

MEDYNSKI PLAN PROVIDES REBATE IN CITY WARRANTS

The Medynski plan for the solution of Medford's paving problem was presented to a crowd of 250 people, gathered in the small hall of the Natatorium last night. The speakers of the evening were, Miss Anna Jeffery, who presided, F. J. Newman, a local attorney interested in the passing of the measure and F. V. Medynski, father of the measure.

The meeting was opened by Miss Jeffery, who read the pending initiative measure and the ordinance, which will be put into effect in event the measure is passed.

With the use of the charts prepared by Colonel Howard A. Hanson, corporation counsel for Seattle, who was employed by the city to work out a plan for the solution of Medford finances in general, Mr. Newman who followed, outlined the merits of the Medynski measure and analyzed the Hanson plan.

Only Slight Difference.

The Medynski measure, as explained, a bit is now being initiated, is different from the measure which was defeated a year ago only in the method of refunding. The measure last year proposed the refunding of the entire amount paid by property owners for paying assessments with cash, to be raised by the sale of bonds to cover the total outstanding paving indebtedness.

Realizing the difficulty of disposing of nearly a million dollars worth of bonds at one flotation under the terms called for, which provide that they shall bear interest at 5 per cent, and shall be sold at or above par, the fathers of the present measure have provided that in event the entire flotation cannot be made favorably, that 5 per cent bonds in the sum of \$560,000 shall be sold and the balance shall be issued to property owners who have paid paving assessments, in the form of 5 per cent time warrants, one-twentieth of which shall be refunded each year until the entire issue is retired.

Provides Revaluation.

The plan also proposes an entire revaluation of property within the city; the raising of valuations on property on paved streets and the lowering of valuations on unpaved streets.

The history of the paving question of Medford was outlined by Mr. Newman, beginning at the time the first pavement was laid and ending at the present time. He stated that the present Medynski plan is an outgrowth in part of the report filed with the council 18 months ago.

Mr. Newman deplored the paying out of city money to an outsider, Colonel Hanson for working out a plan when eight attorneys of this city, who have labored for the past 15 months on the so-called 50-50 plan without any visible progress were not paid even for their stenographer's fees. This 50-50 plan, Mr. Newman stated, was the most advantageous plan for the solution of the paving problem.

The Hanson plan, Mr. Newman continued, would leave the city exactly where she is today with no progress toward freedom from debt made.

Following Mr. Newman, Mr. Medynski spoke briefly of the merits of his plan and of his interest in the rights of "the masses," which led him to champion their cause.

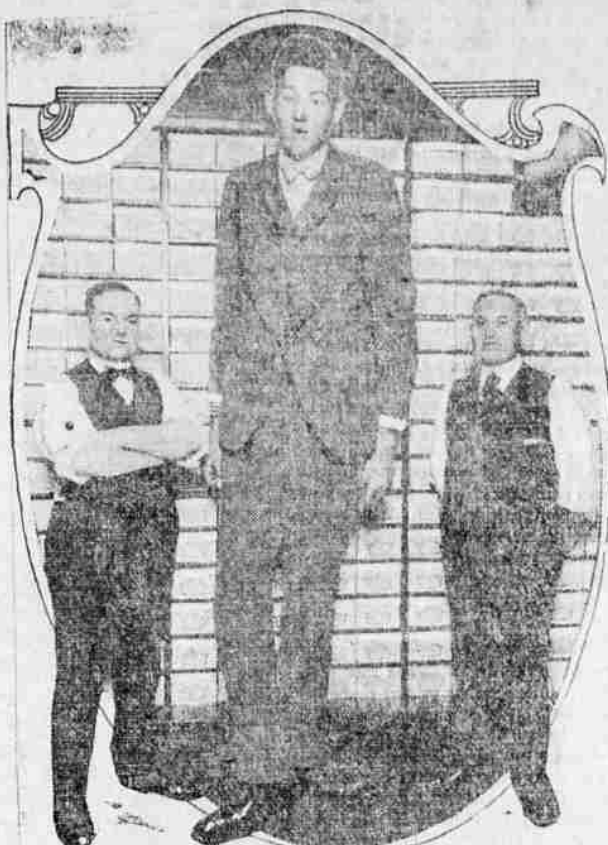
Mr. Medynski said in part: "You were also told at that time, that if you would defeat the Medynski plan, the council would give you a better measure. Some of you depended on that deceiving promise, you waited a whole year with no results. Finally some of the disappointed ones became very uneasy, and came to me asking if I would put up the measure again. I told them the people had defeated it, and the people must be the ones to re-submit it if it came up again. Thereupon, they prevailed upon Mr. Fehl to re-submit it for them, and the measure is up for you to decide.

