

FIGURES SHOW INCREASED COST MEDYNSKI PLAN

Colonel Sargent in Black and White Tells Cost of Rebonding to Property Owners—A \$2000 Home Assessed for \$200 Paving Would Pay \$950 in Principal and Interest.

In a clear and forcible exposition of the fallacies and impracticability of the Medynski rebonding scheme at the Natatorium Thursday, Colonel H. S. Sargent showed by irrefutable figures on a chart and cold facts, the folly of its adoption. Over 200 people heard his address with close attention, and at its conclusion, a rising vote of thanks was given, upon the motion of Attorney W. I. Vawter. It is probable that the address, because of its lucid explanation of the Medynski scheme will be given again before the election next Tuesday. Attorney Gus Newbury introduced Col. Sargent.

Col. Sargent announced if there was anyone in the audience who doubted his figures they were invited to come upon the stage and cipher with him. A number of women attended the meeting, and several times the speaker was interrupted with applause.

In his speech it was charged that the Medynski scheme was unjust to the small home owners, and the chief beneficiaries would be the real estate speculators who were buying up city lots in the hope that they would reap a harvest with the passage. The weak points in the Medynski plan were attacked. The sincerity of the so-called father of the scheme was not attacked.

Col. Sargent's speech in part is as follows:

Take for instance a house and lot assessed say at \$2000; house at \$1600, lot at \$400, frontage fifty feet and cost of paving \$200. If the Medynski plan passes the owner of this place would pay in the next thirty years as follows:

By Medynski Plan				
Yr.	Mills	Int.	Prin.	Total
1	12 1/2	25.00	00.00	25.00
2	12 1/2	25.00	00.00	25.00
3	12 1/2	25.00	00.00	25.00
4	12 1/2	25.00	00.00	25.00
5	12 1/2	25.00	00.00	25.00
6	12 1/2	25.00	00.00	25.00
7	22	24.00	20.00	44.00
8	21 1/2	23.00	20.00	43.00
9	21	22.00	20.00	42.00
10	20 1/2	21.00	20.00	41.00
11	20	20.00	20.00	40.00
12	19 1/2	19.00	20.00	39.00
13	19	18.00	20.00	38.00
14	18 1/2	17.00	20.00	37.00
15	18	16.00	20.00	36.00
16	17 1/2	15.00	20.00	35.00
17	17	14.00	20.00	34.00
18	16 1/2	13.00	20.00	33.00
19	16	12.00	20.00	32.00
20	15 1/2	11.00	20.00	31.00
21	15	10.00	20.00	30.00
22	14 1/2	9.00	20.00	29.00
23	14	8.00	20.00	28.00
24	13 1/2	7.00	20.00	27.00
25	13	6.00	20.00	26.00
26	12 1/2	5.00	20.00	25.00
27	12	4.00	20.00	24.00
28	11 1/2	3.00	20.00	23.00
29	11	2.00	20.00	22.00
30	10 1/2	1.00	20.00	21.00
Total		\$450.00	\$500.00	\$950.00

That is to say the owner of this house and lot would pay \$950 by the Medynski plan for \$200 worth of pavement. Examining this table further we also see that the owner would pay in the first seven years \$214 for \$200 worth of pavement and still have to continue paying for that pavement for twenty-three more years. Examining these figures once more and comparing them with a ten year payment of this \$200 worth of pavement under the Bancroft plan as set forth in the following table:

By Bancroft Plan				
Yr.	Paid	Int.	Total	Unpaid
1	\$20.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$180.00
2	20.00	10.80	30.80	149.20
3	20.00	9.60	29.60	119.60
4	20.00	8.40	28.40	91.20
5	20.00	7.20	27.20	64.00
6	20.00	6.00	26.00	38.00
7	20.00	4.80	24.80	13.20
8	20.00	3.60	23.60	0.00
9	20.00	2.40	22.40	0.00
10	20.00	1.20	21.20	0.00
Total	\$200.00	\$54.00	\$254.00	

We find that by the Medynski plan there would be paid \$340 in the first ten years for this pavement and there would be twenty years more of paying before the completion of the pavement. But by the Bancroft plan at the end of ten years there would be paid only a total of \$254, and the pavement would be entirely paid for.

