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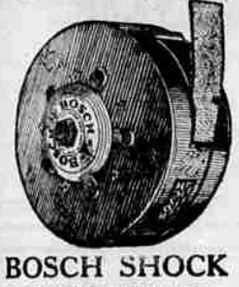

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## Plans for Camp Made by Veterans

Plans for the state encampment of United Spanish War veterans were made at the meeting of the local organization Monday evening. The state encampment will be held at the Oregon caves, July 14-16.

A committee composed of Fred Wentworth, Ralph H. Pierce and W. G. White was named by the veterans to co-operate with other committees from patriotic organizations in the formation of plans for observance of Memorial day here.


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## BID OF GUY PYLE ON RESERVOIR IS LOWEST TURNED IN

Lowest bidder on the contract for construction of the proposed new water reservoir of the city on Fairmount Heights was Guy Pyle of Eugene, it was found when the sealed bids were opened Monday evening at the meeting of the water board. His bid was $17,375.40. Contract was not let at the meeting, but it is expected that action will be taken within a few days, when the committee in charge has had time to check over the bids.

The bids opened Monday evening were:

A. Lombard, Eugene, $20,777; C. M. Igoe Construction company, Eugene, $22,168.75; Oscar Snow, Eugene, $24,676.74; Stein Bros., Eugene, $20,462.55; Guy Pyle, Eugene, $17,375.40; C. F. Dinsmore company, Portland, $25,213.40; J. W. Sadler, Portland, $21,815.70; Lindstrom and Feigenson, Portland, $30,693.70; William D. Hoffman, Amity, $26,608.

The reservoir as proposed would be located back of the residence district on Fairmount Heights, north of the Campbell Church property. It would have a capacity of 420,000 gallons of water, and will be paid for by funds saved from operating revenues, so that no bond issue will be asked for.

## OPEN FORUM

### ANALYZES RECALL

To the Editor:—It has been said that it is an educated person who can tell the difference between honest convictions and sore spots. Isn't this a fact? And isn't it time we were checking up on our education in regard to this recall movement against Commissioners Sharp and Roney? Let us not get our education too late.

First of all, let us consider: Is it an honest conviction that has brought certain persons out in the open to fight our commissioners? Or, can it be that there is, in many instances, a sore spot which makes certain persons ready to, consciously or unconsciously, aid the real cause which is back of this recall—the timber interests. You know it would be impossible for a sore spot to be caused by the commissioners eliminating a position, for example: the position of Assistant School Superintendent which was formerly held by J. G. Swan; the position of Bridge Superintendent which was formerly held by Mr. McArthur—(both of these men carried recall petitions). Then, too, a sore spot could exist where one had not received compensation for favors bestowed, for example: Colonel Mercer claimed that he wrote Mr. Roney's platform—he got no reward. A sore spot could also exist where one person covets the position held by another, for example: It would seem that the letter recently published by a number of Lorane people—friends and relatives of Mr. Crowe—could be a campaign letter to aid Mr. Crowe in getting the position they covet.

However, the greatest sore spot of all is where the purse of the timber interests is hurt. It does not seem unreasonable to suppose that the timber barons could well afford to spend a little money to stir up a big smoke in an attempt to bewilder our minds so we could not be able to clearly see the benefits that are sure to come to the average taxpayer by having an honest cruise by a cruiser who will stand back of all of his work and who, because he cruises timber for counties exclusively, is in no way obligated to the timber barons. Yes these timber barons could well afford to spend not only a little money but much money when one considers that the increase in the valuation of timber lands in Clatsop county, due to the cruise of timber made by the Nease Timber company, was $6,791,798; that in Tillamook county after Mr. Nease had cruised 120,000 acres of timber land, the net increase in the timber valuations was $5,423,400. This should show how the purse was hurt.

Since reading the good articles that are being published by the Lane County Taxpayers league on the timber cruise question, particularly the letters from county courts wherein Mr. Nease and his work are highly recommended, my conviction is stronger than ever that there are certain people, who, for certain reasons, would like to have a cheap cruise; that a cheap cruise by a cheap cruiser would be quite as satisfactory to the timber interests as no cruise at all; and that a cheap cruise by a cheap cruiser would afford about as much relief to the average taxpayer as no cruise at all. I have reached the honest conviction that it is the Nease timber cruise—not a cheap "kind of cruise"—that is going to do more for the average taxpayer than anything accomplished by any former county courts.

