

CITY SHOULD CHOOSE STREETS IF PAYING PAVEMENT COSTS

To the Editor:

This question as to the right and wrong and also the practicability as to paying by assessment of abutting property or by a general tax has not been discussed as fully as it should have been, and especially not from the side of those opposed to the so-called Medynski plan. It would take columns to discuss this question in all its phases, but I shall only occupy a few "sticksful," as printers say.

Granted that the public uses the paved streets, or some of them at least, and granted that in our present situation many of our paving owners should receive some substantial help from general taxation, the fact still remains, as I cannot help believing, that to pay for all paving by general taxation would work far greater injustice, and be far less practicable than the assessment plan.

Justice of Taxation Just think, for instance, that to devise any enforceable system of general taxation that was not the very essence of injustice and unfairness, has been the despair of all the economic philosophers from Plato and Aristotle down to Adam Smith and Henry George. The poor man who has a little property where everyone can see it is taxed to the limit, while the rich man who has most of his property where neither the assessors nor a Sherlock Holmes can tell where it is, escapes taxation almost entirely.

The farmer and the orchard man, even teamsters and truckmen, are taxed heavily on the visible property which is the source of their incomes, if they have any.

The lawyers, the doctors, the dentists and innumerable other professions and occupations, in which the sources of income are the knowledge in the heads or deftness in the fingers, pay no taxes at all on their sources of income.

Is Special Benefit So, therefore, it would happen in many cases that people who used the paving most would pay for it the least, even in a much greater degree than they do under the assessment plan.

Further, there is no getting away from the fact that there is a great special benefit in having your own street paved. It makes your home much pleasanter and attractive to live in, and much more saleable when anything sells and more rentable when anything rents.

And the same thing applies as to saleability, in regard to vacant lots. If lots ever sell again "in this man's town" it's the paved lots that will go first.

Why, you all know that there are miles and miles of paved streets in Medford which were paved purely as a private speculation by men who knew that paved lots were the ones that would sell, if any. But right here is the great and unsurmountable weakness and utter injustice of the general tax plan of city paving:

Citizens Had No Voice

Now, no fair-minded man or woman will seriously deny that if the taxpayers in general are to pay for the paving, then they are the ones to say which and what streets are to be paved, and with what kind and cost of paving. They pay the bills—they should choose the streets.

Who can believe for one minute that if the taxpayers had known they were to pay for it by general taxation that the present paving system in Medford would have been anything near so extensive as it is, and anything like the same streets selected. There are miles of our paving put down as private speculations, so situated that the general public has no use for them at all. Other and still more miles of paved streets that are in no true sense of any noticeable value as public thoroughfares.

Long residence streets which have practically only one way out of them, used but little except by their own residents; shorter streets without number which are totally closed at one end, and from which the dead joyriders, for whom was made the earth and the foolishness thereof, have to twist out or back out, if they ever get out, as I am sorry to say they generally do. Here one such generally unimportant street, well paved, adjoining it on either side equally unimportant streets left unpaved, and its residents left to kick up its dust in summer and wallow through it in winter, all the rest of their natural lives, if the Medynski plan prevails.

Would Limit Paving

Do you not know beyond a shadow of doubt that if it had been known by the taxpayers that they must pay for the paving and had been given their rightful opportunity to select the streets, that not more than five or

Freckles and His Friends



six of our present twenty miles of paving would ever have been laid!

The closer in parts of the business district and a few general thoroughfares in and out of the city would have been all, and not a single residence street paved as it is now. About such a good narrow paving like that on the county roads from Central Point to Medford, and from Medford to Ashland would be all the residence streets that could have been hoped for, and all they could decently have asked for.

And by what possible line of reasoning can you justify the forcing on a body of taxpayers a privately and selfishly selected system of paving, after it is made, which you could not possibly have forced upon them before it was made?

And will any court permit such an unjust proceeding?

G. E. MARSHALL

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

The Commercial club committee of ten, headed by Hal McNair, to which was referred the feasibility of removing the Oregon building on the exposition grounds to Lithia park, held a meeting Thursday and decided that the project would not be advisable unless the structure could be utilized for a chautauqua auditorium in addition to other uses. This decision carried with it an implied understanding that the Chautauqua association would assume a share of expense incident to removal. G. F. Billings, at present in Los Angeles, was wired to this effect. Exposition officials were also asked for an extension of time in which the local committee might further consider the merits of the proposition.

Among leading railway officials passing through here lately have been H. P. Davison, vice-president of the New Jersey and New York subsidiary of the Erie system, occupying a Chicago Great Western private coach, also several heads of the operating department of the Illinois Central in their own trailer, using the S. P. for the long haul. Both parties went south.

Elder Amos Dahuff of this city takes issue in the Portland Journal with another correspondent who asserted that in holy writ occurs the passage that "God creates everything good and evil," challenging the correctness of the quotation. Bro. Dahuff is reminded that in Isaiah, 45:7, it is stated that "I make peace and create evil," regardless of the interpretation.

Among recent changes in local habitat, Frank Shinn and family have removed to the Eggleston home on Church street from the Strickfaden castle on Nob Hill, and Harry Butterfield from the Shaw residence on First avenue to 153 Second street.

C. R. McCoy, father of J. W. McCoy, cashier of the First National and who resided here some time ago, has left his present home at St. Joe, Mo., to winter with his son George at Bartow, central Florida, an inland locality readily accessible to Tampa Bay, where tarpon fishing is rare sport and exceedingly good.

