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HOW TO GET A NEW PAYROLL FOR MEDFORD

THERE is one feature of this \$235,000 sewer bond issue which hasn't been brought out, and which we regard as an important factor in its favor.
As everyone knows, times are hard, and after the fruit crop is harvested, Medford will be faced by a serious unemployment problem.

BUT WHERE A PUBLIC IMPROVEMENT IS NEEDED, as everyone, even its opponents, agree, this sewer construction is needed—then it seems to us, that the payroll thus created is not only a valid but a convincing argument in its favor.

The major cost for this sewer construction will be for labor, probably \$125,000 in wages alone, and practically all the work will be done by local labor.

UNDER the circumstances we can think of no better form of non-employment insurance for this community, than to pass these bonds, and have this construction under way, during the fall and early winter.

It may well mean the difference between steady wages and no wages at all for scores of families in Medford, during the next eight or ten months.

ISN'T IT WORTH \$5 A YEAR TO YOU, MR. HOME OWNER?

WHILE on this subject it might be well to call attention to Medford's tax situation, and just what effect the passage of these bonds will have upon the taxes of the average householder.

There seems to be a widespread impression that Medford's tax rate is now excessive, and that to increase its general bonded indebtedness, at this time, would strain its credit.

NOTHING COULD BE FURTHER FROM THE TRUTH. Medford now has the lowest tax rate of any municipality in Southern Oregon, and if these bonds are passed, not only will they find a ready market, at an excellent price, but they will not come within hailing distance of even the minimum danger point decreed by the principles of sound and conservative finance.

Medford's assessed valuation is over \$8,000,000. A provision of its charter provides that the total of its general obligation bonds should not exceed 10 per cent of this amount or \$800,000—\$838,500 to be exact.

The total general obligation bonds outstanding is now \$277,500, which leaves an available bondage balance of \$561,000. IN OTHER WORDS, IF THESE SEWAGE BONDS ARE PASSED, MEDFORD WILL STILL HAVE A WORKING SURPLUS OF \$326,000 FOR FUTURE NEEDS, EVEN IF THERE SHOULD BE NO INCREASE IN THE ASSESSED VALUATION.

AS TO the cost to the average householder. The brunt of this cost will be borne, as all city taxes are borne, by big business,—by the large taxpayers. The increase in the tax bill of the average householder will, according to city officials, be not more than \$4 or \$5 a year for 15 years, depending of course, upon the assessed valuation.

WHEN the imperative need of this sewer construction is considered, from the standpoint of community health, avoiding damage suits and litigation, promoting the general public welfare—

When it is considered from the standpoint of establishing a payroll during a critical time, at such a slight cost to the average taxpayer—

When it is considered from the standpoint of Medford's financial status, the excellent condition of the bond market, and the desirability of utilizing our credit for constructive betterments at such a time—

And finally, when it is considered from the standpoint of cold cash,—that THE ANNUAL COST TO THE TAXPAYERS OF MAINTAINING THE PRESENT INADEQUATE SYSTEM, IS ALMOST AS GREAT AS THE ANNUAL INTEREST CHARGE ON THE NEW SYSTEM—

When all these facts are considered then we fail to see how any fair-minded person can deny that— MEDFORD MUST HAVE A NEW SEWER SYSTEM. AND NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD IT.

So the government is determined to get the man higher up who finances the liquor traffic. His name, if you care for the tip, is Old Man Consumer.

The Russians must have superior brains. They don't think themselves superior merely because they have a lot of work to do.

That Oregon man given six months for using profanity on the radio will have sense enough to confine himself to the drama hereafter.

Correct this sentence: "I never condemn a fault in others," said the man, "unless I am wholly free of it myself."

Some Big Shots look so common you can't recognize them except by the shortness of the jail sentence.

Making movies is easy. You just think up a naughty title and then have some actors act a little.

Still, if you didn't feel so important, other people wouldn't seem so impudent and thoughtless.

But wouldn't it have been cheaper and easier to save Germany fourteen years ago?

But nobody postpones the payment of our debts to keep us from turning bolshevik.

