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CHINA BOYS INFORMATION BUREAU

HOBART—Sure. You light. Loner man malled—less seeence to mild it.

Three Phases He spoke— "May I smoke?" And he smiled at his treasure. They were newly engaged; And she answered— "With pleasure!"

He spoke— "May I smoke?" (As he started the action.) The honeymoon started, She smiled— Satisfaction.

He spoke— "May I smoke?" But she reached for the poker— They'd been married some time— And she yelled It would choke her, And he fervently hoped that it would.

It's up to America to put Europe on its legs. Already American factories have undertaken a contract for \$15,000,000 worth of artificial ones.

Today's Bellringer Cy de Vry, veteran keeper of the animals in Lincoln park zoo, Chicago, once had a hyena which was his special pet. One balmy afternoon when he had caged the beast, a young chappie edged up to the keeper as they stood near the hyena cage.

"Those bars are too far apart," he said, "that hyena might squeeze through if he took the notion." "Yes—that's what he's laughing at," replied de Vry.

Stellas' Bargain Counter Yes, it's better to have "loved and lost than never to have loved at all." (Better for the taxi driver, the florist and the candy maker.)

Wonder if the Groom Cut His Subscription After This Came Out (From New Orleans Daily States) FUNERAL NOTICE—Dulcen-Dunson—Marriage of Paul Dulcen and Miss Lillian Dunson, performed Oct. 3 by Judge Daubenmier, was blessed and celebrated Oct. 19 by friends.

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Here's another tongue twister: "Strict, strong Stephen Stringer snared sickly six sleekly silky snakes."

Drive Right in the Side Alley and Come Into the Parlor and Wait (From Vermont, Ill. Union) WANTED—To know the name of party collecting old grocery account from my wife while I was in Oregon.—W. K. Aten.

Giving the Show Away Stage Wizard (to boy)—Now, Bob, have you ever seen me before? Boy—No, father.

SUGAR BEET CONTRACTS

IN order to secure a beet sugar factory, entailing an investment in plant and operation of over a million dollars, it is necessary that 5000 acres of land be signed up for sugar beets. There is no question but that the valley needs the payroll that the industry will furnish, and that the farmers need the market that the factory will supply, and that the country needs the distribution of the million at this time. More diversified industry is a necessity for prosperity—and a beet sugar factory is a stimulant to stock raising and dairying as well as to farming.

A five-year contract is offered local beet growers, which provides for the payment, f. o. b. cars, of \$5 per ton for 15 per cent sugar beets, 80 per cent purity. For beets under 15 per cent, \$4.25 a ton is paid. Seed is furnished at 15 cents per pound, and experts supplied to direct field operations. Extra labor, if desired, will also be supplied. The contract is made for five years in order to justify the investment and stapleize the industry. The test made of beets grown last season show an average of over 15 per cent sugar and 81 per cent purity.

In order to compare the contract offered growers by the Oregon-Utah Sugar company with that offered growers in other districts, the Mail Tribune sent for copies of contracts offered in other districts. All of the contracts stipulate that the beets must average 80 per cent purity.

The Amalgamated Sugar company contract pays f. o. b. factory \$4.25 per ton for 12 per cent beets, \$4.50 per ton for 13 per cent beets, \$4.75 per ton for 14 per cent beets, \$5 per ton for 15 per cent beets. Seed is furnished for 15 cents a pound.

The Billings Sugar company of Montana pays f. o. b. factory \$5 per ton for 12 per cent beets and a sliding scale for increased percentage of sugar, \$5.50 for 15 per cent beets, \$5.75 for 16 per cent beets, \$6 for 17 per cent beets, etc. Seed is furnished at 10 cents a pound.

The San Joaquin Valley Sugar company of California pays \$5 per ton for 15 per cent beets, with an addition of 30 cents per ton for each additional per cent of sugar above 15 per cent, and a deduction of 25 cents per ton for each per cent under 15 per cent down to 11 per cent. The factory will pay railroad freight charges for delivering beets to the factory up to but not to exceed 50 cents per ton. Seed is furnished for 20 cents per pound.

The American Beet Sugar company of Chino pays, f. o. b. cars where it operates a dump, \$4.50 for 15 per cent beets, with an addition of 30 cents per ton for each 1 per cent of sugar above 15 per cent, and a deduction of 25 cents a ton for each 1 per cent below 15 per cent down to and including 11 per cent, fractions in proportion. Seed is furnished at 12 cents a pound.

Other provisions of the contracts are virtually identical—so that the local contract does not differ materially from those offered in other localities, except in the adoption of a sliding scale for percentage of sugar. When the experimental features and risk of investors are considered, a fair contract is offered local growers.