Buying Up Lots Now

Of course it should be apparent to everyone that inasmuch as the total amount of taxes to be raised yearly to meet the interest, or interest and principal, of this Medynski bond issue indebtedness will be a fixed sum for each year, the increasing of the amount of taxes on any piece of city

property would result in a corresponding decrease in the amount of taxes on some other city property. Take for instance the first year in which \$51,500 in interest has to be raised. If the Medford Hotel and your home have to pay a good deal more than their share of this \$51,500, other property in the city would pay a great deal less. What is taken from one is necessarily given to another, and the man who owns vacant lots abutting on paved streets is the one to benefit. His lot may not be worth more than \$200 and his pavement may have cost \$400, and is worth the money, for he himself could not have put it there for less money. By this plan you make him a present of the pavement and his lot immediately becomes worth about \$600. You have increased the value of his lot by \$400, and this is why those who own lots on paved streets will be at the expense of other city property he greatly benefitted; and this is why the real estate speculators have bought up and are still buying up a lot of these vacant lots abutting on paved streets. They feel confident that the Medynski plan of rebonding the city is going to pass and they purpose taking advantage of it to reap a rich harvest. And what do they care if it does ruin the city financially, so long as they make a rich haul. They are not tied to Medford; they can go to another city and perhaps make another haul by fooling the people there as they have seemed to fool a good many people here. They might possibly fool another councilman, but I seriously doubt it.

How About Merchants

Now take the case of the merchants who rent stores on paved streets. They have to pay an increased rent for their stores owing to the fact that they are on paved streets. The owners who paid for the pavements, or ought to have paid for them, get their cost refunded to them from the merchants in the increased rent. But along comes the Medynski plan and places upon the merchant who for years probably has been paying for his pavement in increased rent a tax of from twelve and one-half mills to twenty-two and one-half mills upon the assessed value of his stock. If his store has a frontage of twenty-five feet, the pavement worth two hundred dollars, and the assessed value of his stock say eight thousand dollars, he would pay in the next thirty years for this two hundred dollars worth of pavement three thousand eight hundred dollars. And what would the merchant do? He has to live. He must make a little profit, so he raises the prices to cover this extra tax, and you and I, and every man, woman and child who buys from him foot the bill. And this is only one of the many things that will kill this city if this iniquitous measure is approved by the people. Merchants at Central Point, Jacksonville, Ashland, anywhere, can and will then undersell the merchants of this tax-ridden city and the days of Medford will be numbered. Does any sane man believe that people will have so little sense as to come here to live with taxes at sixty mills on the dollar, and groceries and dry goods, and clothing correspondingly high? Not only will they not come here, but many that are here will go away—go probably to the surrounding towns where the climate is just as favorable, where the taxes are only about half as high, and where provisions and clothing are much cheaper.

High Cost of Living.

Can not you men and women who are to decide this vital question by your votes see—can not anyone see that with taxes at sixty mills on the dollar, and with provisions, dry goods and clothing correspondingly high there will be little or no chance to obtain any new enterprise for this town? What chance would there be for a lumber mill, for a box factory, for a meat packing house,—indeed for any kind of a manufacturing establishment having a pay roll in this town if the owner had to pay from ten and one-half to twenty-two and one-half mills tax on the assessed value of his property for the next thirty years for other people's pavement. No chance whatever; none, absolutely none!

