

### PIERCE EXPLAINS REFINANCING PLANS BEFORE VOTERS

Medford has a heavy paying debt in addition to a general entanglement of financial affairs. The debt must be paid and the affairs untangled. Six hundred Medford people Saturday evening listened in the Natatorium to John G. Pierce explain how affairs might best be straightened. Earl H. Fehl, who has signed a bombastic challenge to meet Mr. Pierce or any one else, anywhere, at any time after Friday evening, did not appear.

Mr. Pierce, who assisted Colonel Howard A. Hanson of Seattle, in the preparation of the Hanson plan, analyzed clearly the advantages of the Hanson plan, as compared to the Medynski plan. He showed that Medford has a bonded general improvement debt of \$213,000 which must be paid. The Medynski plan, Mr. Pierce explained, cannot hope to clear up this debt without undue hardship on the taxpayers of Medford, inasmuch as it proposes paying our present debts by going yet deeper in debt.

**No Undue Hardships.** The Hanson plan, Mr. Pierce explained, proposes the payment of paying debts by the property owners on paved streets, as the class directly benefitted by the laying of the paving. Such pavement, he continued, will not work any undue hardship, inasmuch as the time for payment is extended. During the first three years only interest will be paid and during the next ten years the assessments will be paid off in ten yearly installments. The Hanson plan offers the lowest and most equitable form of payment.

Another item to be considered, stated Mr. Pierce, is the question of the sale of the city's bonds. The Hanson plan will keep the bonded indebtedness of the city down within the limit of safety, recognized by bonding houses and in many instances prescribed by state laws. Keeping down the proportion of bonded indebtedness to assessed valuation, means a more ready sale of the city's bonds at a lower rate of interest.

**Bond Sale Impossible.** In the event the Medynski plan should carry, the proportion of in-

debtedness to assessed valuation will be boosted outside the limit of safety and the sale of the city's bonds would be difficult, if not impossible. Many bond houses have already made this statement in writing concerning the present authorized \$20,000 bond issue.

Following the speech of Mr. Pierce, Delroy Getchell, chairman of the meeting, called upon Earl Fehl to appear and defend the Medynski plan. He was not in the audience.

C. E. Gates, candidate for mayor, the next speaker, outlined his policies, stating that he is a free candidate, not bound by any promises or bonds, except as to a strict enforcement of the law. This point, he stated, he will adhere to, and will see that his officials adhere to also. His interest, in becoming a city official, stated Mr. Gates, is that he might protect the people. A strict business administration will follow his election, he stated, with an accounting to the people of all city affairs.

Following the statement of his policies, Mr. Gates spoke briefly on the benefits of the Hanson plan, as the only just method of the settlement of the paving question.

**Newbury Speaks.** Attorney Gus Newbury, the last speaker on the program, stated that the hiring of Colonel Hanson by the city was a move of wisdom on the part of the city fathers; that his only regret is that the payment of a fee to a municipal expert had not been made several years ago, before the city became so deeply involved.

Several statements made at the Medynski meeting at the Page theatre Friday night were commented upon by Mr. Newbury. The raising of the assessed valuation of the city from \$4,000,000 to \$8,000,000, as proposed by W. E. Crews at the Medynski meeting, will work an undue hardship on the taxpayers, inasmuch as they must necessarily pay excessive county and state taxes in addition to settling their paying debt.

The setting of a penalty for non-payment, which was characterized by Mr. Crews as usury, as with interest, it amounted to 15 per cent, and which he called "the greatest crime since Christ chased the money changers out of the temple," is strictly legal, Mr. Newbury stated. The law of usury, he explained, applies only to private transactions and the penalty system is now in use by all Oregon counties to enforce tax collections.

A vote for Nordwick is a vote for Medynski.

### PRISONER BREAKS HIP IN JAIL BREAK; ANOTHER ESCAPES

The fourth jail break in the past five years occurred at Jacksonville Saturday evening when George Botts and Louis Lavine, held for shooting at a brakeman when they were put off a train in the Siskiyou, worked their way out through the roof of the county jail. Botts made his escape and is now at large. Lavine, in jumping from the roof, fractured his hip and was found lying in the snow at the rear of the jail by Jailer Bayse.

Sheriff Jennings explained the manner of their escape as follows:

"About 7 o'clock Saturday evening Jailer Bayse, hearing a man moaning, went to the back of the jail and found Louis Lavine lying in the snow with a fractured hip. Investigation showed that his partner, George Botts, had escaped. When last heard of he was walking down the track toward Medford.

"The prisoners were allowed the use of the corridor during the day and were locked up each night at 9 o'clock, as is the usual custom. Investigation showed that the man had climbed up the bars of the new cells and from there had climbed up the old cage, which is placed on top of the new cells. They were then within four feet of the ceiling. The ceiling, which is ordinary lath and plaster, was broken through, a hole large enough for the men to crawl through being made.

"The sheeting, one-half inch thick, was next worked through, after which the tin roof was raised.

