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**FRENZIED FINANCIAL FOLLY**

The summary of the city's financial indebtedness published yesterday, the improvement bonds issued for water mains and paving were overlooked. A complete statement of the city's present indebtedness is as follows, excluding the \$300,000 Blue Ledge railroad bonds, authorized but not issued, and now in the courts:

General bonds	\$513,000
Improvement bonds—sewers	74,250
Improvement bonds—water mains	78,750
Improvement bonds—paving	552,250
<b>Total general and Bancroft act</b>	<b>1,218,500</b>

The Medynski scheme would refund the paying improvement bonds and the money already paid for their redemption with a general bond and warrant issue. The total cost of the payment was \$930,000 to which must be added \$100,000 interest, already paid. The \$370,000 also paid, and with the interest is to be refunded in interest-bearing warrants. The total indebtedness of the city would then be:

General bonds outstanding	\$ 513,000
General bonds, refunding paving	552,250
Improvement bonds, water and sewer	153,250
Refunding warrants—paving	379,000
Refunding warrants for interest	100,000
<b>Total indebtedness</b>	<b>\$1,698,500</b>

If we include the \$300,000 Blue Ledge railroad bonds, we have an indebtedness of approximately \$2,000,000 upon an assessed valuation of \$4,000,000, or 50 per cent of the valuation.

Without figuring the Blue Ledge railroad bonds, the Medynski plan increases the general indebtedness from \$513,000 to \$1,535,250, and the general and Bancroft act indebtedness is increased from \$1,218,500 to \$1,688,500, with the city gaining nothing from the increased debt, and everyone in the community penalized by excessive taxation.

This is, however, not the worst of it. The bonds will be unsaleable, just as the Blue Ledge railroad bonds are, for the same reason, the city already having passed the safety limit in indebtedness.

The owners of the outstanding bonds would at once contest the validity of the entire proceeding, the city would have to default upon the \$30,000 refunding bonds due March 1, 1917, its credit be shattered, and the city plunged in financial chaos with bankruptcy for city and individuals the sure and certain outcome.

It is alleged by its advocates that the Medynski plan is for the special benefit of the poor people and would only penalize the well-to-do. This is pure bumbo. The Medynski plan will penalize directly every property owner, except the holders of vacant lots on paved streets, and indirectly penalize every man, woman and child in the city. It is particularly unjust to the property owner on unpaved streets and it makes the tenant pay for the landlord's benefits.

When taxation becomes excessive and paralyzes the growth and progress of the city and strangles economic and industrial development, the rich can move away, but the poor have to suffer, while their property is confiscated. The Mail Tribune opposed the Blue Ledge railroad bond issue, because the proceedings were illegal and the city not sufficiently protected. Compared, however, with the Medynski scheme, it was most meritorious, for it aimed to encourage the development of our resources, while the Medynski plan increases indebtedness, effectually stifles development and drives away population.

It is up to every loyal citizen to get out and work against this frenzied financial folly and avert disaster.

**THE MEDYNSKI PLATFORM**

The platform put forth by the Medynskites contains, besides the customary pre-election platitudes, the following:

"Medford's public market shall be open six (6) days in each week. It shall be governed and regulated by a set of rules passed by ordinance. It shall be untrammeled by influence of any kind that is not for the best interest of the people at large. We advocate right of sale for all commodities raised in this valley or manufactured from home products, and seller has full right to set his own price."

Medford's public market has been a success where others have failed, because of its efficient business management. There is no complaint, either from producer or consumer. It has been a model held forth for emulation by all market authorities. Any interference with the system established so successfully would cripple its efficiency.

There is no call, either from the country or the city, for a six-day market. It is at present impractical, for the valley does not raise enough produce to fill the demands for three days, let alone six days. It is with great difficulty, and only by personal canvass and solicitation, that enough produce is secured to keep the market operated a portion of the time.

Another platform plank demands:

"Pure water for Medford to be obtained by the installation of a practical filtering system, one that would increase our storage capacity 200,000 gallons, thereby serving the purpose of another reservoir."

With the credit of the city destroyed by a blanket bond issue of a million dollars, in addition to more than half a million outstanding, with an 8 per cent taxation upon valuation to pay interest, where is the money to be secured for a filtering plant that will cost many thousands of dollars? Where is the money to be obtained for needed water extensions or for any additional improvements?

How is a "business administration" possible "along progressive, efficient and economic business lines" when the Medynski rebonding and bankruptcy scheme is a demonstration of the business capacity shown?

As for the other Medynski platform planks, they are already in effect. City books are regularly audited, city books and records are open to the public and operation is conducted efficiently and economically.

**OLDE STUFF**

The cartoonist has a picture of a kid steering jam. He's such a common every-day stuff to have the mother waltz into the pantry and find Emil eating the jam, y'know—nit! and you ever do it!

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**CALIFORNIA SPENT EIGHTEEN MILLIONS FOR STATE ROADS**

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 5.—When 77 more miles of concrete base road and 76 miles of graded roadway have been completed, the California state highway commission will have constructed and graded a total of 1,562.23 miles costing \$18,000,000, the total amount of the first state highway bond issue, according to a special state road and highway report submitted to Governor Johnson by the state engineering department and the state highway commission.

