

### MEDYNSKI PLAN GRIEVOUS BLUNDER - DECLARES REAMES

To the Editor: In the matter of the bond issue, to be voted upon at the coming election next Tuesday, I am hopeful that I may be able to say something which will prevent the city from making what I consider a grievous and dangerous mistake. Those who know me best will be very sure that I have no private interests to serve, and I might add that I too have delinquent and unpaid assessments upon which I need relief, probably as badly as any one else. There seems to be an impression that the assessments against the property are for some reason invalid or illegal. I have carefully investigated this matter and am absolutely certain that they cannot be assailed. Furthermore, such assessments have been upheld in the supreme court of our state and in the supreme court of the United States. It is also within the knowledge of all that this plan of benefit assessments has been followed in all of the other cities and towns of the country. I have always thought that the plan was not exactly fair to the property owner. I realize that while a pavement benefits the property abutting upon it, more than it does other property, that the entire benefit is not to the abutting property. When these improvements were being made I frequently urged that it would be fair to put 25 per cent against the property and let the city assume the rest. But it is too late to raise these questions. After the assessments were levied, every property owner affected executed and filed with the recorder a written instrument, the form of which is set out in the Bancroft act, which is a state law. By this written instrument he promised and agreed to pay the assessments in ten annual installments, with interest at the rate of eight per cent on all unpaid assessments and expressly waived "all or any irregularity or defect, jurisdictional or otherwise, in the proceedings to improve said street." The supreme court of the United States had said that such assessment was legal if the land owner were given an opportunity to be heard as to whether his property was specially benefitted in the amount assessed against it. In order to take advantage of the ten year installment plan the property owner had to sign a statement, binding his land to pay the assessment, and expressly waiving all irregularities or defects. The proceeding therefore resulted in what may be termed a judgment against the land, the land owner not only having had his day in court, but having expressly agreed to pay the money, and having waived any defects or irregularities in the assessment. In other words, it has been judicially determined that each of these pieces of property is especially benefitted in the amounts assessed against it. By what process can the city now say that this legal judgment is void? And that a person not a party to it can be assessed in taxes for the payment of that judgment? We must consider, therefore, that there is a serious question as to the validity of any bond that might be issued under the Medynski plan. Under subdivision B, of section 1 of the proposed charter amendment it is declared that these improvements are for the benefit of the city at large and of every piece of property therein and that the total cost is hereby assumed by the city as a debt and charge against the city, to be paid by taxation. In other words, the city is clearing this property of the assessment lien, without knowing whether the bonds issued under the amendment will be void or legal. Of course the holders of these assessment bonds would enjoin any proceeding that attempted to destroy the validity of the improvement bonds. We would then have this chaotic condition,—the city would have lost its lien against the property and it would still have outstanding the improvement bonds, which it could be compelled to meet by a mandamus proceeding through taxation. If this did not result the courts would simply say that the entire proceeding is void.

### ROGUE RIVER SPITZ WIN FIRST PRIZE

Rogue River Spitzburgs displayed at the Portland land show by A. C. Fiero of Central Point won first prize over those from all other fruit sections in the ten-box display. Other prizes awarded were as follows: Second prize, H. E. Gale, Merlin. Yellow Newtowns—First prize, Gus Miller, Hood River, Or.; second, D. M. Lowe, Ashland, Or. Individual farm exhibits scored as follows: D. M. Lowe, Ashland, Or., 88 points; Oregon State hospital, 73 1/2 points; Leonard Gilkey, 69 points. Clairgean—First prize, D. M. Lowe, Ashland, Or. Anjou pears—First prize, H. E. Gale, Merlin, Or.; second, D. M. Lowe, Ashland, Or. Rose pear—First prize, D. M. Lowe, Ashland, Or. Comice pears—First prize, D. M. Lowe, Ashland, Or. Winter Nells—First prize, H. E. Gale, Merlin, Or.; second, Julius Sandoez, The Dalles, Or.

