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Tuesday's Election

If the war were over and Medford's financial situation and prospects were as secure and favorable as they are today, we would favor an affirmative vote on ALL the proposals to be decided at the special city election day after tomorrow.

For they are all desirable projects and needed ones. And Medford today is, all in all in the best financial condition it has ever been in as far as the relation of fixed debt to financial resources is concerned.

But the war is NOT over! And until it is over and a period of appraisal and adjustment allowed, the future is so uncertain, that we believe any community should be a bit backward about going forward in a financial way,—especially in the direction of greatly increasing its bonded indebtedness.

THERE are six proposals on Tuesday's ballot, to-wit:

1. Sanitary sewer improvement bonds.....\$ 78,000
2. Sewage disposal enlargement bonds..... 235,000
3. New Jackson street bridge..... 35,000
4. Library enlargement bonds..... 102,000
5. Storm sewer bonds..... 300,000
6. Park improvement bonds..... 75,000

Total \$825,000

As before stated these are all desirable improvements, and if the skies were clear and this ball-of-dirt on an even keel, we would favor an o.k. at the ballot box for all of them.

And we might also remark, at this point, that if the people of this community should vote affirmatively on all of them, we seriously doubt if any serious HARM would be done.

BUT, We do believe this is no time for any community to go off the deep-end, and double its bonded debt at one fell swoop; unless the expenditures represent an IMMEDIATE CRITICAL NEED. In other words unless such expenses can't be delayed without injury.

As we see it there are only two such proposals on the ballot.

These two are:

1. The sanitary sewer improvement and
2. Sewage Disposal enlargement.

The total expense of these two would be a little over \$300,000. But the need for such improvements is acute; and defeat of the measures might well result in an impairment of community health and a resulting condition that might injure the reputation of the city and materially retard its growth.

So we strongly urge our readers to vote: 502 and 504 YES, regardless of what they do to the rest of the program.

As to the other measures any one of them, as we see it, CAN wait,—at least until the war is over, and something approaching stability and normalcy have returned.

We believe this is especially true of the storm-sewer bonds, the largest item of expense, and the least critically needed.

Such an improvement would be desirable of course, but we would certainly suggest to those voters who don't favor going the whole-hog this time, to eliminate this \$300,000 expense,—35 percent of the total!

THERE would then remain the following items: the new bridge and park, \$35,000 and \$75,000 each, and the library enlargement at \$102,000.

All desirable,—all needed in fact,—and were the library total at \$30,000 or \$50,000, we would put that first, for here is an important educational and cultural center of this community, the present building and equipment being woefully inadequate.

But to spend nearly THREE times what the present library cost on so-called remodeling strikes this department as entirely uncalled for and poor business sense. So regretfully we place that item at the bottom and the park and bridge at the top of this group.

The bridge and the park improvement, as we see it, go together. If one is done the other should be, but of the two the park of course is the more important.

SO we arrive at the following recommendation: Vote "yes" on the sewage disposal and sewer improvement bonds, BY ALL MEANS.

The others in our judgment CAN wait. But those who believe otherwise that other items should be added at this time, we would list the remainder, according to relative desirability and importance as follows:

1. Park improvement.
2. New Jackson street bridge.
3. Library enlargement.
4. Storm sewer bonds.

Your Health and It's Care

By DR. WILLIAM BRADY M.D.
Readers should address inquiries to: Dr. William Brady, 265 El Camino Beverly Hills Calif.

THE TOXIC POISON BUGABOO
What purported to be a bona fide news item appeared under this headline:



NOTED PHYSICIAN SAYS: "Toxic Poison Cause of Death". The news item thus quoted "Dr. Kellogg, M.D., L.D., F.A.C.S., F.R.S.M., of Battle Creek Sanitarium fame" as author of this absurd statement: "Death in many instances is caused from toxic poisons which are generated in the colon."

According to the dubious item Dr. Kellogg— "... further states that these poisons absorbed by the system from the intestine is (sic) the chief cause of most chronic diseases and of premature senility and decay, as well as a very potent and predisposing cause of many acute maladies..." and there follows a list of common complaints of course not omitting constipation!

I wish I might defend the fair name of Dr. John Harvey Kellogg from this despicable piracy, but, darn it all, one of his books stares me in the face—one on "Colon Hygiene" in which, among numerous peculiar allusions, this one stands out embarrassingly:

"The South American Indian poisons the points of his deadly arrows by dipping them into putrid flesh. Butchers as well as undertakers sometimes die as the result of a small cut made with a knife soiled by contact with a dead body. The same poisons are produced when putrefaction takes place in the intestine."

Dr. Kellogg published that thirty years ago, but even then it was weird, for that passage and another bear marginal notes I made at the time. The other passage I marked as such is as follows:

"... but it is impossible to have constipation without intestinal auto-intoxication. The fact that the symptoms of toxemia" means blood-poisoning, the presence in the blood of the poisonous products of any pathogenic micro-organism, as Steadman's Medical Dictionary defines it—pathogenic means producing disease and micro-organism means microbe, bacterium, germ) ... "The fact that symptoms of toxemia do not occur in every case is no evidence that they are not present."

So there you are. You never know whether the little light goes off when you shut the refrigerator door, do you?

Here we reach the end of our rope just as we are set to say something. So, I do hope our readers will settle for this today—another day maybe we can gather up the loose ends.

