

MEDYNSKI STILL AN ADVOCATE OF REBONDING SCHEME

(By Councilman F. V. Medynski.) There seems to be a terrible gear with some, about the rebonding. When there was talk first of bonding for the Pacific highway in the sum of half a million dollars, some of those who are so alarmed now, were the greatest boosters for that bond issue, which was for nothing more nor less than \$500,000 spent for pleasure or what you might term a road for joy-riding.

This bond increased our county debt a round half-million. Now the number of years this bond was to run and the amount of interest to be paid, did not seem to alarm those who boosted it so hard, at all. It never seemed to dawn on them for one moment, how much they were increasing our county debt without having any positive assurance that we would ever receive real financial returns from it.

I admit this to be a very nice thing to have, but may I please ask you, was it an actual necessity? The bonds we are about to vote on now, are a positive necessity. It is almost a question of life and death with some people. There are hundreds of poor men and women in the city of Medford who have worked their finger ends off with hard toil to rake and scrape enough money to meet their paving assessments; many have denied themselves of the necessities of life to do this, and today many are at the last extremity. This new bond issue will give them as it were a new lease of life. It will tide them over the present panic; and before the next five years rolls around I believe that Medford will be in a settled and prosperous condition, and every man will be better able to pay a \$5.00 debt than he is to pay a \$1.00 debt now.

**Plea for Rich Man** In answering the lengthy article of Col. Sargent against the bond issue, I will first take up some of its errors. All the way through, his plea is for the rich man, how much he will suffer by the increase in his taxes. First to make his claim good he cites the Hutchison, Lumsden and Palm tract which he values at \$40,000 and goes on to say that at the end of thirty years they will have had to pay twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars as increased taxation. If this bond issue goes into effect, he immediately follows this up by citing the First National bank, which he also values at forty thousand (\$40,000) dollars, but here he computes the increased taxation to amount to the sum of fifteen thousand (\$15,000) dollars or a difference of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars. How do you do it, colonel. What kind of figuring is this which takes two different pieces of property, each bearing the same valuation and taxed the same per cent, yet you have a difference of five thousand (\$5,000) dollars? This manner of figuring would be taxing those off the paving about 25 per cent more than those on the paving, when the fact of the matter is, that those on the paving will carry the heaviest burden, as they do now. Now, I have heard no complaints from these people you mention, neither have I heard Mr. Amy complain of increased taxes.

**Sargent Owns Property.** In the Hutchison, Lumsden, Palm and Marshall tract, sandwiched in between, there is ten acres and a bunch of lots which is owned by one named Col. H. H. Sargent. Why have you not come out boldly and taken your own holdings as a case in point instead of hiding behind some one else?

"A mistake in the premise, Colonel, is always followed by a mistake in the conclusion." You base your figures and rate of taxation, as though the city of Medford will remain the same valuation for the next thirty years; how unreasonable. To be conservative, I candidly believe that at the end of five years our assessed valuation will be at least twice as much here in Medford as it is today; hence that would reduce the tax levy one-half on the paving assessment, and as valuation increases so will the rate of taxation diminish. We hope that at the end of thirty years Medford will be ten times its present valuation.

**Increase in Debt \$450,000** Now let us get down to plain facts, that is all that each and every one of us want, then we can judge for ourselves. The actual increase of our city debt will be only what we reimburse and that is four hundred and fifty thousand (\$450,000) dollars, and that will be distributed between more than two thousand people in Medford, see what this means, and mind you this is only an increase of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars over and above what our debt was in 1912.

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No. 1—General Blank was troubled with the actions of some Mexican bandits. Not being permitted to cross the border after them, he called me in conference!



No. 2—I charged a huge cactus with electric current near the spot where the bandit leader regularly appeared to hurl insults at the U. S. troops.



No. 3—I then took up my position behind some bushes and awaited the chief's arrival. He finally appeared on horseback, shouting curses across the river!



No. 4—I pushed my concealed electric button and in a jiffy a thousand prickly needles flew from the cactus and pierced the bandit's flesh!

