

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

AN INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER PUBLISHED EVERY AFTERNOON EXCEPT SUNDAY BY THE MEDFORD PRINTING CO.

Office Mail Tribune Building, 25-27-29 North Fir street, telephone 74.

The Democratic Times, The Medford Mail, The Medford Tribune, The Southern Oregonian, The Ashland Tribune.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES One year, by mail, \$5.00 One month, by mail, .50 Per month, delivered by carrier in Medford, Talent, Jacksonville and Central Point, .50 Saturday only, by mail, per year, \$2.00 Weekly, per year, \$2.00

Official Paper of the City of Medford Official Paper of Jackson County Entered as second-class matter at Medford, Oregon, under the act of March 3, 1879.

Sworn Circulation for 1914, 2588.

Full bonded wire Associated Press dispatches.

Subscribers failing to receive papers promptly, phone Circulation Manager at 259-R.

HONG KONG KOLUM



CHINA BOYS INFORMATION BUREAU

CORA—Yes, many kiddies shocked at bare idea of new low cut dress.

Isn't It Just Possible That the Dog is a Golf Bug?

Dr. Graham announces that his dental office will be closed for vacation when the weather is nice and open for business when the weather is bad during several weeks this fall.

Children should be born not oftener than once in three years, says a writer in Harner's Weekly.

The True Type

Pa—A diplomat, son, is a young man who remembers a lady's birthday but forgets her age.—Philadelphia Ledger.

A miser, while counting his gold, Lost a five dollar william, I'm told; He hunted all night For that little old mite, And the next day he died of the cold!

Today's Bellringer

The colonel of an Irish regiment noticed that Private Rooney stuck to him closely at every advance. Finally, impelled by curiosity, he brought Rooney before him. "Rooney," began the colonel, "you've stuck by me well this day?" "Yis sorr," replied Rooney, saluting, "me old mother she sez to me: 'Me by, stick to the colonel and ye'll be all right, them colonels never gi' hilt!'"

Stella's Bargain Counter

Many homely girls are popular because the chic ones like to use them as a contrast.

"Buy a bale of bonds and help the allies."—Chicago Tribune.

The Hammer Strikes and the Soaker is Doused

Joseph Douse, who runs the sprinkling cart, had Harry Hammer arrested yesterday on an assault and battery charge.

Our Street Car Monologue

"I'll never hear Jack's footsteps on the porch as the clock strikes eight, again!" "Gracious, Jeanette!" "And the parlor lamp will never burn low for him again!" "You don't mean it?" "He will never sit on the old plush sofa again and call me pet names!" "Horrid, girl!" "Tonight I'll burn all the old love letters in my bureau drawer!" "What on earth did he do?" "I'm going to church my sweet-heart—hm—hm—" "Why, old girl, why?" "Because—I'm going to marry him!"

A Leony Limerick

An inventor invented a feather By which he could govern the weather; They lack him no fight In a cell every night, And in daytime he pulls at a tether.—Charles B. Talbot!

A WHITED SEPULCHER

THE loudest advocates of the Medynski rebonding plan whereby it is proposed to issue \$1,020,000 bonds to reimburse property owners for improvements made under the Baneroff act, are the very men who clamored loudest for the paving, and are directly responsible for so much being laid. They signed and circulated the petitions.

When an effort was made by the council to cut down the width of paving on North Riverside, West Jackson and other residence streets, in order to reduce the cost to the property owners, it was violently opposed by the same men who now want to shove the burden of payment onto the community.

Many of these ardent advocates for rebonding bought acreage, laid out additions and secured the paving as a speculation in order to enhance the value of their property and effect its quick sale. Because they were not successful, they ask the community to reimburse them for their failure.

Other of the prominent bond advocates have recently acquired, at a nominal price, vacant lots upon paved streets, and if the rebonding scheme carries, will be reimbursed enough to pay for their speculation.