### ANDREWS MUSICAL AT GRAMMAR SCHOOL

The afternoon given by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Andrews for the Washington grammar school chorus and friends on November 1 proved to be all that was predicted for it, in that it was both "musical and inspirational." This fact was attested to by the large audience present in unmistakable fashion. Principle F. H. Daily opened the session with a few appropriate and well-chosen remarks, commending and endorsing the work of the organization. This was followed by the address of the day, "The Origin and Development of Music," by Ed Andrews. He sketched briefly the primitive origin of music in the two-toned chant of the Indian, with monotonous drum accompaniment; then traced its development into the simple melody of the shepherd, showing later how the bass, alto and finally the tenor parts were added. Continuing, he touched lightly upon opera in all its stages, from the early Greek to its present highly developed state. In conclusion, he spoke of the value of music upon the battlefield, in the home, in the church and the school, and paid a tribute to Miss Coffin, who is endeavoring to bring it to the pupils. So ably and forcefully did he speak that he was followed with the closest attention throughout. Mrs. Ed Andrews then sang the "Butterfly Waltz," from Babette, with brilliancy and delicacy. Mr. Andrews followed with a delightful rendition of the "Three Fishes." His impersonation of little Babette was pleasing and touching. Mrs. Guy Childers at the piano accompanying most artistically. Her piano illustration of Mr. Andrews' lecture and her vocal interpretation of an Indian chant were especially enjoyed. The afternoon closed with regrets for the absence of Superintendent Hillis, due to illness, and with appreciation of the pleasure experienced.

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will be approaching very near the assessed value of the property. The city will then be in the position of a man who has nothing except a valuable piece of real property, mortgaged to practically its face value, and having really only a small equity in it. Should some great public necessity arise, requiring the expenditure of \$100,000, for some improvement, water system or something else, there would be no place to which the city could go where the money could be where the money could be had. Furthermore, the rates of taxation would have to be so high, based upon reduced assessed valuations, that any one would be very foolish to even own his own home here. Instead of doing what our friends expect to do,—putting property where it would be in a position to move,—it will be placed where nobody will buy it, because the rate of taxation would exceed that in any other community on the coast. Would it not therefore be better to proceed a little cautiously and if time shall develop that the proposed plan offers the only solution it will be time enough to adopt it. For the present, at least, let us not entirely destroy the credit of the city which will be greatly needed in an emergency and is always the most valuable asset to an advancing community. A. E. REAMES.

### FIX RESPONSIBILITY FOR BROOKLYN FIRE

NEW YORK, Nov. 8.—Four investigations were begun today in an effort to fix responsibility for the deaths of twelve persons, mostly young girls, who perished in the fire which quickly destroyed a four story factory building in Brooklyn last Saturday.

### GERMAN CRUISER SUNK OFF SWEDEN

BERLIN, Nov. 8.—The small German cruiser Undine has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine off the Swedish coast, it was officially announced today.

### ITALIAN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLES DECEMBER 1

ROME, Nov. 8.—The chamber of deputies will assemble December 1. The session is expected to last a week. The chamber probably will extend to the government for a further period full powers to carry on the war.

### "MYSTERY OF ROOM 13" AT THE PAGE TONIGHT



A scene in "The Mystery of Room 13," four acts of intense interest. Mae Dermott, supported by Lillian Hubbert, lead the cast.

### SELL DELINQUENT TAX CERTIFICATES ON LAND GRANT

At the meeting of the county court Monday the sheriff was instructed to proceed with the sale of delinquent tax certificates against the O. & C. railroad grant land. The court has received legal advice from the attorney general to the effect that the land is liable for the taxes, now two years delinquent and the same course will be followed as with other property, the United States supreme court having decided that the land belongs to the railroad.

### SELL DELINQUENT TAX CERTIFICATES ON LAND GRANT

Taxes and penalties on the 400,000 and over acres of land in the O. & C. grant in Jackson county now total \$170,000 and the lack of this money has badly crippled the county financially. Efforts to induce the railroad to settle have come to naught and it is evident that the railroad is awaiting congressional action, hoping thereby to avoid payment.

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