In the October telephone directory 815 subscribers are credited to the Ashland exchange. Smiths head the list with ten names. There are 7 Johnsons, 4 Browns and only 2 Jones. A two-number toll service between Ashland and Medford, three-minute conversation, costs 10 cents. Ditto Ashland and Grants Pass, 20 cents. It might be well to remember that the call for police department is 88; fire department, 66; Commercial club, 65; Southern Pacific ticket office, 43; Ring 'em up.

Jack Schaffer of Montague, known hereabouts, got filled with bucksbot as a result of a Halloween prank carried in excess. One Sam Barwell performed the operation. An X-ray machine is now locating the pellets along the firing line. Several of the projectiles lodged in a depression at the base of the spinal vertebrae.

"Dick Posey," a poet of the Rogue, who poses in everyday life as B. P. Campbell, will appear in characteristic Hoosier sketches at Moose hall Friday evening, November 5. His role

is a popular one, suited to "just common folks."

The local high school is rehearsing a series of yells which will be available as a reserve force for inspiring confidence in the football squad during the remaining series of games. These fierce screeches will also serve the double purpose of carrying dismay to the ranks of their opponents. The yells are cultivated systematically by rote and are on the crescent scale, never ranging to the diminishing. Librettos may be obtained at the box office.

John W. Hicks, civil war veteran and prominent in Grand Army circles, is seriously ill at his residence on Garfield street.

Cunningham & Co. have closed their reality offices in the Payne block, east Main street, and will change their business from a retail scope to the handling of timber deals on a wholesale basis.

TABLE ROCK TABLETS

Some of our hunters journeyed to the Evans creek district to get in the last shot at the bucks but returned empty handed.

S. C. Collins marketed some fine onions in Medford last week. Dick Waters of Medford was out this way Wednesday boosting for the sugar beet plant and succeeded in signing up several acres.

Roney Olson is busy removing the blight from the roots of the trees in the tooth orchard.

James Reese had the misfortune to lose a valuable work horse last Saturday.

F. L. Caton finished hauling wheat to the Norfolk mill Saturday.

Mrs. Eldridge and family are moving to Gold Hill this week.

From the reports going around this must be the open season for Pords. Those from here who attended the pumpkin pie social at Agate last Saturday night report a very nice time.

The Table Rock Improvement association council met with the county court at Jacksonville last Wednesday on matters pertaining to road work. Several flocks of Hungarian partridges have been seen in these parts of late.

Lawrence Wade preached a very interesting sermon at the school house last Sunday evening.

Vose Thompson left Monday for Idaho to look over some government land that has been thrown open to entry.

James Reese has leased his ranch to the Beaulieu brothers, who will take possession this month.

many friends in this district. After spending their honeymoon at the Panama-Pacific exposition the happy couple will reside at Agate. Our congratulations and good wishes go with them.

BUTTE FALLS BUBBLES

L. N. Best and wife left the first of the week for Los Angeles. Mrs. Best is a sister of Ed Cowden.

Mr. and Mrs. George Barker entertained at a Halloween party October 30. About forty-four were present. All had a fine time. Those winning prizes were: Mrs. M. Brainard, Miss Etta Stewart and Charles Edmondson.

Mr. and Mrs. Peelow and daughter, Cecile, were visiting his brother and family at Payton Friday. They returned Monday.

Mrs. William Sears entertained her Sunday school class and also the ninth grade Saturday, October 30.

Mrs. O. B. Morris entertained her Sunday school class Thursday, October 28.

The high school girls were invited to spend the evening October 30 at the home of Miss Gertrude Frödenberg. All had a fine time.

A good road meeting was held at Hildreth's store Monday evening and four wagons loaded with men and provisions left Wednesday morning to go to work.

Mrs. A. L. Cross entertained with a dance and card party Monday evening in honor of Miss Meda Duley, who left Tuesday. All had a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carson, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer left for the valley on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Whitherspool from Ohio have been visiting Mrs. M. Clarke a few days and left Tuesday for the fair.

Mrs. Thornton, Mr. Helman and A. Patton returned from Ashland Monday. Mrs. Ex Watson, who has been visiting in Ashland for some time, came with them. They returned on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. J. Patton are in the valley on business this week.

Miss Edythe Creede and F. Howard, from Rancho, were present at the party at Mrs. Cross' Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy of Medford are up here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Smith are visiting in Ashland.

Miss Gertrude Abbott is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fox.

Miss Nita Sears is visiting in the valley.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Reported by Jackson County Abstract Co., Sixth and Fir Sts.

Ethel Weiner vs. R. L. Weiner, return of summons; order for alimony or suit money.

Chas. M. Tucker vs. John A. Torney et al., answer.

C. E. Gates vs. Geo. Holmes, demurrer.

Eliza J. Lewis vs. J. S. Barnett, et al, return of summons.

Wm. Murray vs. Addie Murray, suit for divorce.

H. N. Loffland vs. Hale's Piano House, order overruling demurrer.

Medford National Bank vs. Clinton Textor, action to recover money.

T. L. Farlow vs. Elias Miller et al, default.

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Probate Estate of Louis C. Severs, petition; order appointing admr. and appraisement. Estate of Fannie J. Dozier, oath of administrator; inventory and appraisement.

Real Estate Transfers W. H. Singler, sheriff to Pacific Mutual Life Ins. Co., pt 27-28-35-1W, Cert. of Sale #9680.40 H. L. Noon et ux to E. J. Van Fossen et ux, lot in Pracht's add. Ashland 350.00 Augusta L. Eggleston to Chas. A. Willis, lots in Ashland 1.00 A. E. Rapp et ux to E. S. Quinby et ux, lots in Ashland 10.00 A. E. Rapp et ux to E. S. Quinby et ux, lots in Ashland 10.00 A. Burdette Scofield to Anna M. Scofield, lot in Ashland 10.00

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