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WHY?

Why was the usual procedure in such cases reversed and the highest bidder awarded the timber cruising contract, despite an additional cost to the taxpayers of from \$12,000 to, perhaps, \$20,000, above the amount that appears to have been really required?

Why, in view of the criticism which they must have known their action would evoke, did not the members of the County Court who favored such a move explicitly state the reasons upon which they acted?

Why is there a timber cruise anyway?

How many taxpayers have ever whispered a word about the necessity for such a cruise, or heard it seriously discussed?

Disregarding the rights and the wrongs of the contract for the moment, why is it that the County Court ever got so far as to consider such an award, without thorough investigation, when it appears probable that it has no legal right to undertake such a cruise and when it is more than likely that if the expenses (probably more than \$40,000) are undertaken the results will be without applicable value to the county?

The matter is not one of importance to any one locality or to any special class of people. Timber owners, so far as can be ascertained, are perfectly willing that a cruise be made; they will pay no more or no less, proportionately to the value of their property, than anyone else. As the bills fall upon every taxpayer, how they are incurred is the affair of every voting citizen, no matter where he may reside or what his possessions are.

Before too harsh criticism is indulged in, or injunction or other steps undertaken, it is well to give every opportunity for a complete airing.

It looks very much as if it is up to the county commissioners to do a little explaining. True, there is no legal requirement that the members of the court account for their actions; the rejection and acceptance of bids is a discretionary matter, technically speaking. But in a case of this kind it is fair to expect some disregard for such technicalities, and to request explanatory light on a vexed issue. The county commissioners may have good reasons for their action. If they have, in fairness to themselves and in fairness to every taxpayer in the county, they should make such reasons public.

Backed by a widespread press publicity work—for which someone is paying—Harry K. Thaw, millionaire murderer of Stanford White, is again getting into the limelight. The object of the present movement is to release Thaw from Mattewan, where he has been held as mentally deranged. The grounds for the proposed release are that Thaw is now sane. Again, perhaps, we are to see the law made a puppet of the rich and a laughing stock for the wealthy criminal. When Thaw was being tried many said: "He will never be convicted—he is too powerful." Escaping the richly merited electric chair, he was adjudged mentally deranged, after a tedious trial wherein legal technicalities and trifling details were permitted to overshadow the grave fundamentals at stake. After a few years in the asylum, it is now possible, if not probable, that he will emerge unscathed. That such an outcome is possible is a crying shame. If Thaw is sane now, he was sane enough at the time of the murder to receive its consequences. Sane or not sane, such a depraved

and worthless record as his merits no final pardon now, and merited no reprieve before.

Whatever the respective merits and demerits of the two men, it is undeniable that Taft never can be truly a people's candidate and that Roosevelt is, from his very nature, just that. Roosevelt's human characteristics, more than his record, his attainments or his political past, explain his peculiar popularity. He is American all the way through; there is something in him to which a mild form of hero worship fastens involuntarily. Americans like a man who does things, and does them well; shooting, riding, swimming, sailing, fishing, tennis, boxing and all the rest of the Colonel's many recreations may not be necessities in a presidential candidate, but they do go a long way in fastening American affection and respect to him. Perhaps it is true that "nobody loves a fat man"; at least, it is undeniable that Taft's makeup, mental and physical, is not one that commands an insistent warmth. All of which in no wise argues that Taft is not the equal in brain and ability of the other, but simply that his qualities do not "take" as do Roosevelt's.

In addition to being an amusement, moving pictures are coming to be accepted more and more as an educational institution. The films, depicting scenes from all parts of the globe, make an excellent and valuable substitute for actual traveling. The picture-records of current events of importance are remarkably effective in keeping people who read little in touch with the trend of affairs of the world. Altogether, it is small wonder that some metropolitan schools are adopting regular moving picture lessons, in connection with geography, history and current events classes.

