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EM-TEES

MODERN NURSERY RHYME.
 Little boy boogie,
 Why do you blow a cornet
 To sleep in the meadow eating corn,
 When you could make money play-
 ing for dances

THE PIG.

The pig is an affair propped on
 four legs with a head on one end, to
 give it a general direction. The
 pig's main idea is to try and see how
 big a hog it can make of itself. But
 this species of pig is a has-been since
 the two-footed pigs have romped into
 the pasture. The two-footed pigs
 have pushed the four-footed ones
 clean out of the limelight for making
 hogs of themselves. They have root-
 ed the prices of eggs, butter, meat,
 clothes, coal, rent and everything so
 high in their greed for coin that the
 old-fashioned, tough wallower seems
 as dainty, modest and unselfish as a
 humming bird.

DID YOU KNOW—

At the recent style show in New
 York it was decided that derby hats
 shall still be worn with the ears in-
 side.

Yes, Steve. A cemetery near golf
 links would be the last hole.

COUNTY UNIT FOR DISTRICT SCHOOL

SALEM, Or., Jan. 4.—The county
 unit plan for all schools in districts
 below the first class probably will be
 presented to the legislature for en-
 actment into law.

State Superintendent of Schools
 Churchill, who strongly favors the
 plan, dismissed it today with the
 county school superintendents, who
 are in session at the capitol in the
 capacity of an examining board.

The plan is to centralize the au-
 thority over all the schools in a
 county, excepting those in districts
 of the first class. Each county adopt-
 ing the plan would be divided into
 five districts. Each district would
 elect a member of the county school
 board. This board of five members
 would appoint a county school super-
 intendent, who would be the prac-
 tical educational and business head
 of the schools in the county.

The county school superintendent
 would nominate the teachers for all
 the schools. He would place the
 teachers where they could do the best
 work. The taxes for the schools would
 be levied on a county unit basis.

Where the county unit has been
 adopted, Mr. Churchill said, great
 benefit has resulted, particularly to
 the rural schools as a trained county
 superintendent, with proper author-
 ity, is more able to establish and
 maintain an efficient school than are
 the average rural school directors.

UNION SERVICE AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH TONIGHT

Union services are being held at the
 churches this week by the Presbyter-
 ian, Christian, Baptist and Methodist
 churches. The services will be held
 in the Baptist church this evening at
 7:30. The Rev. Alfred A. Hart will
 speak on "The Foundation of the Gos-
 pel." Music will be furnished by the
 Baptist choir. Dr. Alfred Hogg will
 speak at the Presbyterian church
 next Sunday morning on "The May-
 or's Plans and Qualifications for the
 Mayor's Chair," from a non-partisan
 standpoint of view.

VAN TRESSIE GIVEN SIXTY DAYS IN JAIL

Van Tressie, who was given a hear-
 ing before Justice Day at Jackson-
 ville Wednesday afternoon to answer
 a charge filed by Mrs. Geneva Thom-
 as, pleaded guilty and was given a sen-
 tence of sixty days in the county jail.
 Van Tressie and Anna Whitman
 were arrested Tuesday after having
 taken possession of a room in the
 rooming house on South Holly street
 run by Mrs. Thomas.

The woman was released on parole.

FINANCIAL FOLLY

MEDFORD faces a grave financial crisis—not only the
 city, but every property owner. Well-meaning, but
 financially ignorant, people have rushed forward a second
 time with a quick cure-all.

Few people seem to realize that the Medynski plan of
 refinancing the city spells financial ruin.
 It means confiscation by taxation. It is inequitable
 and unjust, as well as unsound.

It means the driving away of enterprise and capital and
 will benefit no one save the owner of vacant lots on im-
 proved streets. It penalizes holders of land off paved
 streets who must pay for pavements and are barred from
 securing paving in front of their own property.

It is illogical and impractical and spells community
 bankruptcy. The bonds, if issued, would be unsaleable.
 Improvement assessments would be invalidated and the
 black fog of repudiation contribute the final spikes to Med-
 ford's coffin.

The city's present bonded indebtedness is \$513,000 on
 a valuation of \$4,000,000. The outstanding public im-
 provement indebtedness, secured by lien upon property,
 is approximately \$500,000. The total debt, both general
 and improvement, is approximately \$1,013,000.

