

CONTRACT SIGNED BY MEDYNSKI SAYS POWER COMPANY

To the Editor:
Dear Sir:
Your article of Saturday last—the source of which is entirely unknown to us, prompted Councilman Medynski to call on us, with the request to know the authorship of same—also that he desired to be put straight in the matter saying that he felt put out by the article, that he did not know when he talked to Mr. Loder in June, that there was to be a service charge for the electricity and that he would rather pay the bill himself than to have the city pay it. He also wanted to know why a monthly bill was not rendered to the city if a charge was to be made for the service instead of waiting until the bill ran four months amounting to \$427.50.

I advised him then that the entire controversy was new to me other than that I had noticed that a connection had been made for the city on the regular contract and that I would look the matter up.

And now, inasmuch as Mr. Medynski has had published in the Mail Tribune of the 13th an open letter over his signature making a number of statements, I believe it but fair both to the public and to ourselves that the entire situation should be set forth, rather than allow the implication to stand as his letter would imply that it was a retaliatory measure because of the unsettled condition of the franchise matter.

My investigation of the situation shows that, in the first place this request for a connection came from Mr. Trana, the superintendent of the water system along about March or April, he was advised by Mr. Loder that it would be necessary to have a regular signed application and contract for this connection, the same as we require of each and every new connection, since the putting into effect of the Public Utilities Act, and Mr. Trana advised Mr. Loder at that time that he was not authorized to sign any such document and that it would have to be taken up with Mr. Medynski.

This request came from Mr. Trana on several occasions and always ended the same way, he refusing to sign any order for same.

About May 25th, Mr. Medynski stopped Mr. Loder on the street and asked for repairs to the switch, and as stated by Mr. Medynski, a repair was estimated to cost about \$9.00 and Mr. Medynski was requested to sign a regular customer's work application which he did on May 29th, 1914, and a temporary repair was made to said switch that would answer until a permanent repair could be made.

Between this date and June 16th Mr. Medynski made several applications to Mr. Loder for a connection, each time he was told that if he would step around to the office that the matter could be arranged, and as a result on June 16th, Mr. Loder went to Mr. Medynski and stated to him that if a connection was desired, he would have to sign a regular application and contract the same as required of every one and presented the contract then and there.

This Mr. Medynski signed on June 16, 1914, on a regular printed contract agreeing to pay for power at rates per published schedule signing same, City of Medford, by F. V. Medynski, Chairman Finance Committee, and a copy of said contract was then and there delivered to him. This he overlooked stating in his published letter of the 13th inst., and if as he states he did not know he was signing a contract he certainly was not following a very business-like method in signing papers the contents of which he was ignorant, especially so, when he was requested to sign a second document.

I have no desire to enter into a newspaper controversy nor to do or say anything derogatory toward the council or any of its members, but we do not wish to be placed in a false light upon this or any other matter.

Our endeavor has been and will continue to be strictly on a fair basis to all treating everybody alike.

As to his statement that bills were not rendered until they accumulated to the amount of \$427.50 will say that four separate bills have been mailed to the city of Medford in the months of August, September and October for the previous months service, the August mailing covering the five days in June and the July account, and the city must have had some knowledge of the situation as the recorder's office has on at least two occasions called up our office in connection with the matter.

As to the city's not using the current, it seems to me that they must use it and run the plant at regular in-

SEEKS AID FOR WORTHY CHARITIES FROM MEDFORD

F. E. A. Smith, representing the Pacific Coast Rescue and Protection society of Portland, is in the city today soliciting funds and contributions in aid of this institution. While this is nominally a Portland charity, the scope of its work is not limited to that city and its efforts reach out over the entire state.

While the people of Medford have many calls for assistance in their own midst, it is doubtful if any more worthy charity in the state appeals for the surplus help than this. This is the organization that maintains at Portland the "Louise Home," where the women and girls in distress may have the only treatment calculated to save them from misery and possible death. It also keeps up the Alberta Kern Nursery home, the Common Prison league and the Pacific Coast Anti-White Slave league.

Endorsed by Governor

This charity is endorsed by Mayor Albee, Governor West and many of the foremost business and professional men of Oregon. A list of names and private information shows that the largest number of those assisted are from the country and smaller towns.

Mr. Smith, when asked to explain the work of the institutions he represents, made public a letter received yesterday, which reads in part:

Mr. Johnson of the Men's Resort received a letter from a physician in eastern Oregon asking him if he knew of any place in Portland to which he could send two young girls who were about to become mothers, and Mr. Johnson telephoned me, and I asked him to send the letter over, which he did.

Work of Institutions

The letter stated that the girls were sisters, 16 and 17 years of age. We immediately communicated with the doctor, and Miss Lovett is making arrangements to bring both girls to the Louise home.

We also have at the nursery two little children who have been deserted by their parents, and we do not know where they are. The children will be for adoption if the parents cannot be located and brought to time. We have thirty-five babies in the nursery, two at the Louise home and five soon to be born. We are caring for fourteen girls, and we have twenty-five on parole. Our Protective league has investigated seventy-five special cases in the past seven months, defending twenty-four jetims, and in each case prosecuting the guilty. During the seven months fifty-eight men have been paroled to us from the state penitentiary. Forty of these have been shipped to other towns, and we are still caring for eighteen, to something of the men who come to us from the Kelly Butte and Linnton rock piles, and the city jail. Our institutions are truly clearing houses for the unfortunates. Vice and crime are prevented.

