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Do Not Lose Faith in Your Town

We hear so much about the big towns in this state. Why do we hear so little about the little towns—towns our own size?

As we notice the marked contrast in all the West, in the sizes of the towns, and remember that in many, many cases the cities are YOUNGER than the small towns, we cannot but stop to wonder why.

Many of the old timers in their recounting of former days, reveal the reason. One says, "Well, years ago, when the railroad wanted to come in here, so and so wanted too much money for his property." Another says of his town, "We could have had the highway come to our town and cross the range over that low gap, but the business men didn't think it made much difference, and so nothing was ever done about it." Or—"We once had the opportunity for a power site here, but the owners of the property wouldn't sell, and it was put up the river."

Today we hear these conflicting statements: "Yes, I can remember when this town was as busy as can be, and we had lots of business places, but things are different now." And on the other hand: "It was'nt long ago all that land was nothing but brush and poison oak. You would never have thought it would have made such a fine property."

Many blame the automobile for taking our people to nearby trade centers. But does the automobile not bring as many others to us?" Are we losing faith in our town and its surrounding territory?

Have you noticed lately the little new houses in the hills here and there, or the smoke curling from a formerly abandoned cabin? Also, new faces are in our midst on the streets each day.

Whatever else this "depression" has done to us, it has brought this state and this section an increase in population that is not to be ignored.

And in this connection, let us look at the East. There, cities of several hundred thousand inhabitants crowd each other in areas of only a few miles. Factories fight for existence. Raw materials are shipped many miles—often from our own Far West. Living conditions are almost impossible.

Like the individuals, eastern capital and eastern companies are even now looking to the West. Surveys are being made RIGHT NOW for new projects that are to come. Where they will locate depends much on who is ready for them. Will the small towns where low taxes, freer living conditions and happier atmosphere again be blind to the oppotunity of incoming eastern capital—the money that we have so long been wanting?

Here is a challenge for us all. The opportunity may come in the same form that it came years before and we rejected. There are still railroads to be built, power projects to be developed, and highways to be located. Also there are smaller businesses, farming and mining activities that will be attracted.

The after-depression period will find us with an increased population waiting to be served in one way or another.

Boost your town NOW. Welcome newcomers and encourage new projects. Who can tell what is in the future for Southern Oregon?

Edward Miller, the Oregonian's travel editor, sketches a three-month vacation tour he would like to take. In following his route, we note that he goes up and down the state twice, across and back, once, with many intervening circle tours. Yet he says he has not seen one-tenth of the sights, nor exhausted one-tenth of the things worthwhile doing on the trip. What a state!

Our Most Embarrassing Moment

Mrs. Hoover Speaks

Mrs. Herbert Hoover, who has recently been interviewed on woman's part in helping during this period of depression has expressed a thought which we think merits passing on. The entire interview, which appeared in Sunday's Oregonian is well worth reading.

Mrs. Hoover first suggests that each family should, where at all possible, have the little odd jobs done about the home, that will give someone a job. And she adds this in regard to our mental attitude:

"To know how to go without cheerfully, how to decide wisely what must be done this year for the ultimate good, and what can wait till next year, how to help make a winter's campaign for achievement INSTEAD OF SUBMITTING TO AN AIMLESS DAY-TO-DAY WORRY—this, in our own families, is the great problem we must face."

On Oregon Farms

CORVALLIS — Kale has been found the most profitable succulent feed for dairy cattle in the Willamette valley, according to trials conducted at the Oregon State college experiment station. Results so far indicate that under valley conditions the most economical dairy ration includes succulence amounting to about 3½ per cent of the body weight.

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DALLAS — Polk county dairy herds are almost completely free from tuberculosis, reports County Agent J. R. Beck, who says that practically every dairy animal in the county over one year old has been tested for this disease during the past two years and only one reactor found. Increased interest is also being shown in the eradication of infectious abortion, with a resultant decrease in the number of reactors to this test.

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CANYON CITY—"A few gophers a day will put the time of reseeding away." This slogan, says County Agent R. G. Johnson, might well be adoptde by numerous eastern Oregon ranchers whose alfalfa stands are rapidly being thinned out by gophers. The situation is serious and unnecessary, says Mr. Johnson, who points out that poisoning the gophers is an easy and inexpensive operation.

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OREGON CITY—A filbert orchard on the C. A. Vonderohe farm south of Oregon City produced only 4160 pounds per acre, even with the help of a rye and vetch cover crop. Nitrogen added to the soil failed to improve the yield, but nitrogen and phosphorus boosted the yield to 22,040 pounds per acre and the complete fertilizer made 24,960 pounds of green crop to plow under.

Sherwood—New church annex dedicated.

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Portland Will Stage Big Auto Show Feb. 6-13

PORTLAND—January 25—Nearly 150 spectacular new motor cars, airplanes, motor boats and automotive equipment will be displayed at the 22nd Annual Northwest Auto Show, to be held in Portland, February 6-13. Announcement of this show was made yesterday by E. E. Cohen, president of the Automobile Dealers association of Portland.

Public interest in motor shows this year, including New York, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, is evidenced by attendance increases ranging from 30 to 50 per cent and more buying than in several years, according to Mr. Cohen. This increased interest is hailed with joy by business leaders who assert that it indicates a definite improvement in business conditions.

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