Unjust to the People on Unpaved Streets

The Medynski plan for rebonding the city is particularly unjust to the owners of homes on unpaved streets. Look at their case for just a moment. Had they petitioned, they, too, could have had their streets paved, but feeling that with their limited means they could not bear the expense, that they must follow a safe and conservative course, that if they signed up and had their streets paved they might not be able to meet their obligations and carry out their promises to pay, they elected to take the more honorable course and continued to live on unpaved streets. But along comes the Medynski plan and not only allows, but authorizes those living on paved streets who have signed a contract to pay for them to break their contract and repudiate their same upon the city, making those on unpaved streets pay equally with those on paved streets in proportion to the assessed value of their prop-

A SCENE IN "THE REAPING" AT THE PAGE THEATER TONIGHT



The Reaping

erty. Making them pay equally, although their house on an unpaved street would not rent as high by several dollars a month as their neighbor's house of no greater value on a paved street. Making them pay equally although the street in front of their home was for several winter months almost impassable, while the street in front of their neighbor's house was a daily thoroughfare for automobiles and cleaned every few days by the city employes.

And who are these people against whom this injustice is to be done? They are mostly hard working men and women, honest, industrious, and frugal, and though not many of them spend much for gasoline they nearly all pay their just debts. In these hard times they are often hard pressed to make both ends meet and will no doubt have to deny themselves some of even the necessities of life to meet their increased taxes if this iniquitous bond measure passes. Increased taxes means to them much more than it does to the wealthy and well-to-do. Injustice against anyone is of course to be deplored, to be condemned, but it seems to touch more deeply our feelings for our brother man when it is aimed against the poor man who is having a hard struggle to exist.

Much has been said along the curbstones and in the newspapers by those favoring the Medynski bonding scheme about the poor man on a paved street losing his home as a result of his paving assessments, but I want to say to you that if this bonding scheme passes, fully 95 per cent of those owning houses on paved streets would have to pay under the Bancroft Act.

It has been reported to me from a number of reliable sources that there are those in this town who have recently bought vacant lots on paved streets, taking options on others and bought up delinquent taxes on still other lots on paved streets, expecting and hoping the Medynski plan will pass and knowing, if it does pass, they will reap a rich harvest. And they certainly will, and you who own your own homes, modest though they be, if you do not see it now, will, as the taxes are piled upon you in the years to come, realize the truth of these things I am telling you tonight.

But the injustice to the merchants, to the owners of business property, and to the owners of homes on both paved and unpaved streets is not all. If this bonding scheme passes it will saddle upon your children and your children's children an immense bonded indebtedness. And the worst of it is that after every foot of the present pavement is worn out, and many of us are also worn out and have reached our journey's end; and our posterity are called upon to pay a tax for new pavements, they will still have to continue paying for this old pavement ten or fifteen years longer. What right have we, what right have you to pass onto posterity this great burden. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof." Your children and your children's children will have plenty of problems of their own to solve, plenty of difficulties of their own to meet without being burdened with your debts. Let us be men and women and bear our own burdens while we are alive, and not like wealings pass them on to future generations to bear after we are dead. Let us be honorable men and women, carry out our contracts, fulfill our agreements and pay our debts, and not by repudiation and a bond issue place upon posterity the burden of settling them.

How About Bonds Selling

But the bestigators of the Medynski rebonding plan evidently do not expect to sell at par, else they would not have provided that the special tax of eighteen mills authorized in section 129-A for the construction and maintenance of new paving could also be used for paying back paid up assessments to property owners. Their idea is to sell the bonds whatever happens; get what they can for them; but rather than not sell them, sell them at any old price. I do not know what others may do,—their conscience is not in my keeping, but as for me, rather than approve an unconscionable sale of these bonds way below par, I would resign my office.

I would not be a party to a crime like this against this fair city.

