

PIERCE OUTLINES PROPOSAL TO CITY CONCERNING BONDS

To the People of Medford:

So much unfair and irresponsible criticism has been aroused by my recent proposal to your city council that I have purchased this space for the purpose of publishing in detail my formal letters and demonstrating that my position is that of a business man with something to sell at a fair price and asking for no special privilege or consideration. I am able to keep my engagements and my standing in Seattle can be ascertained by a letter to the mayor of that city.

JOHN G. PIERCE.

Medford, Or., Nov. 8, 1915. To the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Medford, Jackson county, Ore.

Gentlemen: I have noted with interest the proceedings to date, re "having indebtedness" of your city, and have made a careful investigation of the situation. I am able to offer a solution of the problem which will be fair in all respects to those who are held under assessment obligations, and also to the taxpayers of the city in general.

This plan would immediately clarify the present embarrassing state of affairs and restore the credit of the city to a sound basis without sacrificing the future to meet present demands, and could be put into effect economically with the result satisfactory to all parties at interest.

As to my qualifications, I will say I was formerly a member of the city council of Seattle, Wash., and chairman of the finance committee of that body, which has under its jurisdiction all matters relating to bond issues for improvement work and has frequently to deal with problems as perplexing as that now confronting your honorable body.

Should you desire my services, I will, upon the passage of a proper resolution, place before you a scheme of refinancing which, I am sure, will meet with your approval. My compensation will be 1 percentum of the gross outstanding paying assessment, and it is understood that I am to present a comprehensive, legal, feasible, economical and satisfactory plan of refinancing the existing indebtedness for paying improvements, or I shall expect to receive nothing, and that all expenses for legal and clerical work in accumulating preliminary data shall be borne by me.

As an alternative, at your pleasure, I offer my services in an advisory capacity, the city to bear all expense and act under my direction. Yours respectfully, JOHN G. PIERCE.

Medford, Or., Nov. 18, 1915. To the Committee of the Whole of the City Council, Medford, Or.

Gentlemen: In asking the consideration of your honorable body for the proposals contained in my letter of November 8, I have anticipated the hesitation you are bound to feel, in acting on the suggestions of any person not a member of your community and whose motives are, and should be, open to suspicion and careful examination.

In order to sweep aside all grounds for criticism and that there may be a clear understanding of what I agree to accomplish, I have reduced my statement to writing, tendering herewith a copy thereof to become a part of the city records.

In the first paragraph of my letter I have declared without reservation that I am able to offer a solution of the problem confronting your city. Perhaps this is an idle boast, but I am backing my statement with my own time and money and I do not require the city to assume any obligation or incur any expense until I have made good.

The second paragraph of the letter sets forth the advantages resulting from carrying my proposed plan into effect and I am bound unconditionally to bring about the conditions I have therein indicated.

To the third paragraph, wherein I represent myself as having had special knowledge and information to fit me for the undertaking, I will add that I have also been an active member of the legislative committee of the Washington League of Municipalities, associating with men of national reputation in municipal legislation, which committee originates and proposes new laws for the benefit of all the cities of the state of Washington. These statements are easily susceptible of proof.

The fourth paragraph of my letter, which fixes my compensation in the event of my plan being finally adopted, opens the way for argument as to the value of my services, and I must convince you that the percentage indicated is a just and reasonable consideration. In support of my contention I desire to call your attention to the fact that the presentation of a program to meet successfully the condition I have imposed on

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myself, entails the careful examination of the charter and ordinances of the state of Oregon, the briefing of all cases bearing on the subject in hand, the preparation of ordinances and other necessary papers embodying legislative acts necessary to put the plan into effect, the accumulation in detail of all accessible preliminary data, and involves, for my own safety, the submission of the whole proposition for final analysis and decision as to legality, to competent authority.

These operations necessitate a heavy expense which, under the terms of my agreement, I assume at my own risk and without binding the city to adopt my plan or placing any obstacle in the way of its adopting, meanwhile, any proposal from another source.

For the character of the work involved and the risk assumed I submit that the basis and amount of my fee is just and reasonable.

The beneficial results of a plan accomplishing what I have outlined would be so great as to render insignificant the money payment involved.

In a few words, I bind myself to comply with very stringent conditions, leaving the city free to act, and expecting compensation only in the event my program is finally adopted.

Yours very respectfully, JOHN G. PIERCE. (Paid Advertisement.)

SIX MILLION DOLLAR FIRE IN BON MARCHE, PARIS

PARIS, Nov. 23.—The loss in the fire yesterday in the annex of the Bon Marche, one of the largest department stores of Paris, is estimated as at least 30,000,000 francs (\$6,000,000).