As soon as this bond issue goes into effect, the assessor will immediately proceed to readjust the assessed valuation of all property on paved streets, then he will continue this adjustment to the property on unpaved streets, this will be done on a sliding scale commencing with that nearest to the paving, continuing on according to the relative distance therefrom. When this is completed the assessed valuation of all city properties will amount to five millions (\$5,000,000) dollars, this figure with a ten (10) mill (or one per cent) extra levy, will be ample to meet the new bond issue.

Colonel Sargent is much concerned about what the rich man will have to pay.

Now let us look at it from the other side and see what the poor man will have to pay. Let us say the poor man has a home worth one thousand (\$1,000) dollars on the paved street with 50 feet frontage costing five dollars and fifty (\$5.50) per front foot, this would amount to two hundred and seventy-five (\$275.00) dollars, we will say that he has paid up in full. On a one thousand dollar valuation, an increase of 1-0 mill (or for convenience we will say one per cent) would be ten (\$10) dollars per year. To reimburse him that two hundred and seventy-five (\$275.00) dollars would cover his extra assessed interest for the next 2 1/2 years.

Now we will take it for granted that the rich man has also paid up in full; would it not be just as fair for him as the poor man? It matters not whether it be fifty thousand or one thousand, the per cent of tax would be just the same, and if he had paid up as many a poor man has done by receiving his reimbursement he could meet his obligation just as easy as the poor man.

**Pay According to Valuation** If you follow up this comparison you will readily see that the man off the paving will only pay according to the actual valuation, which will be regulated by the location of his property.

I pay taxes on 165 feet frontage and 25 foot alley, which is within the same block as the First National Bank, and yet I am not at all alarmed for the future.

**Each Should Pay Share** For the past 18 months we, the city council, have used every reasonable means to collect the delinquent assessments on street paving. It is true there are some that are able to pay but would not. It is also true that the major part of them were unable to pay during the present state of affairs, therefore, it would be most unwise and unjust to try to force them, to many it would be ruinous, whereas for those that would pay, to give them time and fair means they would finally liquidate all indebtedness; and when I say "fair means" I mean you to understand me as meaning that every property owner in the city of Medford should pay their just proportion of the city indebtedness. As this street paving is a public improvement, used by everyone in the city with the same absolute rights and privileges—Inasmuch as those owning property on paved streets have no exclusive right to the street or alley abutting their property any more than others not on the paving—therefore it is only fair and reasonable that everyone should be willing to pay their proper proportion for these improvements. As to that proper proportion, that can very readily be adjusted by the assessor and an auxiliary committee who may be appointed by the city council to work in conjunction with the assessor.

It is an undeniable fact that every one owning property not on the paving, rates their valuation of their property according to its nearness to the paving, therefore they are benefited in proportion to the relative distance, and should willingly pay their just proportion.

Our tax levy next year including this bond issue, will not exceed five per cent. I figure it about four and seven tenths (4 7-10ths) per cent; there are many cities in the United States that are taxed as high as six and one-half per cent and some of them on actual valuation, while Medford is supposed to be only between 60 and 70 per cent of valuation.

I have no fear as to the possibility of floating the bonds when they are properly and legally authorized, which I fully intend they shall be.

You must remember when Grants Pass wanted to float her bonds for the railroad, most of the lawyers in Jackson county declared them illegal notwithstanding this the supreme court sustained the legality of them and Grants Pass had sold them. Then there is Ashland Lithia bonds also declared illegal and unsalable, and as well pronounced a joke for her to attempt to sell bonds on a soda-water plant; nevertheless Ashland has sold her bonds, and Medford can sell hers if the people will do their part by voting yes on this question.

People of Medford I have put up this bond proposition for the express purpose of trying to extricate you from an extreme dilemma, and to do it on a perfectly fair and equitable basis for everyone in the city, rich and poor alike. Will you stand by me and not let this issue be lost and our fair city still further sunk in the quagmire of stagnation?

If things continue as they are we will soon be at the mercy of the present bond holders, and in spite of Mr. Sargent's very optimistic belief of their willingness to extend our obligations, we will be—to use a forcible expression—strictly up against the real thing.

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