SHACKLING MEDFORD

THE word bond originates from the Anglo-Saxon bonds—meaning a vassal or serf; a slave.

To bond means to inflict bondage upon. Bond as a noun also means that which binds, ties, fastens; a shackle or a manacle. In the plural it means the state of being bound, imprisonment.

In another sense, it means to mortgage. Mortgage is derived from the Latin mort, death, and gage, meaning pledge—a death pledge—a death grip.

To bond the city for a million dollars to refund property owners along paved streets for individual obligations incurred without the city's receiving any benefit therefrom certainly makes the city the vassal and slave of the individual, puts the city in bondage for thirty years, binds, ties, fastens and shackles its development—mortgages its future with a death grip.

Medford during the period of its rapid growth expanded too much. In making improvements which its amazing development seemed at the time to justify, the city went heavily into debt. Had the worldwide depression not followed and checked the city's growth, these expenditures would probably have been justified.

It is a foolish community that will not learn from mistakes of the past. Because the city has gone too heavily into debt in the past is no excuse for plunging still more heavily at present—in order to afford financial relief to a portion of the property owners.

There is this about the indebtedness floated in the past—the city received the benefit of the expenditures. The water system is a paying investment. The storm and trunk sewers were public necessities. Other indebtedness represents needed improvements. The Medynski bonding proposal means nothing in the way of development, but is designed as a relief to those hard up, those who have been caught by their greed in speculation, and those who are well-to-do, but seek to shove their personal obligations onto the community.

We cannot build up a city by exhausting its credit for the benefit of individuals. We cannot attract industry and population by high taxes and bankruptcy.

Even those who seek temporary financial assistance will be losers in the long run. They will have to pay their bills by direct taxation. They will not only pay the principal, but pay it two and a half times in the thirty years by interest. Only narrow visioned, selfish expediency would counsel such a move.

Crazed, impractical, wildcat finance has brought the city to a serious crisis and threatens to destroy its promising future by bankruptcy—a bankruptcy that means not only the ruin of the city, but of the individuals comprising it, for the reaction that will follow will engulf everyone in the community.

Let every citizen broad and public-spirited enough to have the welfare of the community at heart constitute himself a committee of one to work against the calamity that the Medynski scheme will bring upon Medford.

COMMUNICATION.

To the Editor: "Poverty acquaints a man with strange bed-fellows," says wise Shakespeare. So also does the Medynski plan, in instances where it promises a big rake-off in the name of a refund.

Thus consider the cases of Lawyer W. E. Phipps and "Father" J. S. Howard. Heretofore their relations have been like that of two savage tomcats meeting on a backyard fence.

Always till now Mr. Phipps never bobbed up in the newspapers, and he has been a right frequent little bobber-up in that way, whether it was to try to wrest the title of "Father of Medford" from Mr. Howard or to argue against some sewer assessment or other on Mr. Phipps' property, then Mr. Howard could be counted to be right after him in the next paper. The old warrior seemed to have his permanent camp right on Mr. Phipps' trail, in point of fact. And probably no one realized more clearly than Mr. Phipps himself, that the old warrior put it all over the young brave, every time they met.

And we fancy the old Father's writing fingers must itch to get after his old enemy right now, to take a few square inches from the legal gentleman's very vulnerable enticel. But the Medynski plan has lined them up together now, and they are, for the time being, "Two souls with but a single thought" and barely that, or otherwise thick as three in a bed.

But wait until after the coming election and see what happens when the lawyer brave again ventures to stick his scalp locks out of the columns of the newspapers.

Mr. Phipps, in his letter just published, thinks that it is "very doubtful," only very doubtful mind you, if the paving debts can be collected from the property owners, as assessed. Not but that the Bancroft act is "perfectly legal," as he says himself, but that the Medford charter amendments regarding this Bancroft act are "ambiguous and defective," again to use his own words.

Surely Mr. Phipps is lawyer enough to know that every reasonable probability favors the view that the supreme court of Oregon, which he says has sustained the legality of the Bancroft act, would brush these alleged "ambiguities and defects" and enforce the plain intentions of both the law and charter amendments, and enforce the collection of the paving assessments from the property owners.

Mr. Phipps has a long string of paved street frontage, mostly vacant I understand, and has paid on this paving right around \$2800.

Strange so astute a lawyer as he should never have found out about the alleged ambiguities and defects until after he had let go of all this good cash.

Strange, too, that he never found out about them until about the time the Medynski plan dangled before his vision a chance to get that little old \$2800 back again, under the guise of a "refund."

