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PUBLICITY MOST DESIRABLE.

Everybody in Medford is interested in the water question. It is the one great problem before the municipality and upon its satisfactory answer depends the future of the community.

The water committee of the city council has full power to settle the water question. Its members have devoted many hours of their time and labored earnestly and sincerely to find an adequate solution.

The people have shown their faith in the committee by voting them \$365,000 bonds to be expended in securing an adequate supply of pure water, without knowing anything of the merits of the proposed propositions other than the word of the committee, which was accepted in blind faith.

In every material way the committee has had the support of the people and of The Tribune, and still has it. But the committee is making a mistake in not taking the public into its confidence more fully.

The American public is a jealous master, and to shroud public business in mystery always arouses resentment, especially when public servants are handling a large amount of the people's money and their expenditures affect everyone living in the community.

It is a wrong attitude to assume that fault is being found because publicity is requested. The people have the right to know what is being done and public servants have no right to withhold information that will not interfere with plans.

The public has shown its confidence in the water committee, but the committee, at least two members, Messrs. Merrick and Wortman, who seem to be running things, have never taken the public into their confidence regarding the various water propositions submitted to them.

Great power has been placed in the hands of this water committee. They can accept or reject propositions, without ever making the various proposals received public.

It is evident from what has leaked out: First, doubt in the minds of the water committee as to the sufficiency of water in Wasson canyon is so serious that an option has been taken on the Slinger ranch and water rights of the north fork of Little Butte creek; second, that a price and possibly an option on 300 miners' inches, more or less, of the water rights of the Fish Lake Ditch company has been secured.

If these additional rights are necessary this means added expense to the already large estimate of the proposed gravity system and complicates the situation. The engineer's estimate on the cost of the Wasson canyon project was \$330,000. If these additional water rights are necessary, the public is entitled to know what the additional cost will be, and the question arises, what guarantee the people have that the actual estimated cost of the engineers will not be exceeded.

Admitting, for the sake of argument, that the cost of the gravity system would be only \$330,000, then the bond interest would be \$16,500 per year. The depreciation would be \$16,500 per year, as the pipeline would have to be rebuilt

within 20 years; the sinking fund to repay bonds would be \$11,000 per year, a total expense of fixed charges of \$44,000 per year, not including operating expense, repairs and extensions.

To pay these fixed charges of \$44,000 per year, the city of Medford has at present a water revenue of \$7000 per year. The question arises: Will this revenue be increased sufficiently to pay this enormous expense? If not, then the taxpayers of Medford will have to shoulder additional tax burdens.

The water committee claims the right to keep all propositions secret from the public in order that they may make better bargains for the public, but they also claim the right from the city council to close with any proposition that they see fit, even if it meant the expenditure of \$300,000 or more, without submitting it to the council or the people.

It may be conceded that it is proper at times to keep proceedings secret, but there is no question that before closing on any proposition that all propositions worthy of consideration should be made public and should be submitted to the city council for action.

A Conquering Hero. Dot Louis, who conducts her band, has work for her hands to undertake. Her political comes around. Her own her usefulness is found. Dry pay him reasonable sums. To play "The Conquering Hero Comes" but's de time his band can play. His great expression, no dey say.

Now, Louis played out time before a thousand times and maybe more. So many conquering heroes he itak such dey look like you or me. To him. He gets de signal and three poses de music de de band. He doesn't know de hero's name, but Louis plays it just der same. -Washington Star

The Funeral Came Too Late. Billy Martin, aged four, came to his mother and in great ecstasy exclaimed: "Oh, mother! Louise and Carberry found such a nice dead cat, and they is going to have a funeral, and can I go?" Permission was given, and when Billy returned he was questioned as to be outcome of the funeral. "They did not have it at all."

"And why not?" "Mother," was the answer, "the cat was too dead." -Success Magazine

In Transit. Man spoke of her as "passing fair." But time flies by so fast. Now some of those same men declare she's actually past. -Boston Globe

Industry. Will not sit in idleness and sigh, I will not voice an unavailing plea. I favor that the stibborn fates deny. Because the labor is hard, watching me. -Chicago Record-Herald

Debata Interrupted. "So you had an argument with the children? How'd it come out?" "Didn't come out. He wouldn't let me say a word long enough to finish Philadelphia Ledger.

Strictly Scholarly. "Why do you call your horse Ethel?" "Because I am a student of the ages." -Baltimore American

Not a Myth. Mary had a little lamb. The statement must be so. For they are doing stunts in a moving picture show. -Denver News-Times

Which is It? As we looked on distant hills signs of quack's quinine pills. What is it our system thrills. Is it spring or is it chills? -Houston Post

A New Epithet. "The climate here is sultry, isn't it?" remarked the tourist. "Sultry," replied the native, just write that (there word down for us will yer) I git tired of sweatin' at his climate in the same old way that's a new one." -Philadelphia Press

A "Thort." I've often thort an' teased about Upon my bed in slumber. To think of reasons why I shouldn't Go an' be a plumber.

Cause and Effect. I saw a sign like this. "Young man, you take the lead." The sign was right, but seems to me That lead should have had lead. -Harvard Lampoon

What's in a Name? "What's your name, sir?" "Wood." "What's your wife's name?" "Wood, of course."

Vocal Competition. Oh, simple excellence is all his aim! Though there is naught to compensate his cost. His fatherly attends the baseball game And strives to holler louder than the rest. -Washington Star

Endurance. "Your daughter has a wonderful ear for music." "Yes," answered Mr. Curok wearily. "Seems like it can stand most anything." -Washington Star

Their Destiny. "Fine feathers make fine birds," the said. There's no denying that's The truth, and when the birds are dead They help to make fine hats. -Pick Me-Up

Those Wild Oats. "What," queried the youth, "is that old saying relative to wild oats?" "Wild oats," replied the longtime philosopher, "always come home to roost." -Chicago News

The Other Side of It. He found his love was growing cold. So back to her she came. Vowed he was cold, but never told His dimers were the same. -Philadelphia Press

The Reason. "Seems to me you look younger than ever." "Why not? As I grow older I become more and more expert in avoiding trouble." -New York Life

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