The Medynski plan contemplates the issuance of gen-
 eral bonds to take up the \$552,500 improvement bonds and
 refund by warrants the \$370,000 already paid by property-
 owners on improvement bonds, and approximately another
 \$100,000 interest paid on the improvement bonds—a total
 bond and warrant issue of \$1,022,500, increasing the city's
 total indebtedness to \$1,535,500, on a valuation of
 \$4,000,000.

The Medynski plan then increases the city's indebted-
 ness nearly half a million dollars, with nothing to show
 for it. Such an indebtedness upon such a valuation makes
 the bonds unsaleable and increases taxation to meet the
 interest to the point of confiscation. Only the cent-per-
 cent shark and the money shylock could profit by the col-
 lapse of credit and property depreciation that would fol-
 low.

Against the Medynski plan is offered the Hanson plan
 —a plan successfully adopted by the city of Seattle and
 other communities. This plan contemplates a series of
 refunding bond issues to take up outstanding bond issues,
 and gives the property owner additional time to make the
 payments due, at the same time reducing the size of the
 payments. Those who have paid up or desire to pay up
 for improvements are exempted from the lien and not fur-
 ther penalized. The debt of the city is not increased, tax-
 ation is lessened and the city's credit unimpaired.

Assuming that the assessed valuation of the city re-
 mains the same—\$4,000,000—and the state, county and
 school levies remain the same—26 mills, and the city levy
 for operating expenses remains as at present—10 mills, the
 tax levy under the two plans for 1917 would be for each
 \$100 valuation:

Hanson plan, 40 mills.	_____
Medynski plan, 54 mills.	_____
The tax levy for 1918 would be:	
Hanson plan, 36 1/2 mills.	_____
Medynski plan, 85 1/2 mills.	_____
The average tax levy for the next five years would be:	
Hanson plan, 38 1/2 mills.	_____
Medynski plan, 77 mills.	_____

The excess tax per \$100 of value in twenty-one years, if
 the Medynski plan were adopted, over the tax if the Han-
 son plan were adopted, would be 36.87 mills annually, or
 nearly 4 per cent on the valuation, which would make, with
 the fixed operation, school, state and county levy, a total
 tax of nearly 8 per cent on the value of property.

With such a tax, who would invest in Medford prop-
 erty? How many owners could afford to hold what they
 have? Not even the depreciated city warrants received in
 exchange for cash payments already made would offset the
 tremendous drain of taxation on unsaleable property.

The Hanson plan provides an honest, fair, equitable
 settlement of financial difficulties.

The Medynski plan means financial suicide.

MAIL ORDER HOUSE GIVES MONTH BONUS

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—A bonus of
 from one to three weeks' salary, in
 proportion to the length of service of
 the employes, has been ordered by the
 directors of Montgomery, Ward &
 Co., it was announced today.

Employes in Chicago, at the branch
 houses in Portland, Ore., and Fort
 Worth, Tex., and in several smaller
 factories and warehouses throughout
 the country are affected.

PRESIDENT PARDONS FEDERAL PRISONERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Presi-
 dent Wilson headed Marcus Demp-
 sey's plea that his family was starv-
 ing when he broke into a freight car
 and stole ten dollars worth of food
 at Jonesboro, Ark., and today re-
 leased the man from Atlanta penitenti-
 ary by commuting his sentence.
 Dempsey got a year and has been in
 the penitentiary since last May.

The president also released Frank
 Charvat, a Chicago mail clerk, so he
 could visit his ailing wife. The man
 took \$1,700 from the mails, but re-
 turned it and put two years at At-
 lanta. He had four more days to
 serve.

PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PEACE NOTE LEAK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Public
 hearings on Representative Wood's
 "leak" charges in connection with
 President Wilson's peace note will be
 held tomorrow morning before the
 house rules committee. Thomas W.
 Lawson of Boston, Representative
 Wood and Representative Gardner of
 Massachusetts will be the first heard.
 Lawson was today subpoenaed by
 telegraph.

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STILL ANOTHER CHALLENGE FROM MEDYNSKYITES

E. H. Fehl, generalissimo of the
 Medynskites, has issued another chal-
 lenge, to-wit as follows:

"To Mr. J. G. Pierce, E. M. Wilson,
 The Medford Sun, the 'Hanson
 Plan' Committee, and all others
 concerned:

"Be it understood that I have dili-
 gently, by challenge and otherwise,
 endeavored to find some interested
 citizen of Medford who has the cour-
 age and temerity to come before the
 public and openly and publicly defend
 what is called the 'Hanson plan.' And
 at no time has any genuine Medford
 resident or citizen come forward or
 offered to do so.