We hear much of the hardship entailed upon the poor home-owner. There are, of course, such instances. But a glance at the delinquent list in the city recorder's office shows that it is not the poor home-owner who is delinquent as a class. They have paid up better than any other class. It is the wealthy or near-wealthy, the automobile owners, and principally the speculators who own vacant lots, that are delinquent.

The greatest beneficiary of the rebonding scheme will be the Southern Pacific, which has paid something like \$50,000 for paving assessments. The city would of course refund this with 6 per cent interest, and the community pay the bill in taxation.

The issue raised as to the validity of the Baneroff act bonds is an eleventh-hour evasion. The bonds were issued and sold in good faith. The Baneroff act has been sustained in the supreme court. The bonds are valid obligations or they would not have been purchased. They constitute a lien upon the property affected that cannot be lifted save by payment of the principal.

The bonds and interest can be collected. Those who now assert they are invalid themselves paid part of their assessments. The fact that the council has never made a businesslike effort to collect either principal or interest, and that people will not pay unless pressed, is what has brought us to the present crisis and given birth to silly schemes to avoid payment of legal debts.

Rebonders are deploring the publicity given the city's finances in the press, claiming that it "injures the city." They should have thought of this beforehand, like good citizens, and not forced publicity. Had they paid the obligations they individually contracted, and not tried to make the community the "goat," they would have been spared the agitation they themselves created. Nothing could possibly injure the city more than springing a crazy scheme like the Medynski plan, that will make Medford the joke of coast finance.

Publicity is necessary, even if it "injures the city" to let the people understand the situation, so that they may not still further complicate a difficult situation. It is necessary to prevent the greatest possible injury to the city by plunging it needlessly into a maelstrom of debt with no resultant development benefits. It is necessary to prevent a blanket mortgage being placed on the community that will retard progress and entail smothering taxation, drive away enterprise and population.

If the bonds are voted, their legality is questionable. The muddle created will be thrown indefinitely into the courts. If eventually held valid, they cannot be sold except at heavy discount. The paralysis of the city will result—the paralysis of death.

The future prosperity of Medford is at stake and demands the defeat of the Medynski rebonding scheme—which, like a whited sepulcher, is fair to gaze upon without, but within full of dead men's bones.

BILLY SUNDAY'S NEW ROLE

REV. WM. SUNDAY, who has earned much praise and considerable criticism by his methods of religious agitation, will take up the fight against child labor. Back in the cranberry marshes of good old Jersey, in the factories of enlightened Pennsylvania and the grand old Empire state of New York, where they spurn, so Mr. Taft chuckles, to try any of the experiments of the Oregonians in government, the employers systematically rob the nursery and primary school of little tots and put them to useful labor, as early as their fourth year.

This is done to earn larger dividends for coupon clipper and stockholders to blow in extravagant and luxurious living.

The employment of children as they are used in those states would invite a lynching bee if perpetrated in Oregon.

Mr. Sunday had his attention called to these conditions in Pittsburg and Paterson, and declares that he will use all his ability in fighting for the laws to put the baby-killers and cradle-robbers out of business.

Henceforth Mr. Sunday has contented himself with fighting the devil. On many occasions he has laid face down on his stage and with voice directed to the center of the earth, daved and defied "old devil" to come up and fight like a man. But old devil never came. It is a way he has.

From the day Martin Luther threw his ink bottle at Satan to the present hour there is no record of old devil fighting back or even defending himself in person.

The reason for this is that Satan deems himself a sovereign—a king or emperor. He fights like the kaiser—through his satellites and subjects. Like the kaiser or the czar, he is guarded day and night.

In spite of all his challenges and "defis," Mr. Sunday was never able to evoke a word of retort from his satanic majesty. But now that Mr. Sunday has grasped his grenade and gun to attack the followers of old devil in their entrenchments we predict a different kind of a contest than the shouting of anathemas against Old Niek.