Today no good doctor, no medical authority, accepts the notion of "auto-intoxication". Only charlatans exploit that morbid obsession.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS
Environ of Penn Yan
By the way, did you ever practice in Elmira? It seems to me I remember my father, also an M.D., referring to a Dr. William Brady there. ()
Are you the Dr. William Brady who spent his boyhood in Totowa, N. J.?
Answer—I practiced in Penn Yan Elmira was fifty miles south—a long ride in the horse-and-buggy days. Topsy (my sorrel) put her foot down on carrying me farther than Watkins Glen or Horseheads. But after the horseless buggy came I practiced in Elmira, knew your father well, envied his collection of books. I toyed with it in Canandaigua, never traveled as far as Totowa. Even now my ride covers only about 1 1/2 hemispheres.

Moles
I was always asking my mother what made me have so many moles. So finally she told me to write you. So do you know what makes moles come all over you? I am 11 years old.

Answer—Anyway, Kay, your mother should be proud of her daughter's education. I can't find a wee flaw in your letter—and that makes it one in a thousand. No, I don't know what causes moles. Nobody knows. Ignorant people, however, can always invent a tale to account for them—when they can find an audience of ignorant people. Various methods of re-

million dollar plus quota is most discouraging.

The War Bond committee is entitled to a different kind of cooperation. It is everybody's job to sell the War Bond allotment and it's more important than personal profit and private business.

T. E. Daniels, Advertising Committeeman
7th War Loan Campaign.

"Smells Like Hitler"

To the editor: Well, as this California assembly that passed a bill to make it possible for a two-timing wife to adopt a child by another man, born to her while her husband is over seas enduring the hardships of hell, fighting death, blood, sweat, insects and filth so she can have a free and peaceful land to live in. I think it's time when things come to something like this in the good old U.S.A. that American mothers do something about it.

On the other hand a woman of that kind isn't fit to raise a child and the sooner it is taken away from her the better. Too many childless homes are only too anxious to welcome a baby, protect it and bring it up without a blot on its name.

Also some of these women already have a child by their husbands over there. Well no doubt as soon as that baby's dad arrives home, he will take it and make a home for it to be proud of not one to be ashamed of.

I can't imagine any of these men dumb enough not to find out about their wife's infidelity soon after their return and many will before. How many of them will live with a woman like that?

The poor things that just had to go to a few dances, drinking parties, etc., they were so bored and lonesome while they were ALONE. Come American mothers, do something about it. That bill smells like Hitler to me.

MRS. R. J. SMITH.

Teachers Engaged For Coming Year At Central Point

Central Point, June 9 — The following teachers have signed contracts to teach in the Central Point schools for the year 1945-1946. H. P. Jewett, superintendent, Harold Boner, elementary school principal and athletic director. High school teachers are

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Letters to the Editor must bear the name and address of the writer although the use of a pen-name or initials for publication is permissible. The Mail Tribune reserves the right to edit all letters with a view to clarity and condensation.

Keep Bond Posters Up

To the Editor: Attention of the Merchants and other business concerns who have removed their 7th War Loan window posters from their windows is called to the fact that the 7th War Loan campaign will not be completed until the end of this month.

With the Jackson county quota woefully behind in it's schedule the outlook for making the

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Ye Smudge Pot
By Arthur Perry

Fine growing and going (if there had been more gasoline) weather, prevailed last week.

The baseball season formally opens today. Fans can hardly wait to yell at the umpire: Hello there, Hitler! I see you're still alive!

Piscatorial enthusiasts are disgusted with the way the fish are not biting.

Robins held a round-robin on the cthse lawn Thurs. Mrs. J. Cochran Robin read a paper on the small boy and airgun evil.

Major Morris of the ice-house, and the Harry Watson boy Ralph undergo birthdays next Tues.

There is a special city election Tues. Voters are urged to line up at the polls first, and, the golf lynx and river bank later.

Older Girls were larked last week by word from Berlin, via Stockholm, German women, on enforced visits to prison camps, wore nylon stockings. They can't get them. They said they would tell Sen. Cordon and Cong. Ellsworth something the next time they caught them.

H. Flewher, the demon baker, now in Italy, is due back within the month.

Herman Offenbacher of the Applegate towned Fri. He reports the kitten that is being raised by an old white hen is coming along fine, and will soon be big enough to get on the fence and crow, instead of yowl.

"What is so rare as a day in June?", sang the poet. So far this June there have been better June days in January.

Len Carpenter of the ranch set, is occasionally noted off his beaten path these days. Then there are weeks when neither hide nor hair is seen.

The more squeamish natives now fear Russia, and no summer. People are urged to keep cool, (no job these days) and not mistake a chicken hawk for a Jap balloon.

Gen B&G. Patton is back from trouncing Nazis, with bands playing, flags waving, and the multitude cheering. During the Sicily campaign, he slapped a soldier and was not regarded as a fit leader by many.

Corn is now up to the third fence rail in the Applegate. Plutocratic epicureans are gnawing on California roasting ears.

Travellers returning from the Lake Creek region, report fat steers adorn every meadow and there is a great shortage of nothing but skinny cows.

"Put down that bow & arrow, son!" yelled Dick Phair at his boy Dick the first of the week, before he stooped over to pick up a bit of debris in the backyard.

Closing time for Sunday Too Late to Classify 8:30 Saturday afternoon—Please remember

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