The complete state highway system, exclusive of the special laterals provided for in the \$15,000,000 bond issue just voted for by the electorate of the state, is to be 3,269 miles in length. The figures indicate that the system is less than half constructed, but with the organization now available, all the field work and data ready, it will be possible and feasible to complete the system with the \$12,000,000 available, leaving \$3,000,000 for special cross-country roads provided in the bond issue.

A recapitulation of what the state has received for the \$18,000,000 outlay shows the following miles of the various kinds of state roads constructed by the commission: Concrete base, Topeka surfacing, 18.08 miles; concrete base, asphalt surfacing, 5.41 miles; macadam, Topeka surfacing, 16.54; macadam, oiled, 158.46 miles; asphaltic concrete, 10.37 miles; bridges, 84 of a mile; graded only 416.65, making a total of 1,562.23 miles of state highway.

The state highway commission is particularly proud of its concrete road and calls the governor's attention to the fact that the oldest concrete roads built by the commission have been protected by the thin bituminous wearing coat for nearly four years and the maintenance cost has been very low.

"The commission has developed what may be called its standard type of pavement consisting of a relatively thin concrete base covered and protected by a thin bituminous wearing coat. The concrete is laid without expansion joints and upon a well consolidated subgrade," says the report.

**COMMUNICATION**

To the Editor:

The injustice of charging the full amount of the paving debt against the property abutting the pavement has been recognized by the city council, by every committee appointed to investigate it, and by every individual who has given it any thought.

Any attempt on the part of the city to collect by direct assessment, the balance of the paving debt, from the owners of the property abutting the pavement would collapse.

The litigation that would follow this attempt on the part of the city and the subsequent effect it would have upon the value of all of the property in Medford would increase the sentiment against this procedure, so action would be deferred as in the past.

Too many lots would be found that it would be necessary to proceed against, so too large a per cent of the property owners would oppose it.

If this was a large city like Seattle, with only a small area and a small per cent of the people effected, the public sentiment would be considerable than it will be here.

In a town this size it becomes a family affair and in this instance too many members of the family are effected.

Pay according to benefits derived in good business.

This principle should be applied in balancing the paving account. And it happens at this time that this principle will be nearly enough applied by following the lines of least resistance in solving this paving problem so that practically every one will be satisfied.

First: the city should assume the remainder of the paving debt with-

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out any hope, threat or endeavor on the part of the city to collect it by direct assessment from those owning property abutting the pavement. Under any plan that has been discussed the city must issue its bonds to pay this debt of something like \$525,000.00, but the Hanson plan proposes that this amount be collected by the city through direct assessment from those owning property on the paving.

It would be "proceeding along the line of least resistance" to attempt this collection.

Second: The accounts of those owning property abutting the pavement, should be adjusted in a manner so that all will be placed on an equal footing. The original total cost of the paving was \$925,000.00. Owners of property on the pavement, through direct assessments, have paid \$470,000.00, a little over 50 per cent of the original cost. Now any one who has not paid as much as this 50 per cent of the original cost of the paving debt against his lot, should be held for the amount of this deficiency in order that those who have paid in more than this 50 per cent can be reimbursed for the amount over paid. Ten years could be given to straighten up this; one-tenth due each year with the whole amount left charged against the property so that in case of default the city could get judgment for the whole amount.

Public sentiment would be strong enough to enforce this adjustment. Credits could be issued by the city to those who had paid more than 50 per cent.

Third: Property should be reassessed for tax purposes. This could be done by appointing committees as outlined in the "Medynski Plan."

Fourth: The city should re-bond as necessary to take care of the city's indebtedness.

If both the Hanson and Medynski plans are defeated, a "50-50 Plan" will be proposed. Vote "No" at the coming election on both plans submitted. J. C. BARNES.

**VOTERS, ATTENTION**

Believing that the best interests of the City of Medford demand that the Hanson plan of refinancing be adopted, we hereby recommend that every citizen interested in the future welfare of the city vote for the Hanson plan.

- THE JACKSON COUNTY BANK, By C. W. McDonald, President.
  - THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK, By Wm. G. Tait, President.
  - FARMERS & FRUITGROWERS BANK, By Delroy Getchell, Pres.
  - MEDFORD NATIONAL BANK, By W. H. Gore, President.
- (Paid Adv.)

**Stockholders Meeting.**

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LONDON, Jan. 5.—Publication of German peace conditions would be useless in view of the attitude of the British and French press, according to the Berlin Lokai Anzeiger, as quoted in an Amsterdam dispatch to Reuters. The Anzeiger bases its opinion on the resolution in the French senate that France could make no peace with an enemy who occupied French territory.

"Publication of our condition," says this paper, "would now be undignified, and moreover would not be of the least use, if the evacuation of French territory is made a preliminary condition for peace negotiations. Though this condition is not contained in the entente note, it still exists, and therefore it is the French senate and the French government who render impossible the publication of our peace conditions."

"We must show to the door any neutral who should dare to demand from us that we should regard as an invitation the words of the reply, 'as a suggestion without conditions for opening negotiations is no peace offer.' We must refer such a neutral to the resolution of the French senate."

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