter approaches move southward to a lower altitude to find grazing. They can stand any amount of cold if they can get food."

T. S. Palmer, chief of division of game culture, says that several thousand of them Winter around the town of Gardiner, near the Mammoth Hot Springs, and in Hayden Valley, in the northeastern part of the park, where there is an open country and plenty of food; more go down into the Wyoming state game reserve, where a range of more than 600,000 acres was set apart in 1905, and others go down in Jackson Hole, which is being rapidly filled up with settlers, and where for that reason they are no longer safe.

"The problem before the government," says Mr. Palmer, "is to find them a permanent feeding ground where they will be protected during the winter as they are now protected in the park during the Summer season."

ALL SAFE AT LAST.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Jan. 25.—Revenue cutter Gresham having on board the captain and crew of the White Star liner Republic which sank last night following the collision with the liner Florida, came to anchor a mile inside Minnehaha light at 4:15 A. M. today. The derelict destroyer Seneca to which it was expected the Gresham would transfer the crew, was not in sight at that hour. It was impossible at the time to communicate with the Gresham from the shore.

SHOULD BE FINE BOUT.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Raoul de Rouen the French Graeco-Roman wrestler Yusuff Mahmut, the Turk have been matched to wrestle in a catch-as-catch-can bout here February 1.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—Uncle Sam's National Forests yielded an increase of 102 per cent in timber last year over the record for 1907, giving returns of \$849,027.24 to the government. Twenty-five per cent of this amount went back to the states in which the forests are located in lieu of taxes, in accordance with the provisions of the law. This revenue will be added to the state's fund for the support and maintenance of roads and public schools.

The amount of timber cut from all the National Forests was 392,792,000 feet, board measure, as against 194,872,000 feet in the previous year. This figure for 1908 does not include the 131,482,000 feet given away to settlers, schools and churches under "free use" permits. This increase of 102 per cent shows a far better use and increasing productiveness of the forest under conservative methods of cutting. There was a marked increase in small sales last year, resulting in an increase of 236 per cent in the number of sales, notwithstanding the fact that the timber contracted for was far less in the aggregate than in 1907.

In making timber sales the Forest Service seeks small in preference to large sales, and aims to safeguard a supply for the future needs rather than to swell the immediate receipts. Were it desired, the present receipts from timber sales could be quickly doubled. During the year it was found necessary in the interest of a continued supply to restrict sales on many Forests. Nevertheless, use of the National Forests as a source of timber supply was more general than ever before.

The total receipts from timber sales each year have been as follows: 1905, \$60,136.62; 1906, \$245,013.49; 1907, \$668,813.12; 1908, \$849,027.24.

Payment for timber is always required in advance. In large sales, however, and in small sales on occasion, payment is made in installments so arranged as to protect the Government against loss without imposing unnecessarily severe burdens upon the purchaser. Thus the receipts of each year represent substantially, but not exactly, the value of the timber sold and removed during that year.

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DENOUNCE THE PLAN.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—Non-competitive examinations as the basis for the selection of census employes as provided in the Crumpacker Census bill are denounced by the Civil Service Reform Association of Chicago in a letter to President Roosevelt. It asks that the President send the bill back to Congress for further consideration.

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