

### NORDWICK BROKE PROMISE WHEN PETITION FILED

With the eleventh hour filing of H. O. Nordwick as candidate for mayor, there are three men actively in the field for that office, C. E. Gates, F. V. Medynski and Mr. Nordwick. Before leaving for a trip to Washington last week Mr. Nordwick stated that he would not enter the field.

Late Saturday afternoon C. L. McDonald appeared at the city recorder's office with a petition to file in behalf of Mr. Nordwick. At about the same time the city recorder received a telegram, dated at Sedro Wooley, Wash., authorizing Mr. McDonald to file in Nordwick's behalf.

#### Backers Compel Flop.

On his return this week from Washington, Mr. Nordwick explained his flopping by stating that the backers of his ticket prevailed upon him to do so, that the plans for swinging the campaign would be upset by his retirement and that therefore, he must enter the race.

"As it is the desire of my backers that I run," stated Mr. Nordwick, "I will stay in the race and go down to defeat."

As explained by Earl Fehl at the mass meeting at the Page theatre last night Nordwick agreed at one time not to oppose Medynski or the Medynski plan in the election. With the appearance of Nordwick in the field, Fehl was for a short time of the opinion that he had been double-crossed by Nordwick. Later, however, Fehl was informed by Medynski that he had released Nordwick from his promise and had told Nordwick that it was agreeable for him to enter the field and make his campaign.

Mr. Nordwick, before his departure, also promised Mr. Gates that he would not file after securing a written pledge from Mr. Gates that Gates stood for law enforcement, but he made no attempt to secure a release from this promise.

Medford banks received today shipments of new half dollars, which bear on one side a large picture of the Goddess of Liberty and on the reverse side a large American eagle.

### KAISER INDIGNANT OVER REJECTION OF PEACE PROPOSAL

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 5.—A Berlin telegram says that the following order of the German emperor to the army and navy has been officially published:

"Conjointly with the allied (central) powers rulers, I proposed to our enemies to enter forthwith into peace negotiations. Our enemies refused my offer. Their hunger for power desires Germany's destruction. The war will be continued. Before God and humanity, I declare that on the governments of our enemies alone falls the heavy responsibility for all the further terrific sacrifices from which I wished to save you.

"With justified indignation at our enemies' arrogant crime and with determination to defend our holiest possessions and secure for the fatherland a happy future, you will become as steel. Our enemies did not want the understanding offered by me. With God's help our arms will enforce it."

### BUFFALO BILL NEARING DEATH

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo., Jan. 5.—The condition of Colonel William F. Cody (Buffalo Billy) took a turn for the worse early today and his physician announced he was hurrying the colonel back to Denver.

"Colonel Cody is slowly nearing the end and cannot recover from his present illness," Dr. W. W. Cook, in attendance, announced.

Colonel Cody came to this resort this week in the hope of recovering his health. He suffered a nervous collapse last night as a result, his mental faculties are in a serious condition, according to Dr. Cook.

It is planned to take the Colonel to Denver tonight and later to his old home in Cody, Wyo. Colonel Cody contracted a severe cold several weeks ago. His condition since has grown critical because of complications.

### MISSING LINK CONNECTS SUICIDE WITH DEAD GIRL

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—A missing link in the chain of circumstantial evidence forged by the police about Bernard W. Lewis, who committed suicide in an Atlantic City hotel and who, the authorities say, they are convinced was the slayer of Maizie Colbert, art model, may be supplied today when detectives question a new witness said to have been found.

Despite the damaging evidence collected against the Pittsburg man, the police so far admit they have no positive proof that Lewis knew Miss Colbert. Neither have they positive proof that he ever entered the apartments of the girl. Coupled to this is the lack of a known motive.

The detectives say they were informed late last night that an automobile accessory dealer will produce a woman today, who was with Maizie Colbert on the night preceding the murder and heard the model talk on the telephone with Lewis, who was at a hotel. Miss Colbert refused to meet the man at first, but later an appointment was made, the police say. It was also stated that this woman can show that Lewis and the model met at an automobile show held here a year ago.