For this reason, I say, let us forget the "sore spots" and the smoke screen and be thankful that we have two commissioners, as well as an assessor, with enough backbone to oppose the timber barons. These men have already proven to us that they are working for the good of the average taxpayer; that they are working for equalization of the tax burden; that they can not be controlled by the timber interests, so, let us stand by them in their efforts in our behalf and not allow ourselves cheated out of the benefits that are sure to come from the Nease timber cruise—the same benefits that have already come, as a result of the Nease cruise, to the taxpayers of Tillamook and Clatsop counties.

CHAS. C. CONNER.
Cottage Grove, May 10, 1924.

## OPEN FORUM

### UPHOLDS COMMISSION

To the Editor:

I read a letter by J. G. Swan in the Guard of May 8. I wonder if everyone took into consideration who this man Swan is, rather who he was before our commissioners eliminated his job—assistant school superintendent—when reading what he had to say about our commissioners turning back the wheels of progress along educational lines—Mr. Swan's modesty is overwhelming. Our schools in south Lane seem to be keeping up to standard regardless of the fact that we have been without the services of the assistant school superintendent—Mr. Swan—and the taxpayers have been saved more than $2000 a year in the deal. Furthermore I can not see but that we farmers have gotten along just as well without the agricultural agent. (By the way, if the former agricultural agent is not a different type, he must be out of the county or he would have been carrying a recall petition as Swan and McArthur have been doing).

Mr. Swan made some broad assertions about our commissioners in his letter. Were his statements unprejudiced? Can a man who has raised such a fuss over losing his job make an unprejudiced statement? Perhaps I am especially doubtful because I happened to be at the court house when Mr. Swan was relieved of his job and he certainly didn't take it like a man. He was howling then and he is still howling.

For this reason, his letter would seem to me more like retaliation for a lost position, in fact, like campaign stuff, especially since he waited until this late date to write it—so late that it will be hard for all of us to get facts unless we can hear from a Lane county man who has the confidence of the people and who knows whether our commissioners have failed in co-operation. My regard for Mr. R. A. Booth is such that I am willing to say that he would give us an unprejudiced view, in spite of any timber connections he may have. Surely Mr. Booth, as state highway commissioner, would not hesitate to tell the people of Lane county if it is true, as Mr. Swan says, that the state will do no more work in Lane county while we have our present commissioners. I am indeed doubtful that this is the situation, in fact, it is my understanding that we have had co-operation, and I shall not believe Mr. Swan's statements unless they are verified by Mr. Booth, who, I believe, was chairman of the state highway commission.

It seems to me that, if all Mr. Swan says is true, we would have heard from a number of the prominent people from the coast country. It does not seem probable that they would have left it to Mr. Swan and that they, who are vitally interested, would have kept silent all of this time. (I believe the recall petitions were circulated as early as February 18).

My only reason for writing is to ask for the truth—the whole truth that we so seldom get—and to call attention to the fact that we must not allow the good deeds of our commissioners to be hidden by a smoke screen.

Much credit is due our commissioners for standing by the Nease timber cruise contract, thereby standing by us taxpayers. If you have been reading the articles that are being published by the Lane County Taxpayers league, you can not help but see what the timber cruise is going to do for the taxpayers when the timber is forced to bear its rightful share of the tax burden. The Nease timber cruise can lessen the burden of the taxpayers of Lane county just as it has lessened the burden of the taxpayers of Tillamook and Clatsop counties.

Give our commissioners credit for being honest—if they were not honest, the timber interests would not be fighting them. It seems to me that this is a time when we should not risk changing our commissioners and our assessor—just when the timber cruise is nicely started. I, for one, want to see the timber cruise finished just as it has been started and then I want to see it used. We know our commissioners and our assessor are standing by us—Isn't a vote of thanks due them on May 16?

W. W. CHRISMAN.
Cottage Grove, May 10, 1924.

### BELIEVES CRUISE O. K.

Editor Daily Guard:

February 25 I expressed myself through the columns of your paper that I was of the opinion the recall on Sharp and Roney was simply an effort to reorganize the old court house ring, each effort made to strengthen the recall has also strengthened my belief I was correct in my conclusions, and since Mr. Hurd has come out with his statement, every doubt that I might be mistaken has been removed. And I believe every careful thinking person who will read his statement will have to come to the same conclusion.

