

DIRE CALAMITY IS PREDICTION OF MEDYNSKYITES

"Within fifteen days after the passage of the Hanson plan, should it be passed, the city of Medford will own two thirds of the homes of the city," stated W. C. Crewes, who opened the mass meeting for the Medynski forces at the Page theatre last night.

"Once the city is in possession," he continued, "there will be no chance for the people to regain possession of their property, within the two years given for redeeming; interest, penalty, and taxes in the two years will amount to thirty per cent and you will lose your homes for good."

A prediction even more direful than the preceding was next made by Mr. Crewes, who stated that periodically these homes will be placed on the auction block and sold to the highest bidder. "And what will become of the man who makes his living selling real estate," he shouted, "he will be practically put out of business until these homes have been entirely disposed of." This statement was followed by clapping loud and long from the assembled real estate men.

To Double Valuation. The tax rate of the city will not be raised by putting the Medynski plan into effect, Mr. Crewes explained. Under the Medynski regime a board of equalization will be appointed which with the assessor, will reassess the entire city. A lot off the paving will be assessed at \$250, while a similar lot on the paving will pay taxes on a value of \$500. This would bring the assessed value, he said, to \$7,000,000, where he stated it should now be. In short, he proposed not raising the tax levy, but doubling the valuation.

This working out of the tax situation putting the burden upon owners of lots on the pavement followed Mr. Crewes' statement that the paving is more peculiarly community property than the city water plant and that the whole community should bear an equal part in the payment therefor.

Settling Penalty Crime. The placing of a penalty for non-payment under the Hanson plan Mr. Crewes characterized as a crime stating, "putting that penalty into effect would be the greatest crime in history since Christ chased the money changers out of the temple."

In spite of the heat which Mr. Crewes had generated by this time, he managed to read a long list of questions which the Medynski adherents demanded that the city attorney answer, following which he gave over the stage to his partner-at-law, R. B. McCabe, city attorney.

Mr. McCabe showed in his treatment of the Hanson plan remarkable harmony with his partner's views. In fact, their speeches might well have been given from the same set of notes, differing only in their delivery. Mr. Crewes speaking heatedly, while Mr. McCabe spoke in such a tone that listeners strained to hear themselves addressed as "Dear Brethren."

Mr. McCabe rebuked the statements of Crewes adding that the city of Medford is in excellent financial shape, that her assets exceed her liabilities and that the water plant alone could be sold for enough to pay the city's debts and leave a wide margin.

McCabe Aims Grievances. The remainder of his address Mr. McCabe devoted to an airing of his grievances against the city council, averring that he had been neglected, abused and his advice disregarded, but that he served the people, who had to pay the bills.

Following a solo of "Home Sweet Home" by Miss Bess Bryan, F. V. Medynski, originator of the Medynski plan and candidate for mayor, walked out on the stage wiping his eyes and proclaimed the sadness that crept into his soul at the prospect of "the people" losing their humble homes. He followed this with his usual statement of his deep interest in the welfare of the "masses" as against the "classes."

Earl Pohl, the last speaker on the program, attacked the conduct of the public market and explained his reason for refusing to debate, as an aversion to having the Medford papers publish an account of the debate, which he believes will be "hostile" to the Medynski interests.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 6.—A dispatch to the Rheinische Westphalische Zeitung of Essen from Berlin states that negotiations are proceeding at Lucerne, Switzerland, between representatives of Austria-Hungary and Montenegro, Germany also being represented, with a view to the creation of a new south Slavonic state under Austro-Hungarian protection. Minister Mirko of Montenegro, it is added, will be the ruler of the new state.

HOWARD FAVORS MEDYNSKI PLAN OF REFINANCING

To the Editor:

There seems to be a three-cornered fight in this man's town regarding the merits of the different plans, and most every one is trying to explain the values of the different plans, so why not I? Many of the best people of the city are ranged on either side. I might classify the three parties as the people's, the devil's and the church. Justice for the poor home builders seems to be the object of the Medynski plan. Evasion of just taxation and responsibility of my brother's keeper and the repudiation of the great brotherhood of man seems to pervade the advocates of the devil's, or Hanson plan. The Commercial club and the Business Men's association seem to oppose the Medynski plan—they have become so obsessed in the chase for the almighty dollar that their hearts are hardened against the call for the relief of their distressed brothers.

Now, here comes dear Pop Gates (every one loves Pop Gates), but he must have got the automobile dementia to join hands with the devil's forces. The devil must have taken him to the top of Roxy Anne and showed him the whole world and part of Jackson county and promised him the agency of the entire Ford output if he would serve him. I am supremely sorry, but he could never be trusted with the steering wheel again. And my friend, Gus Newbury, who was so all that he could only lie in one position (but I am pleased to know that he has so far recovered that he can lie easily in any position), poor Gus, he, too, has gone wrong. The newspapers that we sustain have gone wrong, tempted by the thousands of dollars that they will get for advertising forced sales if the Hanson plan prevails.