We pray for the success of Mr. Sunday in battling for the little ones. His efforts along this line will in our opinion produce more lasting good than the so-called conversion of sinners.

If the world improves it will be because the children of today and the next generation will be born, taught and trained in a better environment. Let the dead bury the dead.

Give the old sinners to old devil, but the precious little men and women in the cradles and nurseries today are the men and women who will rule twenty years hence.

Mr. Sunday can do much good. We believe he will. His work along this line, we believe, will open a new life to him. He will soon see the cloven hoof and smell asphyxiating gases. He will find doors formerly opened to him closed and barred. Newspapers that praised him for his work that kept the proletariat so tremblingly in fear of God, that they forgot the natural rights of man, will deride him as a dangerous demagogue who is trying to stir up class hatred and foment discontent on the part of the working class against capital.

As a result, Mr. Sunday's salary will decrease, but his spirit may wax stronger, and he may be able to drive the money changers and hypocrites from the American temple of public opinion, as his Master did from the temple in Jerusalem.

We predict for Mr. Sunday a hard fight. Calling old devil hard names may seem a little rash, but he will find it innocent pastime compared to conflict that he will arouse by threatening the incomes of old devil's chief retainers.

COMMUNICATIONS

Fellow Citizens: I am sorry there has been so much bitterness over this bonding project. Had I thought in the beginning it would have created so much antagonism and malice, I surely would have hesitated long before suggesting it.

I can assure you, what I have done has not been from a sense of personal or self-aggrandizement but with a sincere desire to help those whom I felt were being oppressed.

I am free to admit that after paying my paving assessments for several years, and on some of my property paying the whole amount (in the mistaken belief that this was clearing this property of indebtedness) I found this same property was still held under "general obligation bonds" (virtually a blanket mortgage) and would continue to be so held until all delinquencies of other property owners was paid.

Now these "general obligation bonds" cover every foot of land with or without improvements that is within the corporate limits of the city of Medford. Thus proving a cloud on all titles and a rich harvest for those who participate in clearing these titles. And that was not all, the taxes on my property was continually being increased to make up these delinquencies; then when I looked around and found numbers who were better able to make their payments than I was, and who refused to do so on the ground they did not have to, and used their money for speculation, it dawned upon me that here was a distinct injustice not only to myself but to many others, who, laboring under the same mistaken belief as myself, have pinched and scraped to keep up their assessments.

Since I have been your councilman I have endeavored faithfully to do my duty for the masses, not for the classes. My platform is "Justice to all favors to none." Therein I suppose has been my mistake for had I been willing to play the political game, and consulted and worked for the favored few, by advocating the rebonding without the reimbursing, thus making those who had already paid, pay twice by taxing them to pay for the delinquents, doubtless I could have saved myself and would have been commended by them and their allies the newspapers; so proclaiming peace when there is none, thus allowing the small property holder to be swallowed up without a protest.

My policy has always been to pay the same rate as others, and not ask or receive any more for my money than others get. Not pull a political wire so as to get the use of a public utility (such as water) without paying in advance, and only paying same after being discovered.

Not buying acreage at a nominal price, then immediately cutting it up into lots, and because the bottom dropped out of the market and the lots cannot continue to be sold for twice as much as was paid for an acre, squeal, bluster, and spew forth spleen, because asked to pay a fair taxation, as some are doing.

I deplore the personality that has crept into this controversy and sincerely hope to be forgiven if I have hurt any ones feelings. I can truly say I hold no malice toward anyone, for each has a right to his own opinion. I have tried in all my communications to state facts just as I have found them, not glossing over some and unduly inflating others; if those facts have proved a coal for some and they have put them on, and then proclaim loudly "the fire is too smothered" that is not my business. This measure you are about to vote on must stand

on its own merits fellow citizens and as you have endorsed it both en masse and by appointed committee, if it also meets your approval I should much prefer to efface all personality from it and name it on the ballot as "The People's Plan". However should this not meet your approval I am ready to stand or fall alone with it; then should it be defeated no one else need feel humiliated. I want to thank the citizens committee and other friends who have so faithfully worked for this measure since the mass meeting and hope they will never regret what they have done. Now I am not seeking any office, as has been insinuated, for I do not like politics, and will be glad when my term of office expires. Let those who wish it have the empty honors of office, as for me, if through my endeavors only one, poor, honest man or woman has his home saved to him thereby, I shall feel fully repaid.