FLIGHT O' TIME
FIFTEEN YEARS AGO
THIS WEEK
From the Files of The Mail Tribune

Monday
Second phase of Allies offensive opens on Western Front with British victories.

Tuesday
Rogue Elk is opened on Rogue river by McDonald Brothers.

Wednesday
Six unmuzzled dogs found roaming the streets will be electrocuted unless their owners save them.

Thursday
A 1,000,000 candle power light will illuminate the "Gateway to Crater Lake" sign on the city hall.

Friday
Orchardists start codling moth spraying.

Saturday
Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Daniels leave on a motor trip to the north part of the state.

Sunday
A dinner party was given Wednesday evening by Mrs. Jap Anz.

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A vaudeville artist in New York plays the saxophone under water, which is the way all saxophones should be played.—Kansas City Star.

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Hazing Hal Hoss
Simon Legree Stuff
(Astoria Astorian-Budget)

We confess that we are about 'fed up' on the governor's little game of 'hazing the Hoss', however much personal and political delight he himself finds in it.

This thing of criticizing and rebuking the secretary of state on every occasion that offers, of trying to put him in bad before the public, of interfering with his official duties and nullifying his official acts, all obviously for the purpose of punishing Mr. Hoss for not bowing his head and bending his knee to His Excellency, has reached a point where it is no longer amusing but frankly disgusting.

The latest move of the governor, his request that the secretary of state set aside the law and exhibit new automobile license plates for a month, coupled with his announcement that anyone arrested before July 31 for failure to comply with this law would receive a full executive pardon, rouses us to protest the carrying of a petty feud to the point where it is a subsidy of the interests of good government.

His criticism of Hoss for taking a three-day vacation at the beach when he himself is absent from his office the last two days of every week; his placing of Hoss "in a hole" by applying for special license plates for himself; his subsequent charge that Hoss was paying too much money for license plates; his refusal to permit the secretary to have the money voted by the legislature for building fire-proof vaults for the state records; and now his demand that the secretary of state extend the time for the purchasing of new auto licenses; all seem to be calculated steps to embarrass the secretary and punish him for less majesty.

It is this petty strain in the governor, this personal vindictiveness, this ruthless rule-or-ruin spirit, this tyrannical tendency which makes it difficult for many to become enthusiastic followers, however much they may approve of some of his major policies.

There is nothing admirable, nothing of brightness about this part of his personality and character, and whether he is following the mandate of his own feelings or whether he is persuaded into such an exhibition by his political counsellors, we believe that he will find that he is following a mistaken course and one that will react against rather than for him.

The role of Simon Legree never was a popular one in this country and if the public gets the impression that Governor Meier is persecuting Secretary Hoss, the latter will probably become the beneficiary of a general sympathy. The citizens of a democracy will not long support a Mussolini who suppresses or exiles all he cannot control.

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THESE DRUNKEN DRIVERS
Since December 1, 1930, Portland has killed fifty-two persons through the medium of slightly more than 73 per cent over the thirty fatalities in the same period last year.

There has been no great hue and cry from the public or from officials because fifty-two persons lie cold and dead. Indeed, one might assume that nobody minds very much that fifty-two persons were here yesterday and are gone today. Just so many incidents in the life of a busy city.

So it seems on the surface. But in the homes of these fifty-two persons who lie cold and dead, and in the homes of the friends of these crushed and bruised and mutilated victims, there is a terrible conviction that something must be done.

Something can be done. There are times—many times—when accidents are purely accidents. No one is at fault. These accidents, sadly enough, are just incidents in the life of a busy city.

But there are far too many accidents where careless, reckless, and wanton neglect comprise the reasons why citizens of Portland have been killed almost at the rate of one every four days. In these cases, where recklessness is involved, something can be done and must be done.

Foremost among the inexcusable factors is the increasing habit of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. Records show that at least thirteen persons lost their lives where liquor was involved.

Whatever the citizen's conviction may be as to the merits of the Volstead act, whether he believes that prohibition is a mistake of the worst sort, that citizen must grant that the right to drink liquor has no connection whatsoever with the right to drive an automobile after consuming that liquor. No glass of alcoholic beverage is worth the risk of killing any man or woman or child.