Under the present order of things the water plant, at a cost of \$5 per quarter, pays for its upkeep, and enough to pay interest on the bonds and leave a sinking fund besides. The Medynski plan leaves this undisturbed; the Hanson plan provides that all the bonded indebtedness shall be in a general bond indebtedness. The water bond debt is about one-third (this may not be quite correct, but answers by illustration); the water rates at \$5 per quarter pay for all expenses connected therewith. Now, if under the Hanson plan the bond debt is covered by a general obligation bond, the higher-ups will let the water rates be augmented enough to provide for all bond issues, so if the present rates pay one-third of the debt we will increase the rate by three and make a rate to consumers of \$15 per quarter, or about \$1.25 per month for a lot 50x100 feet, then that would pay all bond debt and we (Hansonites) would be exempt from taxation on bond account, and the man with \$50,000 worth of property would be exempt, and the home builder with a lot 50x100 feet would pay as much as the \$50,000 man with a lot the same size. And it is so easily collected—water rates are inexorable; you pay promptly or your water is shut off.

What home-builder or working man paying for his home on the installment plan, could ever stand it. Under the present sanitary conditions no family could live without the water for twenty-four hours, yet it would be way up or your water would be shut off. This affects the man off the pavement as well as on.

I implore all laboring men to protect themselves by voting "no" on the Hanson plan and "yes" on the Medynski plan.

Yours for the right,
J. S. HOWARD.

EARLY SETTLEMENT SHIPBUILDERS STRIKE

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 6.—Prospects for an early settlement of the shipbuilders' strike at the Northwest Steel company plant, one of the two shipyards affected, were bright today, according to both union laborers and company officials. At a conference today President Bowles of the Northwest company submitted a tentative wage scale which union men said might form a working basis for agreement. The men's answer on the proposition may be reached by tonight, they said.

By common consent the closed shop was not mentioned. President Bowles told the strikers that a closed shop wage similar to scales effective in Seattle and San Francisco, which was one of the union's demands, was, in the main, lower than the scale submitted today.

QUICKSILVER MINES INCREASE PRODUCTION 1916

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The domestic output of quicksilver in 1916, according to preliminary figures collected from the individual producers by H. D. McCaskey, of the United States geological survey, department of the interior, was 28,942 flasks of 75 pounds each, valued, at the average domestic price for the year at San Francisco (estimated at \$125.90 a flask), at \$3,643,800. This was the greatest output in quantity since 1905 and not only the greatest in value since 1875, but, except the value of \$4,228,538 for that year, was the greatest in the history of the domestic industry, dating back to 1850. Compared with the survey's final figures of output for 1915, which gave a production of 21,033 flasks, valued at \$1,826,912, the preliminary figures for 1916 show an increase of 7909 flasks, or 38 per cent, in quantity, and of \$1,816,888, or 99 per cent, in value.

The productive states, named in order of rank, were California, Texas, Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Arizona, all of which increased their output except Nevada, although Arizona has produced only a nominal quantity to date and Washington had produced none prior to 1916.

Increase in California. The output for California in 1916 was 20,550 flasks, valued at \$2,587,245, as against 14,283 flasks, valued at \$1,174,881, in 1915. Quicksilver prospecting and mining were generally active in California in 1916, and some of the large furnaces were worked profitably upon ores of lower grade than has ever been reported in the history of this industry. Many additions to plants, including experimental forms of roasters and condensers and concentrating appliances, were brought into use in the effort not only to increase the output so as to take advantage of high prices, but also to try out new methods of recovery while the industry could afford to pay for experimentation. New report plants were built at many of the smaller mines in California, as well as in Oregon, Washington, Nevada and Arizona.

Oregon and Washington. The combined production of Oregon and Washington in 1916 was 412 flasks, valued at \$51,870, against a nominal output from Oregon alone in 1915.

In Oregon there was a considerable yield from the Black Butte mine in Lane county, reopened in 1916. In the Meadows district of Jackson county there was a small preliminary output from the Little Jean, Rancier and Mrs. Dewey properties. In this district also a large amount of development work was done on the Mountain King property, which may become an important producer when a reduction plant is built for the area. In Douglas county a small yield was made from the Bowers prospect, and elsewhere in Oregon there was lively prospecting for quicksilver ores.

Highest Prices of Record. Never before in the history of the industry have such prices been obtained for quicksilver as in the first three months of 1916. The average San Francisco domestic price for January was \$222 per flask, and this rose to \$295 for February, during which some metal is reported to have been sold for \$400 a flask. The average declined to \$219 in March, to \$141.60 in April, to \$90 in May, and to \$74.70 in June. The price then steadied, and from July to December the monthly averages did not fall below \$74.50 nor rise above \$81.20. The year ended with an average for December of about \$80 per flask.