Marie Collins, an intimate friend of Miss Colbert, told Captain of Detectives Tate that she never heard her speak of Lewis, although she was acquainted with every man that had ever visited her chum.

"It was always Maizie's custom," said Miss Collins, "that whenever she had a visitor to telephone me. On Friday morning, however, when I called her up and told her I was not feeling well and invited her to my apartments on the second floor, she said only that she had company. On every other occasion she told me the name of the man who was with her in her apartments."

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### AMERICA ASKS GREECE TO REFUND CITIZEN'S MONEY

LONDON, Jan. 5.—News dispatches from Athens quote passages from a note presented to the Greek government on December 24 by the American minister, detailing the case of an American citizen, Basil Saffis, who was arrested on December 2 as a revolutionary by Greek soldiers. The soldiers were said to have ignored Saffis, American passports and to have taken 3,545 francs from his pocket, although after examination he was liberated.

As quoted, the note describes how Saffis left his dwelling to buy food when he was seized, despite his protestations and the production of his passport and taken before a high officer, who refused to hear him and ordered the soldiers to take him away. Saffis soon realized that he was being taken out of the city and from jests exchanged between his escorts and various passing patrols realized that he was about to be executed. He implored his guards not to put him to death and according to the dispatches, he was forced along

with blows from fists and butts of rifles until they were outside the city when an orderly overtook them and ordered Saffis to be taken back to the barracks. Here he was examined by several officers, who being convinced of his nationality, ordered him released.

According to the dispatches the American note stated that Saffis was in no way concerned with Greek politics and was about to start for America when arrested. The legation delayed taking up the matter with the government, the dispatches say, until convinced of the truth of the man's story and now asks for the restitution of his money and an official inquiry.

### FEHL SHIFTS BLAME ON HANSON FORCES

Earl Fehl states that it was the Hanson forces that called off the debate Monday between himself and Mr. Pierce over the relative merits of the Hanson and Medynski plans, and not himself. He states that he agreed to debate Monday night, and that this was apparently agreed to by E. M. Wilson, representing the Hanson supporters, who afterwards notified him that the debate must be held on Saturday night, instead of Monday.



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# FEHL-PIERCE DEBATE TONIGHT

## MR. FEHL'S CHALLENGE (By Registered Letter)

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 diligently, by challenge and otherwise, endeavored to find some interested citizen of Medford who has the courage 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 challenge to the city attorney, a gentleman whom we know and who this community knows to be the best advised and informed person in Medford as to the merits, legality and feasibility of said plan, and he has accepted our challenge, and the time being fixed for such hearing, one J. G. Pierce, from Seattle, Wash., butts into the game and issues a challenge to me to meet him in public and discuss Medford's affairs.

Now, therefore, I hereby challenge the said gentlemen, 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 associates may appoint. I care not whether it be from the street corner, house tops, public park, theater or Natatorium.

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

EARL H. FEHL.

## Acceptance of Hanson Plan Committee (By Registered Letter)

Medford, Ore., Jan. 4, 1917.

Dear Sir: Replying to your challenge issued to Mr. Pierce, and all others concerned, under date of January 3rd, 1917, and representing the citizens' committee, who desire to have the merits and demerits of the Hanson and Medynski plans discussed publicly, I am directed to accept for them your challenge, and have set Saturday evening, January 6th, 1917, at the Medford Natatorium, as the time and place for said discussion, particular details to be arranged by you and myself prior to the time of debate.

Very truly yours,  
E. W. WILSON.

# Tonight Chosen for Big Debate at the Natatorium

For the Medynski Plan---Earl H. Fehl  
For the Hanson Plan---John G. Pierce

## TO THE PUBLIC

A record crowd will attend this meeting. This is the opportunity to get the information you should have before you cast your ballot. You can't afford to miss it.

# ADMISSION FREE -- 8 O'CLOCK -- NATATORIUM