"Some people seem to think and maintain it will be harder to pay for this paving as a public debt in twenty yearly installments than it would be to pay for it as a private debt in ten yearly installments, the debt being the same amount, and virtually the same people having the debt to pay in either case. This is an absurdity for we all know that it would be easier to pay one-twentieth of the debt as an installment each year for 20 years, than it would be to pay one-tenth of the debt as an installment each year for ten years."

BAZAAR

Come and see what is made in Oregon at the Deuel Building, December 14, 15, 16. In connection with sale, is the bazaar with many New Year articles.

YOUNG GIANT ATTRACTS CROWD



Citizens of Sioux City, Ia., are being treated to an unusual sight—a boy who measures 7 feet, 11 inches.

Bernard Koyns, who lives near Oto, in northwest Iowa, is in Sioux City to lay in a supply of clothes. Everything he wears has to be made to order. He wears No. 14 shoes, and No. 19 collar. He has raised many circus offers, preferring farm life. The young giant is shown here between two men, each of whom measures 5 feet 10 inches.

Fishing In the Rogue

(From the Portland Oregonian.)

The sportsmen of Oregon, or some of them, had a convention in Portland the other day, and endeavored to find a solution to a few of the many problems which ever arise to vex the angler and the hunter. Their discussions were interesting and perhaps in some respects conclusive; but a decision reached as to at least one more question will not appeal to the general public, which regards sport as an evolution and sportsmanship as something more than a mere convention, as having been founded in reason, ethics, or justice. The sportsmen by a small vote declared that the Rogue River ought to be closed to commercial fishing.

The inspiration of this extraordinary action is a few sportsmen of Jackson county, who feel that the upper reaches of the Rogue River were divinely placed for their pleasure and that recreation, not commerce, ought to be the chief utility of its abounding fish life. A few years ago they procured through the initiative passage by the people, of a law prohibiting commercial fishing with results so disastrous that the legislature later was obliged to repeal the law and open the river to the fishermen and the canners.

The anglers desire to have the unrestricted and uninterrupted right to fish for salmon, trout and other fish. The law now provides that steelheads may not be caught by seines or nets or sold. The Jackson county anglers claim that the cannery at the mouth of the river have, nevertheless, destroyed the steelhead, and they want them penalized and restrained from all fishing. The reply of the down-river fishermen is that the charge is false and that they do not molest the steelheads; and they say besides that the proposed prohibition is no remedy for the anglers, for during the previous closed period it was proved that the spawning fish befouled the entire stream, and steelhead angling was no better than at the present time.

The whole issue over Rogue River is as to the existence of the fishing and canning industry, giving a livelihood to several hundred men and keeping two canneries going. Shall they be shut down and the fishermen denied the right to a livelihood, in the interest of the upper-river sportsmen? As the situation is, the sportsmen now get some of the fish in the Rogue. What they desire is all the fish for themselves, and none for the men who seek to make a living in that way.

PEACE PROPOSALS CAUSE TOKIO PANIC

TOKIO, Dec. 14.—News dispatches from New York were the first information reaching here of Germany's peace proposal. The news was a surprise and caused a panic on the stock exchange. Shipping stocks tumbled and were followed by other securities until the governor's ordered the exchange closed until December 15. The foreign office, the Bank of Japan and other influential circles have received no advice, but gave out interviews expressing a firm belief that the allies would not consider any proposition, which would leave Germany in her ante-war position, or anything approximating thereto.

BERLIN PAPERS ASK FOR "VICTORY PEACE"

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—The Kruze Zeitung expressed the fear that any peace which to the entente allies does not bear the aspect of defeat would prove a great danger for Germany and be only an armistice. The Post doubts the expediency of the peace offer, but says it is glad no neutral has been asked to mediate. The Taegliche Rundschau fears that the entente allies will draw out the negotiations by making impossible counter-proposals, hoping to enlist the pressure from "neutral America."

