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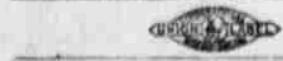
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HONG KONG KOLUM

Yestidy China Boy lookee for job.
Fat man in big office say:

"If you wantee work, better be
civil." Me say: "No wantee wook;
we wantee job."

Me see platty stenographer in
office. Me say: "Let's you and me go
to opera?" Stenographer say she
got no clothes.

"All right," me say, "less glo
swin' den?"

Next me go to music store lookee
for job.

Boss say: "You sweep out." All
right, me say, "where I blind broom."

Nex' day me cates piece Swiss
cheese to' dinna. Allasame gettes
bunch and lun cheeze through piano
player. Great music! Everybody lun
to hear.

Boss say: "You gheat man!" Of-
fer me better job!

Cold weather here sure nuff. China
Boy tickled to death—like man who
weared woolen undershirt.)

So cold now me takee my pig in-
side house.

Odder day I askee man to buy my
pig. Say "nuttin' doin'." Two days
later come back an' say: "All right
—buyee pig." "Nuttin' doin'," say me,
"pig all well now!"

Today's Beltringer
Fritzi Schell, the prima donna,
once employed an Irish girl as trained
nurse. The doctor left a sleeping
powder for the singer to take reg-
ularly.

In the middle of the night she was
awakened by the nurse, who said:
"Wake up, mum, an' take this
sleeping powder!"

Stella's Bargain Counter
Many modern apartment houses
not only have marble entrances, but
marble janitors as well.

In Swimming
"They, can you float alone?"
"Well—how much do you want?"
—Chips.

Hymn No. 0099
What a privilege is taxation.
How we hustle it to bear!

Knowing that the bonding interest,
Goes to some poor "Bull" or
"Bear";

Wonder if above in heaven
Are they from taxation free?
Or must they fix the golden pave-
ments.

And be taxed through eternity?

It takes one bond to say another;
How glad for this all should
Medvynski's short cut is a bumper,
Help us on to poverty;

Should there be so much complaining,
When hard times come as we now
see?

Just bond, and bond and bond forever
In this land of plenty,
Plig, loothig, plig.

—Daniel Deeds

CHICHESTER'S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
A fine, strong, reliable
pill in Red and Gold
wrappers.
Take no other.
A few of these
will cure you
of most diseases.
Known to
the best physicians
throughout the world.
SOLD BY DRUGISTS EVERYWHERE.

NOT THE SOLUTION

INVESTIGATION has convinced a majority of the business men of Medford that the Medvynski rebonding plan is neither practical, feasible or desirable and that instead of remedying the situation, it will further complicate and aggravate it.

Many of these citizens at first favored the Medvynski plan—among them the mayor and members of the city council, but careful study has convinced all of the latter except the author of the plan, that it is not the sought-for solution of the problem confronting the city. Some of the original committee favoring the proposal have changed their minds, as well as many signers of the initiative petition.

The more the details of the Medvynski plan are examined the stronger the conviction grows throughout the community, that it will be disastrous to the municipality and therefore disastrous to the people to pass such a measure.

The best interest and welfare of the city demands its defeat. It is up to each citizen to individually see that it is defeated.

PAUCITY OF IDEAS

WITH the next session of congress rapidly nearing we read and hear much of the plans of able and scholarly representatives and wise and noble senators. We hear of plans for national defense, of an enlarged army and navy, of improvements in rivers and harbors, of the care of our Indians and the old saw that always serves when all others are worn out—economy in expenditures.

With a large percentage of the people bankrupt, with thousands upon thousands homeless and hungry, we hear of no more practical way to conserve them as valuable citizens of this country than to build more warships and increase the standing army.

The chains of existing social injustice and industrial wrong are easily cut or broken, but no hand dare attempt to sunder them. The nation knows it can be done, but stands hypnotized from long gazing at an old parchment called a constitution, as helpless as Trilby under the gaze of Svengali.

We turn to pages of the press, the inspired voice of the people, and behold pages of football and society notes, the adventures of Wallingford and exploits of Elaine, fit epitome of the life of a people afraid to think.

How thankful we are that men who lived five or five hundred thousand years ago devised an economic system for the present day. If they had not we would have to do it for ourselves, and there are none among us for the task. So we drift on and, in the language of William Howard Taft, only God can help hungry people out of work, even though they stand in reach of a billion bushels of grain.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:
Undoubtedly business is slow, times are hard and money dear, but nevertheless people pay their general taxes because they know they will lose their property if they don't. In the beginning the special assessments were fairly well paid up. Then first one owner and then another neglected or refused to pay, and as time went on and the delinquent owners were not interfered with, the number of defaults became more general. I believe a few certificates were issued by the city, but no general attempt has ever been made to enforce the law. Lately the mere discussion of the re-funding plan has naturally resulted in a practically total cessation of payments. We hear on every side that the law providing for the collection of arrears cannot be enforced. The idea probably emanated from those who were looking for an excuse for not paying. It certainly never was justified by any court decision, or by any unanimity of opinion among lawyers who had studied the subject.