"And now, at this time, after we
 have gone to the expense of securing
 the Page theater and extended a chal-
 lenge to the city attorney, a gentle-
 man whom we know and who this
 community knows to be the best ad-
 vised and informed person in Medford
 as to the merits, legality and feasi-
 bility of said plan, and he has ac-
 cepted our challenge, and the time be-
 ing fixed for such hearing, one J. G.
 Pierce, from Seattle, Wash., but-
 into the game and issues a challenge
 to me to meet him in public and dis-
 cuss Medford's affairs.

"Now, therefore, I hereby chal-
 lenge the said gentleman, or any one
 else, to meet me at any day or hour
 after Friday, the 5th inst., in a public
 discussion affecting said matter, at
 any place, time of day or night, that
 the gentleman or any of his associa-
 tes may appoint. I care not whether
 it be from the street corner, house
 tops, public park, theater or Natator-
 ium.

"I will waive time and hold myself
 in readiness for answer.
 "Dated at Medford, the 3d day of
 January, 1917.

ATTEMPTS TO BRIBE CHIEF HITTSON

Four five dollar bills and the let-
 ter in which they were enclosed will
 be the principal evidence in the trial
 tomorrow morning of Mrs. Mary Cop-
 page of the Palma Rooming House,
 who is charged with having attempt-
 ed to bribe Chief of Police Hittson.

The letter was received this morn-
 ing by Hittson, who opened it in the
 presence of constable Hammond.
 Hittson, soon after receiving the let-
 ter, swore out the warrant for the
 arrest of the woman.

The attempt at bribery is supposed
 to have come as a result of investiga-
 tion by the police into the manage-
 ment of the Palma, which was taken
 over a few days ago by Mrs. Coppage,
 and which it is thought is being
 operated as an immoral house.

Bribery in this state is a serious
 offense, the law prescribing three
 penalties, 1 to 10 years in the peni-
 tentiary, one month to one year in
 the county jail or a fine of from \$100
 to \$2,000.

COMMERCIAL CLUB ELECTS DIRECTORS FOR COMING YEAR

The mineral resources of southern
 Oregon will be explained and exhib-
 ited to the 200 residents of eastern
 Washington who will arrive in Med-
 ford Sunday noon on the "Inland Em-
 pire excursion." They will remain in
 Medford for twenty minutes. Plans
 for their reception were laid last
 night at the annual meeting of the
 Medford Commercial club in the pub-
 lic library building.

A committee composed of J. T. Sal-
 livan, T. H. Callahan and H. A. Latta
 was appointed by President Hill of
 the club to prepare an exhibit of min-
 erals and data concerning the min-
 eral resources to present to the
 members of the excursion, a number
 of whom are well-known mining men.

The members of the committee ask
 that all business men be at the sta-
 tion to assist in welcoming the ex-
 cursionists.
 Routine business for the year was
 cleared up, the reports of the secre-
 tary and treasurer being read and
 accepted, following which the follow-
 ing directors for the club to serve for
 the ensuing year were elected by bal-
 lot: A. L. Hill, C. M. Thomas, C. E.
 Gates, C. W. McDonald, C. S. Bitter-
 field, J. T. Sullivan, J. S. Perry, S.
 S. Smith, H. A. Latta, J. D. Bell, H.
 L. Walker, R. W. Ruhl, E. C. Gad-

dis, J. W. Dressler and J. C. Mann.
 The board of directors will meet in
 the near future and elect officers for
 1917.

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 food, or have a feeling of dizziness,
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Ask your pharmacist to show you
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 then you will understand why dys-
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 stomachs or indigestion in five min-
 utes. "Pape's Diapepsin" is harm-
 less, tastes like candy, though each
 dose will digest and prepare for as-
 similation with the blood, all the
 food you eat; besides, it makes you
 go to the table with a healthy ap-
 petite; but what will please you most,
 is that you will feel that your stom-
 ach and intestines are clean and
 fresh, and you will not need to re-
 sort to laxatives or liver pills for
 biliousness or constipation.

This city will have many "Pape's
 Diapepsin" cranks, as some people
 will call them, but you will be en-
 thusiastic about this splendid stom-
 ach preparation, too, if you ever take
 it for indigestion, gases, heartburn,
 sourness, dyspepsia, or any stomach
 misery.

Get some now, this minute, and fix
 yourself of stomach misery and indig-
 estion in five minutes.

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