Unfortunately there are hundreds of persons, a dangerous minority, that do not recognize the validity of the argument, or simply do not care. Against such

persons an active campaign of law enforcement must be directed. The Oregonian believes that authorities have been reasonably conscientious in their efforts to place the drunken driver behind the bars. But it also believes that these same authorities have failed oftentimes in exerting that extra effort which frequently means the difference between a release and a conviction. The Oregonian believes, furthermore, that the public has been unaware of the intolerable drunken-driving situation and that, as a result, have been prone to be unduly merciful where mercy was not due.—Oregonian.

Ancient Robes Swathed Little Agnes Brumm when she was here. The robes, believed over 400 years old, in a secret drawer of a chateau in a town in Germany several years ago. Wilfred Puzos, of TEXARKANA, Ark., (UP)—Sheriff Walter a present given to him—and he does not know to do with it. The robes a ferocious wildcat that turned by a friend.

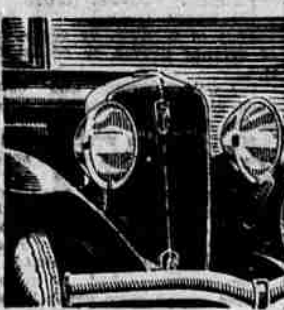
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Smudge Smoke

Jim Bates, the tennisist, is still cutting whiskers and taxes, and both continue unabated.

There was a lively debate Thursday on Mussolini's policy in Italy, by five local world adjusters, but no constructive step was outlined for either Mussolini or Italy.

Mike Hanley of Lake Creek was in town Tuesday, and a better dressed farmer would be hard to find.

The second cutting of alfalfa is under way, and stockmen do not know what they will do with it, unless they feed it to the cows.

Bill Gore was up to Salem Wednesday on taxation matters of state-wide import, etc., etc.

The Older Girls complain because of the lack of housewives in annoying numbers this summer. Many have not used their swatters' once.

Chivalry is dead. A lady's 4d went floozy in front of the chow Thursday, and needed cranking, and 47 men including the write walked by, as if they had great business before them. It was too hot to be courteous and do a kind deed.

James (Purewater) Owen was feeling his economic oats the 1st of the wk, and so stated.

A couple of youths detained in the fool county bastille endeavored to get out into the sunshine Wednesday, and were followed and thwarted.

The 4th of July was passed without anybody calling the coroner.

Samuel Colton was the victim of an attempted moustache last week and in his disgust dyed it a raven black, and required the services of Carl Bowman to eradicate same, along with the original cause.

Idiotry for the Joseph policies, and their upholder, is on the wane throughout the county—even in that stalwart Republican stronghold—Ashland.

Earle (Flea) Davis is still lame with the neuritis, and his chipperness is consequently restricted.

Orvia Stephenson ran over to Reno to see the fight, and it will be 10 days more before he gets the alkali dust out of his ears.

It seems that a business with a slow turnover overturns quickly.—Thomaston (Co.) Times.

If rubber gets much cheaper, Edison will be inventing a way to turn it into gold.—Tacoma Ledger.

The only place where it is safe to shoot first and inquire afterward is in a crap game.—Dallas News.

You can easily tell them apart. It seems a prize-fight, it's wrestling, and it seems wrestling, it's a prize-fight.—Rockford (Ill.) Star.

What we should like to know from Professor Picard is whether the clouds, viewed from the other side, showed any silver linings.—Virginian-Pilot.

I don't know anything about depression, says J. P. Morgan. To him a depression is merely a dimple on the face of fortune.—B'nai B'rith Messenger.

Will Hays says American business is staging an inglorious Bull Run. Glorious or inglorious, no such run is noticeable in the stock market.—Virginian-Pilot.

Now that the drza have reorganized under the name of the "Allied Forces," we suggest that the wets come out as the "Triple Entente."—Ohio State Journal.

Considering the years of vicissitudes and struggle spent in reaching Brazil, wouldn't it be as well if the DO-X settled down and became naturalized?—Detroit News.

Only about 3 per cent of inmates of State prisons can play musical instruments. It is reported, which indicates that justice has not done its duty toward telephone players.—Albany News.