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HONG KONG KOLUM



Inquisitive—You askee why woman a bletter dan man. Maybe because always kissee cheeky.

Perhaps Life in the Trenches Hardened These Men. (From the Herham, England, Parish Magazine.)

Quite recently our bishop went over the hospital and spoke to the men in each ward. In spite of this suffering the men seemed to be in the best of spirits.

Her Secret During dinner in a certain Brooklyn household the eight-year-old girl child suddenly interrupted the conversation in this wise: "Dad, you and mother can't guess what I have under the table."

Then, after the manner of parents who like to please their children, they guessed all kinds of things, but without success. So they said, "We give it up. Tell us."

Whereupon the kiddie, drawing her face up in a grimace, replied: "A stomach ache."—Harper's Magazine.

Today's Bellringer

The late Jacob Riis, author and student of sociology once had some waifs from New York taking the air in the country. They came upon a man milking two cows.

"Say Mister," asked one of the waifs, "how much does it cost to keep them cows supplied with chewing gum?"

Stella's Bargain Counter

Many women who make up their minds to stay home also make up their faces when they go out.

Just Kids

An eastern school principal recalls half a dozen "stock school jokes," which, he declares, are undoubtedly known to every man or woman past 25.

For instance:

The Tennessee boy who described a volcano as a "mountain where the world busts through."

The boy who described a museum as a "dead circus."

And "there's a great bunch donkeys in theological gardens."

A despot is described in histories as a "ruler to be feared."

The boy who writes: "My teacher who swatted me with her despot."

"You seem to be better fed than tonight," says the teacher to the fat boy. "Yes, mam," says he, "but you see I feed myself."

Taken Literally

Teacher—You need a haircut badly, sir.

Customer—Well, go ahead I don't know any one who can do it worse than you can. —Cornell Wilson.

One on the Judge

Said the judge to Billigan, who must court did come:

"Tis the seventh time you've been before me, Bill!"

"Yes," said Billigan, "Indado 'tis strans."

How some win hold office without a change? —Judge.

A BLANKET OF BLIGHT

THE MAIL TRIBUNE opposes the scheme of bonding the city of Medford for \$1,020,000 to pay \$564,250 outstanding Baneroff act improvement bonds and distribute the balance as a cash refund to those who have paid assessments, because

It is unjust, unfair and discriminatory. It is unsound, unbusiness-like and calamitous. It is worse than frenzied finance—it is crazed finance. It means exhausted credit, cessation of public improvements, perpetual high taxes and bankruptcy. It will force out business, drive away population and bar new enterprises.

It will act as a blanket of blight upon the community, effectually extinguishing the lingering light of progress.

It is a serious condition that confronts the city, and it is high time that patriotic citizens organized and made a vigorous fight against the rebonding folly—a campaign of education so that voters may realize the city's predicament and save its sacrifice on the altar of sincere error, of selfishness, of personal greed.

The rebonding craze, like other financial heresies, such as the fiat money, greenback and free silver crazes, is born of hard times, of mistaken efforts to find a short cut to prosperity by getting something for nothing.

The million dollars borrowed will have to be paid—and paid by heavy taxation—and no city ever yet reaped prosperity by taxation—especially when there is absolutely nothing to show for the expenditure of the million—no improvements of any kind.

It is a mistake to suppose that the city will pay for the paving. The property will pay for it all in taxation—and far more besides, for it will pay interest charges in addition for thirty years—so that the property on paved streets gains nothing.

The property on unpaved streets will also have to pay, though it receives no benefits, nor can it ever receive any benefit, for the credit of the city being exhausted, more paving will be impossible and no more public improvements of any kind can be made.

The merchant who rents will have to pay, though he owns no realty of any kind. His personal property taxes, already high, will be doubled. He cannot afford to pay six per cent in taxes, as he will have to, without passing it on to the consumer, thus raising the cost of living in Medford.

The manufacturer seeking a site will avoid a city whose tax rate is equal to the rate of interest he pays for money to operate. Moreover, it will not be possible to offer subsidy or assist manufacturing or development enterprises, such as a railroad to the mines or to the coast.

The passage of the bonds will advertise Medford as not only busted, but as unsound in finance and lacking in public spirit. It will make the city the financial joke of the coast.

It is worse than folly—it is madness, to ruin the city to benefit individuals—to permanently injure the municipality to temporarily assist busted speculators, hard-up property owners and well-to-do tax-dodgers trying to escape payment of just obligations.