There is actually no reason to doubt the validity of the charter provision establishing the machinery for the collection of the arrears. It is quite possible that the enforcement of collection may result in hardship in certain cases, but it would be reasonable and prudent to exercise a certain amount of discretion in enforcing the law. The great object ought to be to let the citizens know that the law will be enforced, and when property owners are convinced of that fact the payment of the assessments will be just as assured to the city as the payment of general taxes is now assured to the county.

Another very important feature is that the indebtedness to be created by the proposed plan will be practically 10 per cent of the assessed valuation. Even admitting that the bonds issued on such a basis can be sold, the forward-looking citizen will become apprehensive of the ability of the city to sell bonds in the future, which may, and probably will, be needed to defray the cost of further improvements. We have not yet improved the city to such an extent that no additional improvements can be foreseen. It is needless to go into detail on this subject, for in a community such as Medford, a young and flourishing city, it does without saying that in the very near future very considerable sums of money will be needed for additions to the improvements of the municipal services.

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Every fifth roll is Certain-teed

The General says:—

"There are different ways of speculating—and one of the easiest ways to burn up your money is to buy an unknown grade, a 'just as good' grade on a fake-guaranteed grade of roofing."

Certain-teed**Roofing**

A man with a
money of responsibility
can "guarantee"
anything with-
out running a risk, if it is
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obtain for the expenditure of this half million dollars? It gets no new paying. The property itself is benefited in no way. The actual effect of the plan is to make a present by the city at large to the present owners of property of just the amount of the proposed refund, the very substantial sum of half a million dollars. Can Medford or any other municipality afford to be as generous as that?

LINCOLN MCCORMACK.

To the Editor:
I had not intended to ask for any more space in the paper at this late day, but both in justice to W. E. Phipps and to myself, I would say a few more words.

I wish to apologize to Mr. Phipps for mixing him with a different family and to apologize to the other family also, who probably have more cause to feel hurt by the mixup than Mr. Phipps has.

I also would say a few words on the question of my use of water. The whole attack on me in that respect has been so patric and contemptible, and coming from such a contemptible source that I have practically ignored it. But now that a man of Mr. Phipps' standing has seen fit to repeat their false and libelous assertions, I will say a few words in reply.

I have not used a gallon of water for irrigation, either last year or this, except by permission of the city water committee or at least a majority of them, and under the direction of the city water superintendent. And only at such hours in the night as the superintendent fixed. The water I used was only such as would otherwise have been wasted, and whatever I have paid the city for it has been, as the superintendent said, so much clear gain for the city. I have deprived no one of a gallon of water or household use, as Mr. Phipps alleges, and instead of getting it at a nominal price I paid full meter rates for all I used, and that averaged 11 cents per 1000 gallons. And that price, as anyone who understands irrigation knows, is so exorbitant that it would bankrupt any man who tried to raise crops by it, or fruit either, except a very little in exceptional conditions.

I will add further that when I confused Mr. Phipps with a different person I was honestly mistaken, and further, it was no real injury to him.

I am sorry to say that I do not think Mr. Phipps was honestly mistaken in making these false charges against me. At least, by two minutes' talk with our city water superintendent he could have learned of their falsity.

No more do I find any evidence of Mr. Phipps' good citizenship, when he engages in a movement which is certain to prove a dreadful disaster to our city, and then advise the opponents of the measure to sell off the

vise. If we sell a million dollars in bonds now, where will we find a market for the bonds that we must issue in the future?

Probably the question that arises most insistently is as to the possibility of selling the refunding bonds. Bond houses who are willing to pay anything like par look askance at any issue over 20 per cent of the assessed valuation, and yet it is proposed for the city of Medford to endeavor to sell bonds based on a 40 per cent basis. Such a security will not appeal to bond houses except at a ransom rate of discount, so that our indebtedness will be increased by a very substantial amount, which will simply go into the pockets of the bond houses. Undoubtedly a bond house is entitled to a fair profit. The bond house performs a service to the city in floating its securities, and no one should object to the payment of a respectable commission. That commission, or profit, is generally around 2½ per cent. In the unfortunate event of the proposed plan being adopted, I greatly fear that the commission or profit to the bond house will be many times 2½ per cent.

The greatest objection of all, however, as the proposition appears to me, is the fact that the city of Medford is re-creating a debt that has already been paid, in practically the sum of half a million dollars. About that amount of money has been paid on the assessments in question by the property owners, and yet it is proposed to make that very amount, which has already been liquidated, a debt of the entire city, and in effect to pay it over again.

Passing over the constitutionality of any such action, what does the city

get for the expenditure of this half million dollars? It gets no new paying.

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Snip, the dog who knows all, fe-
tured in one of the vaudeville acts at
the Star theater today only.

bankrupt prices which will result, and get out. Which was just what Mr. Phipps did in his first letter.

To refer to people who came here during the last eight years as carpetbaggers is no evidence of good citizenship, either.

Lastly, Mr. Phipps' sudden discovery of the "probable" illegality of the paving assessments after he found that the Medvynski plan would put \$2800 in "velvet" in his pocket, is not very convincing to me of the noble disinterestedness and civic patriotism of his motives.

G. E. MARSHALL...

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