He makes it plain if elected will work harmoniously with Judge Barnard and we all know what this means. We believe it means death to any further reliable timber cruise, and only about one-tenth is now under contract.

We believe it also means placing back in office those who lost their job under the present county court. No doubt it will also mean the raising of our taxes instead of lowering as has been the case this year. Now my conclusion is this: If you are dissatisfied because your taxes were lowered three mills this year, and would not like to have one-third or more "lopped" off by the time the timber cruise is completed, I would advise you to vote "yes" on the recall, but if you are tired of paying high taxes and appreciate the reduction you got this year, vote "no" on the recall. It seems the recall petition got a very light support in Cottage Grove, the life-long home of Emmett Sharp, and where L. N. Roney is well known. Out of 60 or 70 business men only six signed the recall petition. This included Elbert Bede and one hired manager, and Bede's famous petition carried less names to the court house than he has toes on his feet, including his own name.

Lots of smoke, Mr. Bede, for such a small fire. Well, these figures will give us some idea as to what the business men of Mr. Sharp's home town think of the reports that have been made about him, and of course, they are expecting to get another cut in their taxes next year, and here is hoping that they will.

Well, Mr. Johnston, I see you are back on the firing line once more. Perhaps you are now ready to answer the inquiry I made of you March 31, concerning the mysterious disappearance of $2,050 in fines assessed in 1922. This happened under the management of the previous county court when everything was strictly on the square, but it seems the auditor for some reason could not locate the cash.

I see by the Guard dated May 9 you have decided at last to make your promise good you made at the taxpayers meeting, providing the county court will give you the authority to do so. I did not understand you that way at the taxpayers meeting.

Well, I suppose you will intend to use the county funds to kill the cruise and fight the battle for the timber companies. Now what we taxpayers would like to know is about how much will it take to carry this case through the supreme courts and about what do you figure would be the loss to Lane county each year this cruise is postponed, according to the statement made by the Tillamook county court and published by the Lane county taxpayers league May 8. My guess is, it would be something like $400,000 each year.

Now is this what you call business economy and conservation and such like? If it is how do you feel about it, Neighbor Taxpayer? Well I will just wait and let you answer May 16, but be sure and voice your feeling on that day. But honestly, Clyde, if you are going, wait until the present county court gives their consent for you to proceed. We are not the least bit uneasy, for we are quite sure the cruise will be completed and the timber of Lane county will all be consumed before you will be able to get your case in the courts.

In conclusion I want to submit a few questions for the taxpayers' consideration.

Do you think you have any reason to believe if the recall is a success and the timber cruise is killed that anyone will receive a liberal reward for their faithfulness in the work they are doing?

Do you believe there is anyone taking an active part in th recall move because they were not retained in office by the present county court?

Do you believe there is anyone taking an active part in the recall fight because they did not get a county position they asked for?

Do you believe their selfish and private interest is on par with the general public interest?

Study these questions over carefully and answer them by your vote on May 16.

W. T. JONES.
Cottage Grove, May 12, 1924.

## OPEN FORUM

### CLYDE N. JOHNSTON MAKES REPLY TO CRUISE QUESTIONS

To the Editor:

I desire to make the following statement as to my reasons for attacking the Nease timber cruise contract, in answer to the letter signed W. L. Wheeler, Clinton Hurd and O. E. Crowe.

I have not, at any time, opposed a timber cruise, but have stood for the same openly and above board. The first time any public objection was made to the Nease timber cruise contract was at the taxpayers' meeting held in January. Fortunately, I was thoroughly acquainted with Mr. Sharp and Mr. Roney and had taken the pains to check Mr. Nease very carefully, and because of my knowledge of Mr. Sharp and Mr. Roney and the information I had obtained about Mr. Nease and his methods I employed Mrs. Evelyn Johnson, the court reporter in this county, to take down in shorthand the entire proceedings of the taxpayers' meeting, a transcript of which I will furnish to any taxpayer in Lane county. A careful reading of this exact record of the proceedings at the taxpayers' meeting will show, beyond question, that I openly stood for a timber cruise, but objected very much to the Nease contract. In fact, this record will show that when a motion was placed before the meeting to remove the item of $25,000 for a timber cruise from the budget, that I advised the taxpayers to leave the item in and continue a cruise but to instruct the county court to rescind the contract in question with the Nease Timber company, and to immediately enter into a contract for a cruise that would be fair to Lane county, and explained to the taxpayers present my position with reference to the Nease contract, setting those reasons out in far greater detail than I can possibly do in a letter for publication.