ASHLAND HEALER LEAVES BY NIGHT MULCTING FLOCK

ASHLAND, Oct. 25.—Entered "Dr." E. A. Fisher in this city about a year ago, as the exponent of so-called advanced and progressive ideas in connection with a well-known cult. He bought property on Oak street and installed a joss house on the premises, equipped with opera chairs and reinforced by a salaried choir with the intent of erecting a disturbing factor in the ranks of the regular Scientist following. The foregoing has been rung down several weeks since. The "Dr." went either to Chicago or California, it matters not which. Developments indicate personal loans which the faithless obtained from among the following of the faithful, also first, second and even third mortgages on the "temple," which has now been relegated to serve its original purpose as a private dwelling, sans theatrical equipment and paid vocal soloist. Mechanic hives have also been mentioned among liabilities, assets being practically nil. Bank loans were secured by mortgage in the first classification, leaving second and third security holders on the waiting list. Factions having been eliminated, the regular following of Scientists, renounced by seceders, is pursuing the even tenor of its way, thankful for the exit of the Fisher for the unwary who used unfair bait.

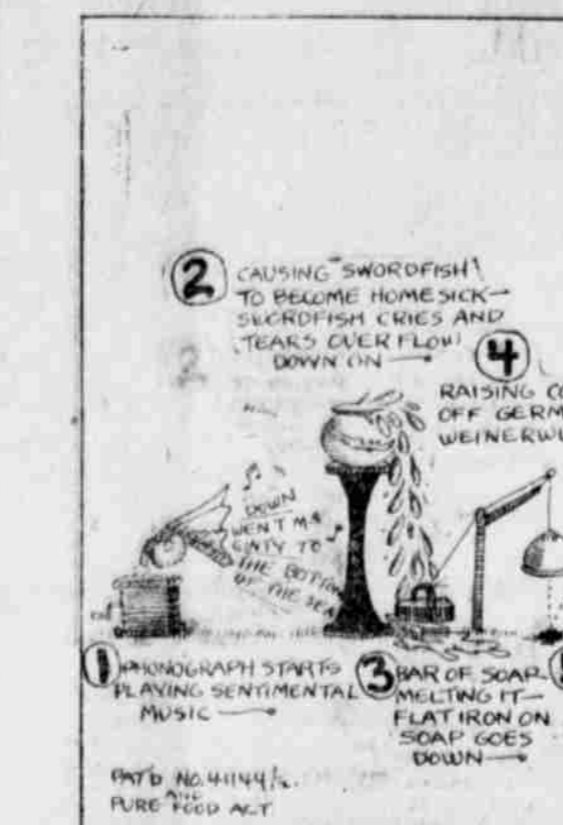
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MORE ACREAGE FOR SUGAR BEETS NEED OF HOUR

To those who signed for acreage last winter, we would suggest that they come in and sign the regular contract. We would also suggest that they endeavor to double the acreage signed and if it is impossible to sign increased acreage of their own, induce their neighbor to sign a like amount. We are depending upon the acreage already signed and are devoting our energies to new purposes. This enterprise is certainly of sufficient interest to every rancher and business man in the valley to make it worth his while to devote some time and energy toward the signing of acreage. This is certainly the opportunity time to turn the downward trend of the valley to the upgrade of prosperity. It will be the means of bringing at least 150 good, thrifty new families into the valley, who will buy small ranches. Every mail brings new inquiries regarding it. Put your head in the stir and sniff the clear breeze of progress. Come in at once and sign up a few acres and induce your neighbor to do so. Yours for progress, C. E. GATES, Manager sugar beet campaign.

WEDDING BELLS Cameron S. Wilson and Sarah Lydia Roberts were united in marriage by Rev. W. F. Shields at the Presbyterian Manse on Saturday, Oct. 23rd, at 8:30 p. m. Mr. Wilson is from Boston, Mass., and Mrs. Wilson was born in the Rogue river valley where she has always lived. These young people are going to make their home in California. With health and youth and bright hopes they enter upon their married life. Their many friends in Grants Pass and Medford, where they are well known, extend to them good wishes for all the future years.

SQUIRREL FOOD



FOOTBALL SERIES NO. 2 HOW TO KICK A GOAL



BY AHERN

BONDS WILL MAKE MEDFORD HIGHEST TAXED OF CITIES

To the Editor: It seems to me that the house owners in Medford ought to get busy with pencil and paper and figure out just how this proposed rebonding scheme is going to affect them, personally, before they decide to cast their votes in favor of a proposition to pile an absolutely paralyzing debt upon their city.

If they will do this carefully and with a full understanding of what the proposition means, in the way of increased taxes, the most of them will find that this increase will cost them much more than it would cost to pay out on their payments as now assessed.

Take for instance the typical "little home of the poor man," about whom the advocates of the rebonding plan seem to be so much concerned: Say a man has a 50 foot lot on a paved street, and the paving is assessed at \$250.

Say further that the man's house and lot and personal property is now assessed \$1500 by the county assessor for purposes of taxation.

