

### SALEM CASE NOT PARALLEL WITH THAT OF MEDFORD

Attorney Cites History of Salem Sewer Case, Whereby to Remedy Inequality, City Assumed Indebtedness—Is Reverse of Plan Proposed Under Medynski Scheme.

To the Editor:

The proposition to refund the paving bonds of the city of Medford is of so serious a nature, with such important and far-reaching effects upon the community, that I believe it to be incumbent upon the citizens generally to enter into the discussion.

We have heard it said frequently that the proposition to be voted on next Tuesday is practically the same scheme adopted by the city of Salem and approved by the Oregon supreme court. This is an error. The case referred to is *Neer vs. the City of Salem*, decided by the supreme court June 8, 1915.

#### Facts in Salem Case

The facts briefly are as follows: A sewer assessment amounting to \$180,000 for the South Salem sewer district had been declared invalid after the sewer had been constructed, and the cost had thus been thrown upon the taxpayers of the whole city, resulting in the property owners of the North Salem sewer district being compelled to pay not only the whole expense of constructing their own sewers, but also their respective proportion of the cost of the sewers in the south district. To remedy this manifest injustice, the people of Salem, through the initiative, provided for the issuance of bonds to pay for both improvements, and for refunding sums already paid on either. The only point at issue in the case was the ownership of a certain refund for an assessment which had been paid by a former owner of the property—that is, whether the man who actually paid the assessment or the owner of the property at the time the money was refunded, had the right to the refund.

The court did not pass upon the validity of the scheme of refunding. The Salem proposition was adopted to correct an unjust inequality, in that a property owner in the north district was compelled to pay for his own sewer, as well as his respective proportion of the cost of the sewers in the south district, which were of no benefit to him.

#### Creates an Inequality

The proposition before Medford, if adopted, will create the very inequality which the Salem proposition remedied. The adoption of the present scheme means, of course, that the owners of property on unpaved streets will be compelled to pay their respective proportion of the cost of paving streets two miles and more away. Whatever benefit, if any at all, the property owners on the outlying, unpaved streets may derive from the distant paving, it is so slight as to be incapable of being expressed in dollars and cents. Special benefit assessments have been resorted to generally throughout the United States to raise funds for paving, as being the fairest method, because the burden is borne by those directly benefited, and not by those indirectly, or perhaps only theoretically, benefited.

The present scheme seeks to change all this. Years after the paving has been laid, generally at the request of the property owners themselves, and after city lots have in a great many instances passed from hand to hand, at a value based on the special benefit assessments. Many who purchased did so for a small consideration on account of the lien of the assessments. In these cases, under the proposed plan the refund will not go to the man who actually paid the assessments, but to the present owner who really paid less for the property on account of the assessments, but notwithstanding this fact he will receive the refund.

Is there anything similar between the Salem and the Medford plans? The former rectified a manifest injustice, while the latter actually creates unjust inequalities.

LINCOLN McCORMACK.

#### DIED

BONAR, MRS. JOHN—Of Griffin Creek who was taken to Portland two weeks ago for an operation, died at the Portland hospital early Saturday morning, November 6. This was her third operation, two having been performed in Medford.

"I want to see your beauty editor at once," said the slim young blond, edging into the editorial department. "If you are following her advice and have confidence in it," replied the editor, "you don't want to see her."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### "THE PIT AND THE PENDULUM"



### SOCIETY

Monday evening Mrs. Sooy-Smith entertained a small bridge party at the Medford hotel.

Thursday was children's day at the Country club, where a large number spent a most delightful day.

A. H. Hill and family have returned from San Francisco, where they have been spending the past ten days at the fair.

On Saturday afternoon Mrs. Salade entertained the ladies of the Colony club with bridge at her home, Seven Oaks. About thirty-eight were present.

Saturday night the annual election of officers of the Medford Golf and Country club takes place at the club house. After the business meeting there will be a dance.

Monday, Mrs. W. L. Holloway gave a luncheon at her home for the pleasure of Mrs. Roland and daughter, Mrs. Conrad, of New York, who are visiting Mrs. Walter Bowne.