AMERICAN CONSUL AT TSING-TAU TO LEAVE THURSDAY

TOKIO, Oct. 14, 4 p. m.—It was declared officially in Tokio today that the American consul at Tsing Tau, W. R. Peck and a number of German and Chinese women and children are to leave Tsing Tau tomorrow. This move is in fulfillment of the arrangement recently concluded for the removal of the remaining non-combatants in Kiao Chow.

An engagement between a Japanese and German aeroplane took place over Tsing Tau yesterday. Neither aviator was hurt. The German machine rose to a height of 9000 feet and disappeared in the clouds.

PEKING, Oct. 14.—According to advices reaching here from Tsing Tau, arrangements have been made for the removal from that city of W. R. Peck, the American consul, and ten other non-combatants. The transfer of these people to the Japanese will be made tomorrow under a white flag.

It is understood that the bombardment of Tsing Tau by the Japanese will begin Sunday, October 17.

BERLIN LEARNS FALL OF ANTWERP WITHOUT EMOTION

BERLIN, Oct. 11, by wireless to Sayville, L. I., Oct. 14.—The news from Antwerp was received last evening. No extra editions of the papers announced the fall of the Belgian town, but the fact became generally known and the streets were filled with people carrying flags. There was no formal demonstration, only a quiet feeling of satisfaction over the achievement of German arms.

It is commonly believed here that the army will now be able soon to force the French lines. Emperor William personally telephoned the news about Antwerp to the empress.

It is officially stated that the bomb thrown by British airmen on the Zeppelin shed a Dusseldorf caused comparatively little damage. It is reported that an airship in the shed was not inflated and consequently the damage can easily be repaired.

King Albert of Belgium, in order to avoid useless bloodshed, is said here to have intended to surrender Antwerp, but was prevented by the British, who led the defense before the garrison withdrew. The British, it is said, destroyed thirty-two merchant steamers and twenty-two German Rhine river vessels in the harbor. This act is described here as a wanton destruction justified by no military measure of defense.

VILLA CONFISCATES LARGE ESTATES WITHIN DURANGO

EL PASO, Texas, Oct. 14.—Advices reported here today by Carranza officers state that General Francisco Villa has confiscated property belonging to German citizens in the state of Durango totalling a value of a million dollars. Villa is also reported to have ordered the confiscation of all large estates within his territory, whether owned by foreigners or natives.

Today's advices from Chihuahua City state that General Villa dispatched five hundred soldiers from Chihuahua yesterday against General Maclovio Herrera, who is in revolt against Villa at Parral. Herrera is estimated to have anywhere from 1,500 to 3,000 men.

20th, 1914, for a license to sell malt, vinous and spirituous liquors at their place of business, on North Fir street, Medford, Oregon, for a period of six months. Dated October 7, 1914. ROGUE RIVER VALLEY UNIVERSITY CLUB.

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BUTTE FALLS BUBBLES.

Mrs. Abbot and family moved here Monday to send the children to school.

Walter O'Brien, who has been away from home working, returned to Butte Falls Tuesday.

Mr. Moore and family moved from the Dupray camp Tuesday to send his children to school.

Mr. Hart went to the valley last week and returned Thursday with a load of apples.

Mr. Howard came down from his ranch with some beef to sell Thursday.

Ray Parker went Saturday to teach his school about a mile this side of the Howard ranch.

Margaret Sears went to the valley Saturday to visit her aunt during institute week.

Bennie Parker is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wanie Parker.

Charles Edmondson has just finished giving his house a new coat of paint.

Lova and Katie Buchanan are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Kee.

Mr. and Miss Wright and Miss Nelson went Saturday to institute and will return Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Abbot are visiting Mrs. Abbot's sister, Mrs. Brainard.

Mrs. Claspil returned Saturday from Medford where she has been taking treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Fox and children moved to Butte Falls to send the children to school a few days ago.

Chas. Patton, who has been up on his uncle Bennie Edmondson's place for some time, returned Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Martin and Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Emerson have gone camping.

JAMAICA SHAKEN BY SEVERE QUAKE

KINGSTON, Jamaica, Oct. 14.—A severe earth shock was felt at 2:15 o'clock this morning. It lasted ten seconds. Two lesser movements followed. No damage was reported.

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HOW TO BUY FOOD TAUGHT IN SCHOOLS

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—In the third of a series of circulars on how to buy foodstuffs, sent out today for distribution in the public schools, the mayor's committee on food supplies warns the school principals that New York has a critical winter before it because of the European war, and that their co-operation is necessary if the public is to realize the gravity of the situation.

The committee asks that every means possible be taken to educate parents through their children in economic methods of purchasing food supplies. The circular contains advice on the purchase of vegetables.

NEW YORK CURB RESUMES BUSINESS

NEW YORK, Oct. 14.—The curb resumed business in a tentative way today, trading being restricted to stocks selling under \$10 a share. In most instances quotations were on a level or above July 30 prices, but dealings, which had the sanction of the stock exchange, were very light.

Intervals if they expect to have it in condition and available for emergency or other service.

A disconnection was requested and on October 6th, 1914, an order was made to cut same out accordingly.

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