Now it is an actual fact that the additional special taxes that will be laid upon this man by the rebonding scheme, if it carries, will in the next ten years amount to \$300 or practically the same as his pavement would cost him in all, had he paid it out, and what is a good deal more and a good deal worse, at the end of the ten years under the rebonding scheme he would not be half through paying for his paving, having still twenty years to go on paying.

The Average House Owner Take then, as they run, the average home owner with a 50 foot lot on a paved street, will pay for his paving in the long run fully twice as much under the so-called Medynski plan, as he would have to pay as originally assessed, and the same thing is true of the average home owner on a 100 foot lot, with a better house, and whose tax assessments amounts, lots, house and personal property to \$3000.

If Not on Paved Street In addition to this every house owner not on the paved streets, will also have these additional Medynski taxes piled on his back, and it is a simple fact, known to every one, that a very large proportion of the most sorely poverty burdened home owners in Medford live off the paving.

And it is another simple fact, that can be fully proven by investigation, that more home owners in Medford today are in danger of losing their homes from delinquent taxes than there are of losing the same from delinquent pavement assessments.

Highest Taxed City in Oregon And the worst of it all is, if this rebonding plan is adopted, it will lay upon our city such a staggering burden of debt as to make it the highest taxed city in Oregon and probably in the whole United States.

Such a burden of taxes in fact as will not only scare people away who would otherwise come here, but also drive away many who are already here.

Also it will make it absolutely impossible for our city to take any effective steps to secure the location here of such industries and transportation lines, as constitute our only hope for future growth and prosperity. No matter how fine a climate we have, people will not move to a town with taxes of six mills on the dollar every year, and no industries when by going a few miles in any direction they can find other good towns with just the same climate and half the rate or less, of taxes and better opportunities for making a living. Speculators Profit Only And who will get the benefit of this vast burden of additional taxes laid on house and other property owners all over the city? The answer is plain enough; the owners of vacant lots on paved streets.

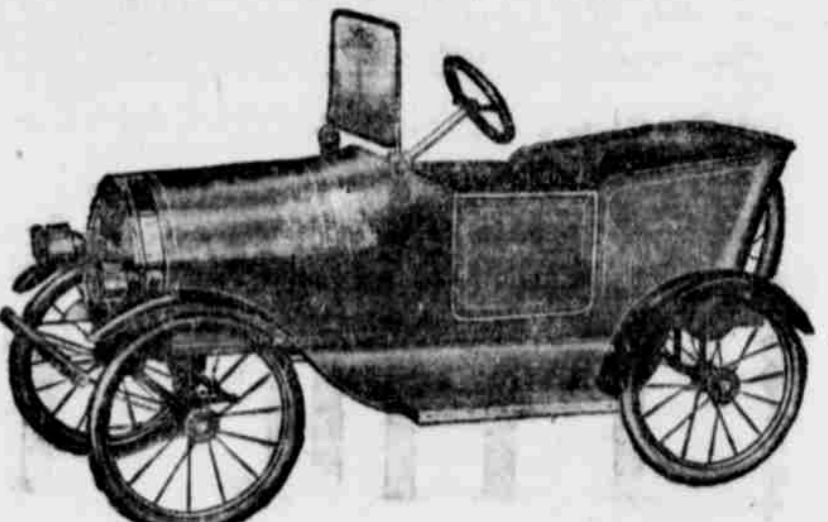
To show how this is so, take an ordinary 50 foot vacant lot on the paving, assessed for taxes, say \$300, and that is much more than most of them are assessed at. Now at that assessment the lot owner will pay for his paving in the special Medynski tax, a total right around \$60 in the first ten years, while the house owner on the same sized lot paid in the same Medynski taxes during the same period \$300 dollars, or just five times as much.

The same proportions will hold good through the whole thirty dreary years of the Medynski desolation. The plan will lift the burden of the paving from the vacant lots and lay it on the houses and other property. And who owns the vacant paved lots? Well, look about your own neighborhood and find out. Generally it will be found to be one of three classes of citizens: Boomers, who laid them out and got them paved years ago as an investment, and did not let go of them. Some, or rich men who picked them up as investments, or a certain class of shrewd schemers who are pushing this Medynski plan and, preparatory thereto have been quietly getting hold of vacant paved lots all over town, at very low prices, and who expect to reap a rich harvest when the plan is finally in action.

Do THIS FIRST—YOU! You know, and every physician knows, that when any sickness has passed, whether it be throat trouble, organic disturbances, contagious diseases, or even a severe cold, a relapse is feared, because sickness robs the system of Nature's resistance and leaves it subject to lingering germs. Drugs never build up a worn-out body—only food can do that, and the first thing to take after any sickness is the concentrated, blood-making oil-food in Scott's Emulsion, which feeds the tissues, benefits the blood and strengthens both lungs and throat. Physicians prescribe Scott's Emulsion after sickness. Nurses everywhere advocate it. Scott's is pure medicinal food, without alcohol or drugs.

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