Conscientiously I have labored hard for nearly two years to save money for this city. With other councilmen I was elected on a platform whose principal plank was economy in the administration of the city's affairs; and during our first year we cut down the expenses of the previous year more than \$19,000, as the record shows. And approximately a like amount will be saved this year, making a total of about \$40,000 saved to the city in these two years. And now, just at the end of our term, a large number of the citizens of Medford are making a most serious and determined effort to put upon the city such an enormous bonded indebtedness that even the yearly interest on it amounts to several thousand dollars,—more than we have saved in the past two years. Such action on the part of these citizens, many of whom only a couple of years ago were crying for economy in the city's affairs, makes one heartsick, and almost shakes his faith in the average good sense of his fellowmen. Surely a majority of the good people of this city will not make the mistake of approving by their votes this piece of financial extravagance. Surely they will not cut off all hope of any future prosperity for their home city by placing on it such an enormous burden.

AIR ATTACKS NEW METHOD GERMAN USE ON SHIPPING

LONDON, Nov. 5.—Germany appears to be trying a new method of attack on British merchantmen with aeroplanes. The Cork steamer Avocet which has arrived at Manchester tells a story, according to the Liverpool Journal of Commerce, of a 25 minute engagement with three hostile aeroplanes at 11 o'clock on the morning of October 29. One of the aeroplanes was a large battle plane which dropped 36 bombs, some of which missed the steamer by not more than seven feet.

When the bombs were exhausted the battle plane fired on the Avocet with a machine gun. The ship's sides and decks were struck by bullets but all the crew escaped injury.

At a height of from eight hundred to one thousand feet all the aeroplanes dropped bombs and attacked the steamer with rifles. The Avocet's escaped was due to zig-zag maneuvering and the fact that the aeroplane dared not fly there.

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WILSON OPENS CAMPAIGN FOR BIGGER ARMY

Plea for Preparation for National Defense Made by President—No Aggression, But Defense of Liberty—Hyphenated Citizens Scored by Executive—Efficiency Is Sought.

NEW YORK, Nov. 5.—President Wilson opened the administration campaign for its national defense program in a comprehensive and carefully prepared address delivered here last night at the Manhattan club banquet. He declared solemnly that the United States had no aggressive purposes but must be prepared to defend itself to assume "full liberty and self development." Significantly, he said, that "with ourselves in this great matter we associate all the peoples of our own hemisphere," adding that "we wish not only for the United States, but for them the fullest freedom of independent growth of action."

The president was received with enthusiastic applause as he entered the banquet hall and during his address. The hall was decorated with American flags and filled even to the galleries with democrats happy over their victory of Tuesday in New York city. When the president arose to speak everyone jumped up and applauded until he was forced to signal for quiet.

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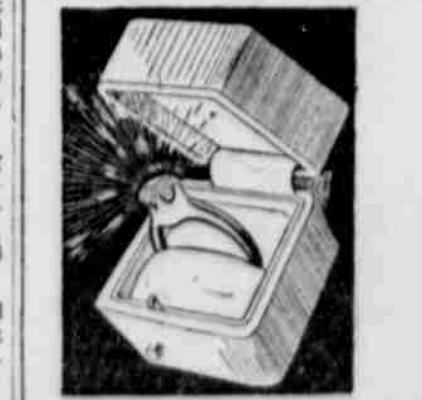
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with a loud and imperious voice in the titanic struggle of government and from one end of our dear country to the other, men are asking one another what our own force is, how far we are prepared to maintain ourselves against any interference with our national action or development."

The president called upon "men of all shades of political opinion," to rally to the support of the program. He said it represented "the best professional and expert opinion of the country" and gave warning that "if men differ with me in this vital matter, I shall ask them to make it clear how far and in what way they are interested in making the permanent interests of the country safe against disturbance."

There is no reason for the country to feel panic-stricken, the president declared because it stands on friendly relations with the world. He spoke of the United States as a nation "too big and generous to be exacting, but yet courageous enough to defend its rights and the liberties of its people wherever assailed or involved."

Outlining the defense program, the president said it included an increase in the standing army, the training within the next three years of 400,000 citizen soldiers to be raised in annual forces of 135,000 and the strengthening of the National Guard. He laid particular emphasis on the need of ample equipment.

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