For the pleasure of Mrs. Roland and Mrs. Conrad of New York, who are visiting Mrs. Walter Bowne, last Wednesday Mrs. Beckwith gave a beautiful luncheon and bridge at her home.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Presbyterian church meets in the chapel next Tuesday at 9 a. m. to work for the Christmas sale. The ladies are requested to bring their lunch and plan to stay all day.

Mrs. G. L. Yost of Portland, who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will G. Steel, left for San Francisco, where she will visit the fair and southern California. Miss Rita Yost, who accompanied her mother to Medford, will remain here until her mother's return.

Saturday, November 30, forty-eight members of the Medford Golf and Country club had dinner at the club house, followed by a Halloween frolic and dance. The rooms were beautifully decorated with Jack-o'-lanterns and flowers, and for one night the grown-ups were children again and bobbed for apples, picked money out of plates of flour, played "Going to Jerusalem" and all the old-time games.

A musical program will be given at the Presbyterian church Sabbath evening, November 7, at 7:30, as follows:

"Cradle Song" (Godard), "Memento Musical" (Strubert), Mrs. Zela White Paley and Carleton Jones. "Saved by Grace" (Stebbins), Miss Gladys Jane Hinman; "Liebestraum" (Liszt), Miss Venita Hamilton; "O, Heart Divine" (Gerald Lane), Mrs. Ed Andrews; "Liebesfreund" (Fritz Kreisler), "Orientale" (Cesar Cui), Mrs. Zela White Paley.

Work is to begin on the Riddle-Tiller-Crater Lake highway.

### EXPERT TO TALK ON APPLE SCAB

Prof. S. W. Foster, of San Francisco, will be in the city Monday and at the request of J. A. Perry has consented to give the fruit growers of the valley a talk on orchard pests and their control, and particularly how the California orchardists control apple and pear scab. Mr. Foster is in the employ of the government for a good many years and on many matters pertaining to orchards is considered an authority. He has a producing apple orchard of his own back in Virginia and is familiar with the measures used for controlling scab both in that country and here on the coast. This is a matter that is of considerable interest to local orchardists, as the control of scab is one of the most serious problems with which they are confronted.

Prof. Foster's talk will be given in the library building Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. All interested in orchard work are invited to attend.

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### STOLE AND WORE 'HER MISTRESS' FURS

Edith Daily, a young woman who had worked for the family of Hamilton Patton, this city, was charged by the latter with having stolen from his residence a fur coat, muff and a dress. She was arrested wearing the coat and muff at the time, and is now held at Jacksonville, awaiting a preliminary hearing in Justice Taylor's court, this city, Monday morning.

The unfortunate young woman confessed to taking the articles enumerated—because she needed them.

It is said that the girl is probably suffering from a peculiar mental affliction superinduced by physical disease.

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### HALF REQUIRED BEET ACREAGE IS NOW SIGNED

The sugar beet committee reports that more than half of the required acreage has been signed up and that the journey on the other side of the "climb" is appreciably down grade with its resultant increase of speed. "We have no doubt now that the entire acreage will be easily subscribed—and probably more. Should the latter prove to be the case, it will be all the better for all concerned," said Mr. Nibley.

"It was a strenuous pull to get the matter started well," said Manager Gates, of the field work, "but everything promises well now. Similar reports come from all the other districts as to increased subscriptions of acreage. The idea of a million dollar sugar factory in this valley has begun to show in their estimates of the value of increased industrial enterprises for the people of the valley. The motive that impels this consideration will operate also to bring others, when once this one is in successful operation, and Rogue river valley's prosperity will then have begun in effective earnest."

Who Will Get the Turkey.  
The contest is lively at the Box Ball alleys in the contest for the turkey. The management are offering to the person making the highest number of spares prior to Thanksgiving. Ladies as well as gentlemen are entering the contest. It is fun to watch them.



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If we could get a return volley from you occasionally it would lessen the strain on our nerves, and give us some information as regards your position.

Our ammunition is getting low and we don't know whether you are preparing to accept our terms of capitulation and permit us to place our flag (an Electric Range) behind your bulwarks of defense, or whether you are "fixing bayonets" for a charge against our strong arguments in favor of Electric Cooking superiority.

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