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EM-TEES

King George says, "We'll fight to a finish." In other words, to the last man.

Who's the last man? The king. Nope! The folk, just ahead of him.

WE SHOULD SAY SO Wanted—Skilled grammar teacher.—Hickville Morning Mash.

DID YOU KNOW—When the publisher can't make anything out of your poems, neither can you.

And "Brevity is the soul of wit," but very few people feel witty when they're short.

THE WILD FLOWER Today when I got out of bed I nearly jumped with joy. And looked in the mirror, said, "Shake hands with me, my boy!" The reason's very slight I didn't have to shave; I shaved myself last night! (Musical rights reserved.)

"Walter is this a lamb chop or a pork chop?" Walter—"Can't you tell by the taste?" "No." "Well then, what does it matter?" "Awright, boys! Let's go!"

NO BOOTHS REFUSED IN PUBLIC MARKET

In reply to the attack made upon the public market by Medynski voters at the Page Friday night, Market Master Runyon stated today that he had never refused a booth to anyone that wanted to sell in the market, and that when the market was over-crowded, those who wished to, sold products outside the building. He also asserts that no merchant had ever attempted to fix prices.

Maximum prices are fixed to keep the public from being over-charged, but that anyone who wished, could sell at a higher price if he desired, but experience had shown that those who over-charged had their goods left over, or were compelled to sell at a sacrifice to keep from having them left over.

ATTENTION, VOTERS

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.

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HOME SAVERS LEAGUE

We, the undersigned, hereby call a meeting at the Natatorium to organize a league to protect the interests of the homes of Medford by carrying the Hanson plan, Saturday evening, January 6, 1917, at 7:30 p. m.

T. W. Derr, A. B. Talley, J. H. Talley, J. D. Wylie, C. H. Marres, Howard A. Hill, B. F. Forbes, Jr., B. F. Forbes, Sr., W. A. Moffet, W. W. Bates, A. N. Hildebrand, committees. (Paid Adv.)

With Medford trade in Medford made.

SHACKLING MEDFORD

THE word bond originates from the Anglo-Saxon bonda—meaning a vassal or serf; a slave.

To bond means to inflict bondage upon. Bond as a noun also means that which binds, ties, fastens; a shackle or a manacle. In the plural it means the state of being bound, imprisonment.

In another sense, it means to mortgage. Mortgage is derived from the Latin mort, death, and gage, meaning pledge—a death pledge—a death grip.

To bond the city for a million dollars to refund property owners along paved streets for individual obligations incurred without the city's receiving any benefit therefrom certainly makes the city the vassal and slave of the individual, puts the city in bondage for thirty years, binds, ties, fastens and shackles its development—mortgages its future with a death grip.

Medford during the period of its rapid growth expanded too much. In making improvements which its amazing development seemed at the time to justify, the city went heavily into debt. Had the worldwide depression not followed and checked the city's growth, these expenditures would probably have been justified.

It is a foolish community that will not learn from mistakes of the past. Because the city has gone too heavily into debt in the past is no excuse for plunging still more heavily at present—in order to afford a questionable financial relief to a portion of the property owners by refunding their cash expenditures with unsaleable warrants.

There is this about the indebtedness floated in the past—the city received the benefit of the expenditures. The water system is a paying investment. The storm and trunk sewers were public necessities. Other indebtedness represents needed improvements. The Medynski bonding proposal means nothing in the way of development, but is designed as a relief to those hard up, those who have been caught by their greed in speculation, and those who are well-to-do, but seek to shove their personal obligations onto the community.

We cannot build up a city by exhausting its credit for the benefit of individuals. We cannot attract industry and population by high taxes and bankruptcy.

NOT COMPETITIVE MEASURES

THE Medynski plan pretends to remedy only one of the city's financial troubles—the paying assessments. It leaves the other indebtedness untingled.

The Hanson plan is not a competitive measure with the Medynski plan in any sense. It is a comprehensive plan to care for the city's entire indebtedness and presents a carefully prepared schedule of settling all the city's indebtedness so as not to work hardship upon any one.

An issue of \$45,000 refunding bonds falls due April 1, 1917, with only \$14,134 in the sinking fund to meet it. The Medynski plan provides no way to meet this \$30,000. Another issue of bonds to meet it will be unsaleable; the city must default, its credit be ruined and bankruptcy be forced.

An issue of \$25,000 city hall and general improvement bonds falls due February 1, 1918, with nothing in the sinking fund to meet it. From thence on through the next twenty years, other issues of bonds fall due, with nothing in the sinking funds. The Medynski plan provides no way of meeting this indebtedness. With the city's credit already exhausted by the huge bond and warrant issue it entails, there will be no way of meeting obligations.

The Hanson plan takes care of all of this outstanding indebtedness, maintains the city's credit and keeps down taxation to a reasonable basis. There ought not to be a shadow of doubt in the mind of anyone who has given the subject thought as to relative merits of the two plans, for the Medynski plan does not in any way solve the city's financial troubles—it multiplies them.