Oh yes! Mr. Phipps has decided to support the Medynski plan.

Sure thing, \$2800 all clear velvet, is a pretty good reason for supporting most anything these days.

Well the kind of help he gave it in this letter of his will probably make a blame sight more votes against it than for it.

Mr. Phipps' phrase, "so-called Medynski plan" perhaps implies a pretty wise reservation as to who he thinks is the true author of said plan. Perhaps he surely guesses that it does not bear the name of its true author or authors.

Be that as it may, Mr. Earl Fehl told me with his own lips that Mr. Medynski was not its real author, but that "some of us" or some such expression, were its true authors, and that Mr. Medynski happened to drop around and having picked up the general features of the plan, he slipped it into the newspapers, thereby depriving the real authors of the glory of its authorship. Probably they did not lose much, in the long run.

Mr. Fehl also said Mr. Medynski sprung the plan before they were quite ready. Perhaps the hunch wanted a little more time in which to pick up some more paid up paved

vacant lots, while the picking was good. Thus putting them in better to pick up a big bunch of easy money, when the refunding Jack-pot was opened up.

Anyhow at the time he told me about the authorship of the plan, he also mentioned certain recent purchases of city property, of which I only remember a stretch of vacant frontage near St. Mary's Academy, and at a price which, after the refund was raked in, gave them the lots for about nothing.

I supposed then that it was Mr. Fehl and his brother who had bought these lots for themselves, but he might easily have meant some one else he was acting for.

In fact I now think he was acting for a certain combination of leading citizens who would rather lose a front tooth or suffer a contused wound in their pocket-books, rather than have their identity known at this time. And by the way, some of them ought to know "Jolly right well," what a contused wound is, for they pass among men under the title of doctor.

Just to return to Mr. Phipps, before he begins to feel neglected. He says, for instance, that property on the paving should be assessed higher and off the paving lower, to equalize the workings of the Medynski plan. How he expects to "deliver the goods" in this respect he does not say. But as the residents of the city have no control of assessment for taxes, we can take Mr. Phipps' suggestion at just what it is worth which is just nothing at all.

And inasmuch as the majority of home owners in Medford will pay more for their paving, after Medynski than as now assessed against them, and in many cases three or four times as much, it can be readily imagined what kind of a howl would then go up if the homes were assessed still higher.

Of course a little increased assessment of paved vacant lots would not hurt their owners much, considering how mighty little their paving will cost them under Medynski. And Mr. Phipps is some vacant paved lot owner himself, if you ask me.

Mr. Phipps says further that all future public improvements are to be paid for by a general tax. He does not tell us, however, that the Medynski act plainly and unequivocally provides that no such future improvements shall be made until such time as an 18 mill special tax shall provide money enough to keep up the annual payments on the Medynski million dollar debt, and also to keep up the present paving. When this time comes, and not till then, the 18 mill tax surplus, if any, could be perhaps used for new paving.

It must be out of that same 18 mill tax surplus that Mr. Phipps' very nebulous city paving plant must be installed and operated.

Mr. Phipps also says that those of us who venture to tell the people of Medford what kind of a fearful disaster the Medynski act is leading them into, "dire predictions" he calls it "had better sell their property if they have any, even at bankrupt prices, and get out." It certainly would be bankrupt prices if we sold at all, Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Phipps adds that if he did not believe that in thirty years Medford would not have a population three times as large as now, he would sacrifice his property and move to some new town.

Well, if his belief is no stronger in that respect than I think it is, I can give him a tip as to where I think he

might "sacrifice his paid up vacant lots, and that is around right near the corner of Fir and Sixth streets. But it would be no half way sacrifice, Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Phipps "does not believe there will be any difficulty in selling these bonds at face value and accrued interest" to quote his own words. Well the views of most of the well known and reputable bond buying houses in the east so far as heard from, by no means justify Mr. Phipps' belief in this respect. The weight of their opinion was decidedly against those of Mr. Phipps. Neither does that optimistic idea of the salability of the bonds seem to have prevailed among the advocates of the refunding plan, before the plan was forced to a vote. They fought most determinedly and also successfully, against the effort to find if the bonds would sell before the plan was voted on.

We wonder if the wealthy Mr. Phipps and the other rich lawyers and bankers now backing the Medynski act, would be willing to join and make a valid offer right now for a good block of these bonds, at par and accrued interest? They have wealth enough among them to easily take care of \$100,000 worth.

Be good sports, gentlemen, and back up your words with your dollars. Don't forget to enclose a certified check with your offer.

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