I objected to the contract, first: because of the bar-room methods pursued in letting the contract; the secrecy; the haste, and the evident intention to keep the public thoroughly and entirely in the dark concerning the same until after the contract had been signed. If the contract was fair and honest and in the best interest of the taxpayers, why not acquaint the public fully with the proposed action, get the best advice possible and advertise and call for bids? It surely would be as easy to prepare a set of specifications as to the type of cruise Lane county needed, advertise, call for bids, compel the successful bidder to furnish a bond and protect the county as fully as in any of the other business of the public. Commissioners Sharp and Roney were well acquainted with the fact that legitimate offers to cruise Lane county's timber were made at a much lower figure before they signed the Nease timber contract.

The second objection I have to the contract and the most important is the contract itself. It is a very skillfully drawn instrument and in every way, shape and form is in the interest of M. G. Nease, and there is not one single clause in the contract protecting Lane county and its taxpayers. The contract provides that M. G. Nease shall be paid 25c per acre for every acre of land the county court designates to be cruised, with utter disregard as to whether there is any timber on the land designated or not. Any person familiar with timber lands will immediately realize that Mr. Nease will be paid not 25c an acre for the cruising he does, but a sum practically double that amount, for the reason that a large percentage of the land designated as timber will be burned off, barren for one reason or other, swamp, swale, etc., and that Mr. Nease, under his contract, will receive 25c per acre just the same. The contract does not contain any provision whereby Lane county may be protected by having a careful check made on Mr. Nease's cruise. In fact, the only provision in the contract concerning a check is as follows:

"It is further agreed by and between the parties, hereto, that if any cruise made by the second party, as shown by its said reports, shall be disputed, and the owner of the timber so cruised desires to have the same re-cruised, and the county court of Lane county shall make demand therefor, that both parties to this contract shall select some competent cruiser satisfactory to both parties, and the cruiser so selected shall go over and cruise the tract or tracts in dispute, and the cruise of the party so selected shall be taken as final. If the cruise of the party so selected as arbitrator varies more than twenty (20) per cent from the cruise of the second party, then the compensation of said arbitrator and expense of said re-cruise shall be paid by the second party, but in case the cruise of the arbitrator shall not vary more than twenty (20) per cent from the cruise of the second party, then the compensation of said arbitrator and expense of said re-cruise shall be paid by the party demanding the re-cruise."

It can readily be seen from an examination of the paragraph above that in no event can Lane county itself re-check Mr. Nease's cruise. (Nease being the second party), unless some timber owner objects. In case Mr. Nease should keep the co-called timber baron's cruise at a lower figure they would surely not object and under the provisions of the contract, as above outlined, Lane county would be helpless, except to have a re-cruise made and at the county's expense. You will further note that the above provision provides for a 20 per cent leaway in Mr. Nease's cruise, which percentage of variation is double the maximum amount allowed any cruiser by a private timber owner.

In conclusion I wish to say that I believe in a timber cruise and have openly advocated the same from the first, but I do not believe in allowing a county court to enter into a contract involving as much money as the Nease contract, secretly, without notification to the public and without an opportunity for an honest, legitimate cruiser to bid on the work, nor in any event do I believe in a contract whereby an individual can and will be paid double what his work is worth and the county helpless to defend itself against over payment, inaccuracy and shiftless work.

I have repeatedly stated the above as being my position with reference to a county cruise and the Nease contract. The only answer to these direct statements as to what is the matter with the Nease contract has been a persistent and continued attempt to inflame the public mind by referring to the timbered interests as if they were attempting to prevent a cruise. If the statements I have made above are not true why does not some one deny them?

CLYDE N. JOHNSTON,
District Attorney.
Eugene, Ore., May 13, 1924.

## Girls Will Be Boys

By Bert Ball.
[National Crop Improvement Service.]

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