THE BANKS ADVICE

THE four Medford banks, realizing the gravity of the financial crisis confronting Medford, have issued the following statement:

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The prosperity of the banks depend upon the prosperity of Medford. Every banker and every financier, every business man in the city realizes that the adoption of the Medynski plan spells financial chaos and bankruptcy for Medford. Its adoption would discredit popular government by proving the incapacity of the people in financial affairs.

Why does not Medford property, in spite of our natural assets and climatic advantages, sell? Because the chaotic condition of Medford's finances and the crazy financial schemes spring make it an unsafe place for investment.

Until we get our finances in order, under some such orderly system as the Hanson plan provides, Medford property will not sell. Investors will not come, and if the Medynski plan was adopted, property will continue to depreciate for years to come—for high taxation will ruin any municipality.

A STRADDLER NOT NEEDED

IT is to be regretted that Mr. Nordwick has violated his promises and become a candidate for mayor. His platform promises nothing in law enforcement that the other candidates do not promise. His position upon refinancing the city's indebtedness is a straddle.

From Mr. Feld's remarks at the Page Friday night, the inference must be drawn that Mr. Nordwick's candidacy is in the interest of Mr. Medynski and for the purpose of splitting the Gates vote. No other inference is possible.

There is but one important issue before the people—straightening out the city's tangled finances, and a suc-

cessful business man is needed for the job. Those who believe in business methods should vote for Mr. Gates. Those who believe in frenzied finance, for Mr. Medynski. There is no excuse for anyone voting for a candidate with no convictions upon this vital subject, or who, if he has them, dares not express them.

STATE POULTRY SHOW OPENS HERE NEXT TUESDAY

The Southern Pacific company, through the good offices of Agent A. J. Van Waning of this city, has granted visitors to the state poultry show to be held in Medford next week opening at Tuesday noon, special rates to this point from Willamette valley and other stations on the route. It is expected that the first shipments of birds will be received today. Entries will be accepted as late as Monday evening.

Thursday has been selected as the school children day for free admission. They may appear at the door of the show for "passes" into the show at any hour of the day or evening.

There will be several thousand dollars' worth of fine poultry on exhibition, some of the choicest birds of the state having been already entered. Jackson county breeders are prepared to surprise the old-time poultry breeders of the Willamette valley, local officials say. They have made excellent progress during the past year.

Newly invented electric incubators and brooders will be an exhibition. Captain A. J. Vance, manager of the telephone company, has an incubator filled with eggs that will hatch during the show. Friday of next week is the day the chicks should appear to help to entertain the visitors.

The Korinek building has been splendidly lighted by the California-Oregon Power company. Heat has been supplied, Insurance Agent McCurdy having generously arranged the matter with the local poultry association.

The several classes of birds on exhibition will be much improved over those of the last local poultry show in this city.

Inquiries about the show and the interest manifested generally gives promise of a large attendance, both locally and from up-state counties.

County Pathologist C. C. Cate, who went to Corvallis Thursday evening, will arrange to have Dr. Dryden or Mr. Lamb from the Oregon Agricultural college deliver a lecture during the progress of the show. Professor F. C. Reimer of the Southern Oregon experiment station, will deliver

EXCURSION FROM CANADA DUE IN MEDFORD SUNDAY

Traveling in a special train over the Southern Pacific, 216 residents of western Canada and eastern Oregon and Washington will make a brief stay in the city Sunday noon. They will be met by a reception committee from the Commercial club and by a large delegation of the business men of the city.

A special effort will be made to impress the mineral development and resources of southern Oregon upon the excursionists, among whom are a number of mining men. A committee will be at the train to show an exhibit of minerals and to explain the resources of this section.

Local apple packers have donated a quantity of fancy pack apples which will be distributed among the travelers.

All business men of the city are requested to assemble at the Southern Pacific station at noon tomorrow and assist in giving the strangers a hearty welcome.

An address to the farmers and poultry people and others will speak on appropriate subjects.

The purpose of the local management is to make one of the best and most valuable educational shows of the kind ever held in the state. It is the Southern Oregon association's intention to place Jackson and its sister counties on the map as the ideal poultry region of the coast.

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State Poultry Show MEDFORD, OREGON Jan. 9 to Jan. 13, Inclusive B. F. KEENEY, Judge ERNEST WEBB, Superintendent Entries Close Midnight, January 7. Judging Begins Tuesday, 9 A. M. Awards by Comparison Southern Oregon Birds will also be scored. Cash Premiums Will Net 60 Per Cent of Entry Fees. Many Elegant Cups Offered Large attendance of Prominent Poulterers promised from Northern Oregon. ADMISSION: Adults 25c, Children 10c. Show Formally Opened at Noon, Jan. 9 By order Executive Board

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