Lawyers rule the land. Every presidential candidate and near-candidate is a lawyer. Nine-tenths of the political offices in the United States are held by men who formerly followed the legal profession. Fewer lawyers and more men endowed with broad educations and sane business judgments is a political consummation devoutly to be hoped for.

OBJECTS TO COURT'S ACTION

TIMBER

To the Editor of The Bulletin: The proposed cruising of Crook county's timber at this time, in my estimation, is absurd.

Fretty surely even if the County Court does go ahead with the proposed cruise, it will have no value. Estimating the timber, like assessing the other lands, is the duty of the assessor. No other authority can undertake this work, and after getting the figures no one else can force the assessor to use them. In other words we are going to spend many thousand dollars for nothing at all except the profit of some estimators.

Who on earth started all this, anyway? How many taxpayers want the timber cruised?

Another thing. The figures that now exist are as accurate as any can be. Take those "Pop" Woods has, for instance. He has cruising reports on some 400,000 acres. All the big companies accept his figures as accurate. It would be pretty nearly impossible to improve on them.

And on the rest of the timber, lots of men in the county, who may or may not be interested in the proposed deal, have complete reports. In other words, if this contract ever is let, all the lucky speculator who gets it has to do is to pay a few thousand dollars for all the data that already

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This whole matter should be aired down to the ground. It is up to every taxpayer.

JOHN STEIDL.

FIGHTING TO REGAIN CHILD.

In a letter to the Shaniko Star, Mrs. B. E. Lowell of Bend, who was recently arrested on an alleged charge of kidnapping, gives a complete resume of the entanglements involving the possession of her little son, Jay Teel. The child is still in the possession of Ida J. Ward, and Mrs. Lowell says she will not cease to fight the case until the child is returned to her, "and then I will feel that I have received justice at last. For he is mine," she says.

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For Sale.
FOR SALE—Nine-room house, corner lot 50x104 feet, 30th and Taylor streets, Portland, or will trade for Bend property. Am located here permanently, hence desire to dispose of this property. Inquire this office. 8-10p.

FOR SALE—Four head Jersey milk cows, also one Jersey bull. Phone or write R. O. Andrus, Sisters, Ore. 7-12p.

FOR SALE—Pure bred Barred Rock eggs for setting; \$1.50 for 13. Leave orders at O'Donnell's market. J. F. Pierce, Bend. 51tf.

FOR SALE—Good young horse, wt 1400. Pilot Butte Ranch. 8tf.

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FOR SALE—Range and heating stove. Inquire Fred Van Matre, 10p.

FOR SALE—Hatching eggs from Kellerstrass Crystal White Orpingtons, \$2.00 a setting. H. Spaiser, Redmond, Ore. 51-13.

FOR SALE—Chatham Fanning Mill with 12 staves, price \$35. Address A-5, Bulletin. 5tf.

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FOR SALE—40 acres, \$200 cash. Being unable to meet the payments owing to a bank failure, I offer \$50 discount on a \$260 payment I have made on 40 acres Carey Act land 8 miles northeast of Bend; 25 acres irrigable; deep soil free from rock. Balance in 5 annual payments at 6 per cent or will trade for lot in Bend. W. B. Leah, Lot 11, Blk. 15 Center Addition. 7-9p.

FOR SALE—or trade for live stock. Home in Seattle—bungalow four room and bath. Lot 50x114 feet. Near car line. "M" Bulletin.

FOR SALE—Good cook stove, ranch tools and furniture, at bargain. W. W. Lawton, Park add., near J. W. Dimick's. 9p.

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FOR SALE—Five-passenger auto, 25 H. P.; only run 1400 miles, same as new. Cost \$1750 when bought, would trade for timber claim. V. J. Kelly, 329 Clay St., The Dalles, Ore.

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FOR SALE—Five-room house and 2 lots, both fenced and seeded with lawn grass. Price \$1200 cash, or one lot at \$400 and one lot with the house \$1000. On Greenwood ave. lots 4 and 5, block 29. Inquire A. O. Culyer. 9p.

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