The flames destroyed collections of old furniture, objects of art and Oriental rugs worth 20,000,000 francs, in addition to vast quantities of merchandise, including carpets to the value of 2,000,000 francs.

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SEVEN PERISH IN COLLISION IN CIRCUS TRAIN IN GEORGIA

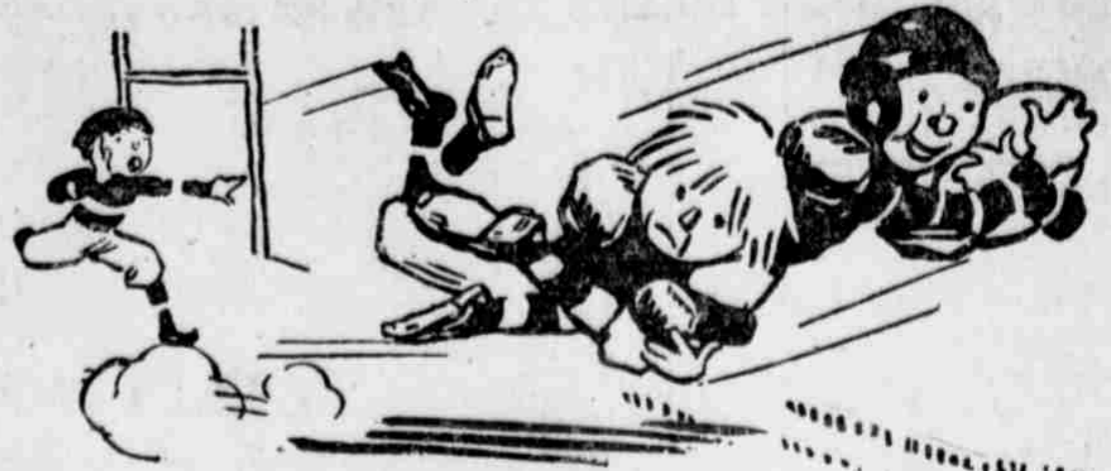
COLUMBUS, Ga., Nov. 23.—Seven persons at least were killed and 42 were injured in the wreck near here late last night when a circus train collided head-on with a passenger train on the Central Georgia railroad. A misunderstanding of orders brought the two trains together on a straight track and much of the wreckage was burned. At least six persons were burned to death and a seventh died in a hospital. All the dead were members of the Kennedy Carnival company which was traveling on a train of twenty-eight cars. None of the injured will die.

The owner of the show estimated that eighteen were killed but a search of the wreckage today gave no trace of that number. All the show animals were burned to death and there is a possibility that several show men of whom no record was kept are also lost.

NEW BOOKS ADDED TO PUBLIC LIBRARY

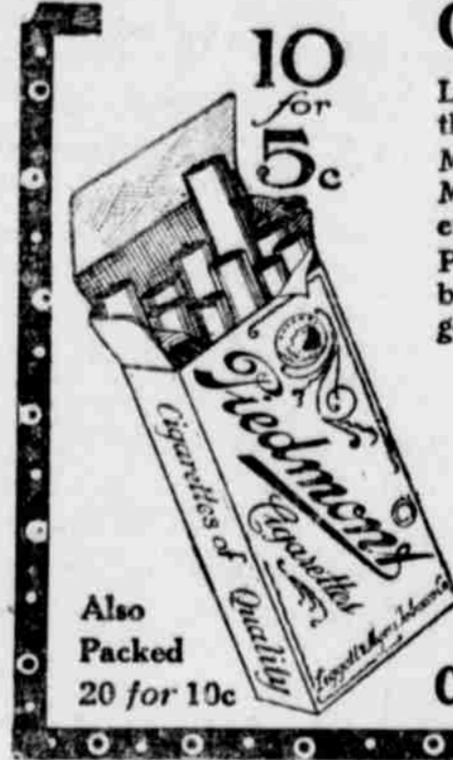
New books which have been added to the public library during the week: Business of Advertising (Calkins), Eighteen Thousand Words Often Mispronounced (Phyfe), Field Book of Western Wild Flowers (Armstrong & Thornber), How We Think (Dewey), Hugh: Memoirs of a Brother (Benson), Indian Today (Eastman), Literature in the Elementary School (McClintock), Modern City and Its Problems (Howe), Natural Education (Stoner), Oil Conquest of the World (Talbot), Outlines of Russian Literature (Baring), Pet Book (Constock), Ralph Waldo Emerson (Fickins), Rediscovered Country (White), Reminiscences (Carl Schurz), Twilight Sleep (Williams).

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