

MEDFORD'S

PROGRESS and PROSPERITY Must Not Be Interrupted

A Few Words on the Recent History of Medford

IN 1917 the City of Medford was practically broke, to all intents and purposes. That is, it had bonds maturing and interest payments due, for the payment of which there had been no provision made. There were no funds on hand to meet these obligations, and the City was confronted with a serious financial situation which was not only an embarrassment to the then administration, but also seriously jeopardized the financial credit and integrity of the City of Medford.

Up to this time no administration had worked out and perfected a comprehensive plan by which the future progress of the city might be assured and its bonded and other obligations met as they matured. In this grave crisis a number of leading citizens and business men were prevailed upon to undertake the very considerable task of reorganizing the city finances as they then were, and of formulating a policy which would be business-like and adequate for the future.

This was the beginning of the so-called Citizens' Committee, who then reorganized the finances of the city and mapped out a forward-looking, comprehensive program, under which program city affairs since then have been handled in a sound, business-like manner and the financial standing of the city set on a premium basis.

A Few of Medford's Recent Accomplishments

SINCE this program has been made effective, the city has more than doubled in population.

Modernized and increased in efficiency its Fire Department.

Procured the Armory Building for Medford.

Erected a warehouse and plant for the Street and Water Department.

Doubled the available space in the present city hall.

Co-operated with Jackson county in securing the present Fair Grounds.

Co-operated on the present Air Field.

Purchased property and installed buildings on the present Playgrounds.

Acquired Jacksonville Railway and its valuable right of way without cost.

Made possible the removal of the County Seat to Medford.

Co-operated in securing the establishment of our largest payroll, THE WEN-OREGON LUMBER COMPANY.

Opened up and graded over eight miles dirt streets.

Paved approximately forty blocks.

Opened up Sixth street to West Main street.

Opened other streets to provide arteries for rapidly increasing traffic.

Installed over three miles sanitary sewers.

Acquired perpetual rights to a water supply sufficient for a city of 30,000 people, and has constructed a water system unsurpassed in the entire country.

Paid off over \$485,000 worth of city bonds.

All of this has been accomplished with but a very slight increase in the millage tax for strictly city purposes.



Mr. Feh, the Perennial Candidate

THE voters have before them as one of the candidates this year, Mr. Feh, the self-styled "Independent" candidate for mayor, a man who for the past twelve years has left no stone unturned to embarrass and discredit the City of Medford. Hardly had he become established as a citizen until he began telling the people how the city business should be run and how everything that was being accomplished was all wrong.

During the twelve years that he has been in Medford and his associates have filed in the courts not less than fifteen lawsuits in efforts to escape the payment of just and fair city assessments. He has been at law with the city almost continuously since 1917 and has exerted himself in every way to hamper and delay the progress and prosperity of the city. Among other things, these destructive tactics delayed the refinancing of the city's bonds for more than a year, at an unnecessary cost to the citizens and taxpayers of Medford of not less than \$70,000. He is now obstructing, through court action, Medford's program of street improvements.

Mr. Feh has opposed through the courts, over a period of years, Medford's present splendid water system. Had the City of Medford consented to pay \$20,000 to Mr. Feh and his associates they would have refrained from filing these particular suits against the city and have been satisfied at the expense of the citizens of Medford. This, we believe, is the measure of Mr. Feh's sincerity in his continual antagonism to those measures which have been proven to be for the city's best interest. This is but another evidence in support of the statement that Mr. Feh's sole object in his repeated attempts to elevate himself to the position of mayor of Medford to serve his own selfish ends.

Mr. Feh has consistently pursued a course of villification and misrepresentation and has at no time during his residence in Medford advanced one single workable, constructive measure. His present campaign is a shining example of his tactics throughout his five previous unsuccessful attempts to have himself or his henchmen elected mayor of Medford. He promises everything, but offers no methods of accomplishment.

A vote for Mr. Feh is a vote against your best interests and against the best interests of your city.

Why You Should Vote for Mr. Pipes

MR. A. W. PIPES, citizens' candidate for mayor, came to Medford about three years ago from Salmon, Idaho. Since he has come to Medford, he has become a large property owner and home owner in Medford. Prior to coming to Medford, Mr. Pipes was engaged in the banking and other business, and has had experience in the administering of city affairs.

HE IS NOT AN OFFICE SEEKER. He was induced to accept the nomination for mayor of Medford at the earnest solicitation of various business and professional men and taxpayers of this locality. He is unhampered by any promises or political affiliations with any political parties or organizations, and will administer the affairs of the City of Medford to the best of his ability, and to the best interests of the city as a whole. Quoting from his own statement to the public: "I have no political ambition to satisfy, no political debts to pay. I desire to court no favors from any group of citizens."

Mr. Pipes is eminently fitted, both by training and experience and native ability, to conduct the affairs of the City of Medford in a dignified and business-like way, and will let credit to the office of mayor by his strong personality and unquestioned character. He can, and will, devote adequate time to the duties of his office. As to law enforcement, we quote from his published statement: "If I am elected mayor, it will be my policy as head of the city government to see to it that law enforcement is administered in a vigorous, intelligent, yet common-sense manner. I will make a survey of the present needs of the City of Medford, with a view to giving Medford a progressive and just administration, and the correction of any mistakes made by former administrations, if any." His successful business experience will enable him to wisely administer the city's affairs.

Quoting from his own statement: "Always conservative in the expenditure of public funds, but aggressive in the building up and improvement of our civic interests as rapidly as it is possible to do with the funds available without too much burden upon the taxpayers."

We believe that it is to the best interest of every individual in Medford, and to the city as a whole, to continue uninterrupted Medford's progress and prosperity by electing Mr. A. W. Pipes as mayor.

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FOR
A. W. Pipes
FOR
Mayor
OF
Medford

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M. N. Hogan, Chairman.

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