The Tages Zeitung says it wishes Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg had emphasized more strongly the fact that Germany offered peace as a victor and that the peace terms must adequately reward Germany for the sacrifices she has made. The socialist organ, Vorwaerts, says a great and a unique feature in the offer is that it breaks with the old tradition that the defeated side

CORRIGAN AWARDED \$35,000 LIBEL VERDICT

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A verdict of \$35,000 was given by a jury here today in favor of Police Magistrate Joseph E. Corrigan in his suit against Joseph E. Corbett, publisher of Indianapolis, Ind., publishers of George Bronson Howard's novel "God's Man," in which he alleged he was libeled. He sued for \$200,000 damages. Corbett charged that one of the chief characters in the novel was intended to represent him and that it contained matter defamatory to him.

LAKE OF FIRE IN KILAVEA RISING FAST

HONOLULU, T. H., Dec. 14.—The lake of fire within the crater of Kilavea has risen to within 140 feet of the rim and is climbing rapidly. Professor Thomas Augustus Jagger, Jr., director of the Hawaiian volcano observatory, said today it would probably reach the top. He said the phenomenon was unparalleled in the last quarter century.

man ask for the commencement of peace negotiations. The newspaper says that in view of the fact that French socialists belong to a government allied with Russia and thus are committed to Russia's recently proclaimed plans for conquest, and that English socialists have just entered the British cabinet with a program of fighting to a finish, it cannot in justice in strong hopes that Germany's overtures will lead to peace.

CHICAGO'S TAPPING LOWERS WATER IN LAKE MICHIGAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Lake Michigan and the other great lakes are leaking. Chicago has illegally tapped them and the water is going out so fast that the harbor entrances and channels between the lakes are being shallowed. This inconveniences shipping and threatens to burden the federal government with an additional expenditure of many millions to deepen the harbors and channels. An injunction to prevent the water theft is pending in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Illinois—has been pending since 1908—but eight years is nothing to a court.

The Secretary of war thinks it is about time something was done and has communicated this opinion to congress.

The trouble began with Chicago's notion that the best way to dispose of its sewage would be to reverse the current of the Chicago river, which had become the city's sewer and which was dumping the sewage into the lake, whence the city drew its water supply, and to have the river flow from Lake Michigan into the Illinois river and thence into the Mississippi and the Gulf of Mexico.

Reversed River.

For this purpose the city organized what is called the "drainage district" and dug a thirty-foot channel connecting the upper fork of the Chicago river with the Illinois river. By cutting the divide between the watershed of the Great Lakes and that of the Mississippi, the course of the Chicago river, was in fact, reversed and it has been flowing "up hill" for a number of years, with water taken from Lake Michigan. The result, so far as sewage is concerned, is beneficial to Chicago. The sewage is diluted and distributed over a wide precipitation area and is undoubtedly dissipated and destroyed by the action of the sun and air without contaminating the Mississippi, but the waters of Lake Michigan and the other lakes are being lowered.

When the canal was first opened, application was made to the war department for permission to tap Lake Michigan. The war department felt that the request was rather a grave one and declined to either deny or assent, and compromised by granting a temporary license.

Lower Level of Lake.

The growth of population in Chicago makes necessary larger diversions than those already made, perhaps to the extent of 10,000 cubic feet per second, according to the sanitary district engineers. The United States lake survey estimates that this amount would lower the waters of Lake Michigan and Lake Huron nearly seven inches; of Lake Erie, about 5 1/2 inches, and Lake Ontario about 4 1/2 inches, mean lake levels, the reduction being much greater at lower water periods. The effect of such lowering it is said of the lake levels, would be enormous losses to navigation interests, necessitating "large expenditures by the general government for the restoration and reorganization of river and harbor improvements on the Great Lakes and their connecting waters, for which already appropriations aggregating

more than ninety millions have been made.

Involved in the matter is also the project dreamed of for years by Chicago, of a Lake to the Gulf commercial water route through the Des Plaines river to the Mississippi.

Friday evening after choir practice the Epworth League gives a reception to its new members in the auditorium of the First M. E. church. The attendance of all interested is urgent and a good time is assured.

DANISH ISLANDS WANT HOME RULE

ST. THOMAS, D. W. I., Dec. 14.—At a mass meeting held here today the following resolution was adopted and cabled to the home government at Copenhagen:

"The island does not desire to be governed like Porto Rico, but wishes to be permitted to manage its own affairs under the federal government, American citizenship to be accorded immediately on the transfer, the port to be free and natives to be given preference in appointments to government positions." A delegation probably will be sent to Washington to support the stand taken in this resolution.

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