RUSSIAN FORT CAPTURED (Continued From Page One.)

sible by the Russian evacuation of the province. It is not only here, however, that the Sereth line is threatened, for, despite a tenacious defense by the Russians and Rumanians, the line northward beyond the Buzen river is not holding well against the Teutonic pressures, while the efforts to keep the Teutons in check in the Moldavian frontier valleys is apparently proving still less successful.

Imperis Position. A break in this line on the southern frontier would imperil the Moldavian frontier position, while the piercing of the frontier line itself, not an apparent improbability, would endanger the entire line running southwestward to the Danube.

In these circumstances commentators in entente capitals are considering the possibility of the Russians being compelled to abandon the line of the Sereth and withdraw to the Russian frontier or beyond it to Bessarabia.

METAL PRODUCTION IN OREGON 1916 SHOWS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—Preliminary estimates of the production of metals from Oregon mines in 1916 by the United States geological survey, department of the interior, show increases over 1915 for gold, silver and copper, and a decrease for lead. The output of gold in 1915 was \$1,861,796 and the estimated output for 1916 is \$1,900,000, an increase of \$38,000. The output of silver in 1915 was 117,947 ounces, and the estimated output in 1916 is 227,500 ounces, or 109,500 ounces more. The output of copper in 1915 was 451,172 pounds, and the estimated output in 1916 is 2,527,000 pounds, an increase for 1916 of 2,076,000 pounds, and the output of lead in 1915 was 62,957 pounds, as compared with 22,000 pounds in 1916, or 41,000 pounds less. These preliminary figures are compiled by Charles G. Yale of the San Francisco office of the geological survey.

The increase in gold is merely nominal, but that of silver has about doubled. The most notable increase is in the quantity of copper, an increase caused by the incentive offered by high prices. There are less than a hundred productive metal mines in Oregon, and the number of placers is about double that of the deep mines. However, two-thirds of the gold output and virtually all that of the other metals, is derived from deep mines. No very productive new properties have been opened during the year. The entire output of the deep mines is derived from less than 160,000 tons of ore, having an average value of about \$9 a ton. Baker is still the most productive county in the state, yielding annually nearly 90 per cent of all the gold. The Cornucopia and the Baker mines, in the Cornucopia district, Baker county, are the most productive deep mines in Oregon. Other large deep mines in Baker county are those of the Commercial Mining Co. (Rainbow mine), at Rye Valley, in the Mormon Basin district; of the Columbia Gold Mines Co. at Sumpster, Crocker Creek district; and of the Homestead Iron Dyke district, at Copperfield.

The most productive hydraulic mine in Oregon is that on the property of the Columbia Mines Co., in Placer district, Josephine county. Other notably productive hydraulic mines are the Martin & Daniels, Galice district, Josephine county, and the Sterling, Jackson county. The gold won by dredging far exceeds that obtained by all other forms of placer mining combined.

FOOTS CREEK ITEMS

The snow came to a depth of 25 inches in the valley, and still more fell on the hills. La grippe has come on Foots creek and is claiming several people as victims. Our people have nearly all their stock in now. The snow coming so early caught all of our people unprepared. It is reported that Liege Davidson is seriously ill on Sacker creek. Miss Estella Davidson of Applegate is spending a few weeks in Jacksonville with her sister. Miss May Youngblood and brother Paul of Grants Pass spent the holidays with Mrs. Anderson and Mrs. Bolding of this place. Amy Koester is on the sick list.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

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Circuit Court

F. J. McCarvel vs. John and Alice Winders, suit in equity. Bruce Locke vs. E. B. Crouch et al., summons. Jackson County Bank vs. Alvin W. McPherson et al., stipulation. B. F. Peart et al. vs. E. W. Carnahan et al., stipulation. Harriet C. Pierce estate, admitted to probate. T. B. Lamsden vs. J. P. Mundy, summons. Jesse Houck et al. vs. Vincent Lamm et al., for money.

Real Estate Transfers

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here. Mrs. Wiley had been an invalid for some time and her death came not as a surprise to the many friends of the family. Mrs. Kent of Portland is a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Brower. Mr. Brower is editor of the Central Point Herald.

Will Downing of Applegate was a recent business visitor in Central Point. About forty young people gathered at the home of Editor Brower Wednesday evening and enjoyed 3 hours of merriment and general good time. Many clever and brilliant stunts were pulled off, after which an elegant repast was served. Mr. and Mrs. Brower are to be complimented on their ideal hospitality.

Mrs. V. D. Brophy of Medford visited with home folks here Thursday. Misses Louise and Theresa Elletstad were Medford visitors the middle of the week. Miss Alta Norcross leaves Saturday for San Jose at which place she goes to resume her studies at the Normal school.

Miss Audrey Holmes will leave the last of the week for Mouthmouth where she is training in the teaching profession for a period. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ellison of Portland were week-end guests of Mrs. F. A. Hawk and family. Mrs. F. A. Hawk visited Jacksonville friends the first of the week.

Mr. Hawkins of San Francisco visited old friends here recently. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hay and daughter, Ariene, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Oakes Ames of Medford. Mrs. Ames is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hay.

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