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 $\mathbf{T}^{\mathrm{HE}}$ supreme court has again shown its friendiness so as to thwart the efforts of the community in th condemnation suit against Mr. Hanley. It finds that theconstruction of a pipeline through his property would construction of a pipeline through his property would
work "irreparable injury" to the cattle rancl, though a jury, who viewed the premises, assessed the daamge $\frac{10}{\$ 650}$ Medford faces a serious situation. A year of effort has been wasted, and the problem is no nearer solution
than a year ago. All the work must be done over again than a year ago. All the work must be done o
There is no doubt but that the right of w eventually secured, that another jury will place nominal damages upon the property, that another anpeal will b
taken to the supreme on some technicality and auothe winter go by before decision and still other appeals fol low. A holdup program can be successfully

## with the aid of the lav's delay indefinitely.

With the suit for condemnation is mixed up the suit brought by Mr. Hanley against the city to compel the
municipality to carry out the contract made with him for Wasson canyon water, wherein the council contracted fo 250 inches for $\$ 25,000$, and the people repudiated the
tract at the polls. If the condemnation suit doesn't tract at the polls. If the condemnation suit does
duce technicalities enough, the damage suit will. It is good public policy, good business police health policy; to settle this water controversy, and settle it now-not waste any more time in lawsuits. Medford must have water, must com
end the present conditions.
It will cost the city more to waste time in litigation than it will cost ta settle with Mrr. Hanley, even though it be a "holdup game," as many believe. Within ten years the city will need the additional water purch
way, and it will then be worth double its cost.

## BEAUTIFY YOUR STREET

Citizens who contracted with ladies of the Greater Medford club for shade trees to be planted in front of their homes are strangely lacking in public spir
they refuse, as some have done, to accept the trees.
For two months and more the ladies have been trying to deliver the trees. They have repeatedly notified property owners that the trees were ready for delivery, have even carried the trees in their autos to the va nly in some instances to have them refused.
Avenues of shade trees should line each street. They not only improve the looks of the property, but increase
its value, as land on a shaded street is worth more than land on treeless streets.
Treeless streets.
Trees add to the attractiveness of homes and cities, and a city grows faster and is more desirable with many shaded avenues. Grape street, Holly street, Ivy street,
North Central avenue, East Main and other streets, now treeless, ought all to be planted.
The ladies of the Greater Medford club are doing a great work in trying to beautify Medford. They have unselfishly spent and are spending much time and energ. in improving the appearance of dingy streets and transforming the crude village into the city beautiful, and de serve the hearty co-operation and support of everyone serve the hearty co-operation and support
Those who withhold it should be ashamed.
The city charter should be amended so as to give the council the authority to foree shade tree planting on all streets, and a program of compulsory beautification carried out.

## THE ROCHESTER ELECTION

Coming events cast their shadows ahead. The gen ral protest against the Taft tariff, the unhorsing of Uncl Joe, the success of the insurgents, the election of demo crats to congress, the retirement of Hale and Aldrich, al symptoms of the revolt against the administration and its policy, indicate probable insurgent success in the coming congressional elections.

The overwhelming victory of James S. Havens at Rochester Tuesday, over a republican in a strong republican district; democratic success in Massachusetts a few weeks ago, under similar circumstances, show the extent of public resentment against the new tariff. The people do not agree with Mr. Taft when he says the tariff law is a "good law." They do not accept his complacent view of the work $\overline{\text { of the old leaders and stand-patters. They do not sanction }}$
roken pledges.
Hale and Aldrich see the handwriting on the wall and so are getting out of the way of the coming storm. Uncle Joe still continues to splutter and swear, an Ajax defying the lightning, but it will strike him, put him out of power. The old regime is passiang away. The spirit of political independence is abroad. The republican stalwarts proclaim the republican insurgents democrats and read them out of the party organization, and nobody knows what conout of the party organization, and nobody knows what con-
stitutes a democrat. People are learning to look at both stitutes a democrat. People are learning to look at both
old parties as organizations for pie instead of for princiold parties as organizations for pie instead of for pricse
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