"Botts jumped from the jail roof to the roof of the ladies' toilet, and from there to the ground. Lavine missed the toilet roof in his leap and landed on the cement walk, the jar breaking his hip."

Lavine is being cared for at the Sacred Heart hospital.

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**To the Voters of the Second Ward**  
I am in favor of the Hanson Plan, and a candidate for the council.  
146 JOHN H. CARKIN.

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### COLONEL SARGENT WRITES COMMENDING GATES' CANDIDACY

Colonel H. H. Sargent, former councilman at Medford, has written to C. E. Gates as follows:

"Dear Mr. Gates:  
"Good for you! I wish I were there to help elect you. In my opinion, it will be a calamity, the greatest calamity to Medford imaginable, if you are not elected. If you are, and the Hanson plan of refunding the city carries, I expect to see Medford get on her feet again, and go forward to renewed prosperity. I am hoping, almost praying, for your success and the success of the Hanson plan in the forthcoming election."  
"Most Sincerely Yours,  
"H. H. SARGENT,"

### FEHL TO SPEAK AT NAT TONIGHT

In compliance with a request from Earl Fehl, Fehl was granted fifteen minutes at the Hanson meeting at the Natatorium tonight in which he will answer points of the Hanson speakers and defend the Medynski plan. The time was granted this morning by the Hanson plan committee.

The conditions asked by Fehl and agreed to by the Hanson committee are that the Hanson speakers will not be interrupted by Fehl and that the Hanson speakers, in turn, will not interrupt Fehl.

### MAYOR EMERICK FOR HANSON PLAN

The report is being circulated that I am opposed to the Hanson plan. This is absolutely false. I am heartily in favor of the Hanson plan and believe the Medynski plan, if carried, will mean ruination for the city and confiscation of property on account of increased taxation.  
V. J. EMERICK, Mayor.

### M'CLURE JUDGED PARANOIAC, SENT TO STATE ASYLUM

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—E. L. McClure, author of "Scientific Money," whose demonstration with a pocket-knife in his effort to gain control of the meeting of the "Forty-Five Efficiency Club" at the Central Library Thursday night almost broke up the gathering, was pronounced insane and ordered committed to the State Hospital at Salem Saturday.

Dr. S. E. Joseph and J. J. Mahoney examined the patient and declared him to be a paranoiac of a violent nature. County Judge Tazewell signed the commitment.

"He had a systematized delusion that he had a great mission to perform," said Dr. Joseph, after the examination. "He was obsessed with the idea that the only way to save the nation financially was through the demonetization of gold."

"He thought that he was destined to organize a large body of clubs throughout the country, of which the one in Portland was to be the chief one. The presiding officer of the Portland club was to be a young man, 'clean as a hound's tooth,' who, in 1929, was to be the president of the United States."

"He had vague ideas regarding plutocracy and democracy and of problems to solve which, he repeated often, he would wade through blood and hair."

Mr. McClure is 67 years old, well preserved and of good physique. He is married. He came here several years ago from Medford, where he was well known.

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### MRS. COPPAGE HELD TO ANSWER TO GRAND JURY

Mrs. Mary Coppage, arrested last week on a charge of attempted bribery, Saturday waived examination before Justice Duxford at Jacksonville and asked to be bound over to the grand jury. Mrs. Coppage was released on \$250 bail to await trial before the grand jury, which meets the third Monday in February.

Mrs. Coppage came to Medford only a week ago, and took over the management of the Palmis rooms. She had formerly been in this city where she had operated other rooming houses.

Chief of Police Hittson Thursday morning received a letter from Mrs. Coppage containing four five dollar bills. The letter, which is being held to be used as evidence in the case, was a veiled statement, hinting at bribery. Hittson, who opened the letter in the presence of Constable Al Hammond, swore out a warrant for the woman's arrest. Investigation into the conduct of affairs at the Palmis is thought to have led to the attempt to silence investigation.

### CITIZENS GREET OLD FRIENDS AND MAKE NEW ONES

The belief that the old world isn't such a big place after all was planted in the minds of many who witnessed the arrival of the Inland Empire excursionists in the city Sunday noon, and saw the greetings between Medfordites and excursionists that followed.

On every hand were old friends meeting once again. There were those who went to the station expecting to see a familiar face among the 216 on the train, and found folks from the home town, not one, but several.

Aside from the greetings, perhaps the pleasantest sight was the manner in which the residents of Albion, among the travelers, fell upon the pears which were donated by local packers and were distributed through the crowd.

About 100 Medford citizens, in all, greeted the train. A committee of them assisted in distributing the pears and apples, another gave out booklets concerning this section, while a third explained the mineral resources of Southern Oregon.

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# HANSON MASS MEETING

at the

## Natatorium Monday Evening

Discussions by

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Heart-to-heart talks on the financial condition of Medford by experienced and unprejudiced citizens, among whom are

**A. E. Reames Gus Newbury Porter J. Neff**  
**F. W. Mears E. E. Kelly T. W. Miles**

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### The Medford Band Will Also Furnish Entertainment