If I did not feel this measure to be the most equitable way out of a serious dilemma, I should never have counseled its adoption, but I truly believe that if it passes our town will begin to look up again, and as our towns people realize their burden has been divided, and through this division they are able to walk erect with each portion, then those who have been so desperately frightened at the bogey they have conjured up, will come saying they are glad it passed. The budget committee which is composed of the council finance committee, the recorder, and the citizens auxiliary committee, Messrs. B. Anderson, H. A. Thierolf, J. A. Perry, E. H. Feit, A. C. Hubbard and H. U. Lumsden, met last Friday afternoon to make up the budget for the ensuing year.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. State and county tax 33 1-2, School 10, City 10 3-10, Total 53.5

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. The budget for 1916 will approximate about as follows: State and county tax 15, School 10, City 10, Saloon deficit 3, Interest on present bonds 8, Total 46

Now please to remember, the equivalent of 46 mills must be met anyhow whether the rebonding plan carries or not. If the rebonding plan carries then an additional 1.7 mills will be all we will have to add to this, owing to the fact that we will save 1 per cent interest on the present bonds.

It has been stated by the opponents to this measure, that we would have to sell the bonds to the highest bidder regardless of what their offer might be. That is an absolute falsity. If this measure carries it is my desire to call for sealed bids if bids should prove unsatisfactory the council has the right to reject any and all bids. Through this safeguard we will not have to sacrifice them. It has also been harped on by many, that we were going to put the city in debt one million dollars more. This is also a falsity and known to be such by those who make the assertion, for they are fully aware that this paving cost in the neighborhood of one million dol-

John A. Perl UNDERTAKER LADY ASSISTANT EN N. HARTLETT Phone M. 47 and 47-JB Ambulance Service Oregon

lars, \$470,000 has been paid, leaving a balance (still unpaid and covered by bonds) of \$560,000. This draws 6% interest. Now, if we bond for \$1,020,000, we will place it at 5 per cent and this will save 1 per cent on \$560,000. Then with the remainder we will pay back to the people the \$470,000 they have advanced to the city. Some say this \$560,000 is not owed by the city. Pray what is the meaning of a general obligation bond? I have already told you in bond? I have already told you in bond? "General obligation bonds" covers every foot of land with or without improvements within the corporate limits of the city of Medford. Therefore not one foot of property either on or off the pavement is exempt until these bonds are cancelled.

I have tried to simplify these matters so that every one can understand and have not tried to magnify or complicate by wild figuring and irrelevant comparisons, as the opponents of this measure have done.

Citizens, I want you to think seriously of the principle of this measure forget me entirely for it is not person but principle you should work for, think of the hundreds of homes this measure will save, and the hundreds of thousands of dollars it will prevent being squandered in litigation. Now citizens, please read this over carefully and give it your deepest consideration, do not let the bareface falsities and scurrilous personal attacks blind and deceive you for you know if you step on the tail of a venomous serpent he will writhe and throw his venom in all directions. Do not let such things distract you from the true issue of this measure, which is not a selfish one, but "the greatest good for the greatest number". Don't look at and judge this measure from a personal standpoint, but think deeply of what it will do for the masses in helping them out of their present deplorable condition. Then don't forget to go to the polls on November 9th and vote according to your best judgment.

F. V. MEDYNSKI.

To the Editor: Your issue of Wednesday evening, Oct. 27, contains an article from our friend and city rancher, Mr. G. E. Marshall, in which he seems to take exceptions to a few remarks I made in answer to a previous article written by him.

I first want to thank him for giving me some of the credit with Mr. Medynski, for the origin of this most popular rebonding and refunding plan altho I do not think I deserve it. Mr. Medynski is quite able to father this much loved child.

When I say much loved child, I mean it and can prove it, as we have the names of nearly 800 property owners and voters in our office, who wish to see the Medynski babe adopted on November 9th.

Now I will heartily agree with Mr. Marshall that the taxes in all will be raised to pay the interest on the whole bond issue if this plan is adopted, but I stated facts yesterday and when I say the budget will carry enough millage to pay the interest on the present city paving bonds or enough to pay 6 percent on approximately \$570,000.00 I mean it.

Now I will heartily agree with Mr. Marshall that the taxes in all will be raised to pay the interest on the whole bond issue if this plan is adopted, but I stated facts yesterday and when I say the budget will carry enough millage to pay the interest on the present city paving bonds or enough to pay 6 percent on approximately \$570,000.00 I mean it.

I also will state that I think Mr. Marshall is taking for granted too much when he says the people will begin to pay again under the present assessment plan, if the Medynski plan is defeated. He (Mr. Marshall) has not paid in the past, as he admits, and the records show approximately a couple of thousand more, property owners that are in the same fix.

These delinquent people all know now, that the present plan is illegal and unjust, and they will not pay any more under the present system, if they are wise, as they get no individual credit, nor can they obtain a release of their property when paid in full.

If the present plan was legal a great number of them would not pay either, WHY because they are like Mr. Marshall, they are hard up, land poor or town lot poor, and can't pay and if Mr. Marshall don't know this, he had better talk with somebody, besides his friend the Colonel.

Now as to myself, I own just one lot on a paved street, in Medford, and that is my Home No. 204 South Oakdale Ave. which has 114 ft. on pavement. Now I have been hard up, not due to crop failures on the ranch in the rear, but due to my inability to make lots of money, in a community that is assessed to death, to pay legal and unjust burdens.

But I will say and the records show, that I have always met every paving assessment, that has been charged to me, on property that I own except this last assessment, that is now due on Oakdale Ave. and as I have said before publicly in the Columns of the Paper, that I was done paying this illegal assessment, and I mean it.

Myself who Mr. Marshall calls, Mr. Feil (Thanks) and my associates which I will say right here that I have none, and I have no crowd and this whole bunch, owns no other property in Medford on the paving, except my Home so, Mr. Marshall is stung again or has been misinformed.

Now as to the water controversy, I would like to ask Mr. Marshall to explain for the benefit of the public, why he was permitted after being a delinquent of over a year with his water bill, to still have the use of the water by wholesale quantities from the FIRE HYDRANT on South Holly St., which I can prove by a number of reliable Citizens when a poor widow woman or any resident's water supply will be shut off if not paid in advance? What is a reason Mr. Marshall. There is it?

I obtained my information from the City Hall and from personal inspection with a number of other taxpayers. Now I am quite convinced from what a number of prominent Citizens tell me, who are also posted, that water after this year, wont be so cheap, and running from open hydrants, to parties who are delinquent with their water rent, but be that as it may there is surely going to be some reforms in the old town.

So the parties who expected to reap the biggest reward, by having City improvements, placed so as to benefit large tracts of land, which they intended to place on the market and sell at fabulous prices, will have a chance to help pay, for the music.

Now I want to thank the Editor for this space, and if Mr. Marshall cares to call the incident closed, all right, if not we will, thru the courtesy of the paper, exchange shots from time to time, until the Medynski Babe is legally adopted, which won't be long, thank God, so have patience kind reader. EARL H. FEIL.

Paramount Pictures advertisement for 'The Man on the Case' and 'Bootles Baby' at the Star Theatre. Includes showtimes and admission prices.