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Businessman Speaks Plainly

Vernonia, Ore., Oct. 22, 1922
To the Editor of the Vernonia Eagle:—

I will start out by saying that personally I respect the nominees on both city tickets and as friends and neighbors I value each and everyone of them. I also wish to say that I expect no special favors regardless of who is elected, but I wish to present the situation as I see it at the present time. We have a man or Co. that has been granted a franchise to furnish our city with light and power. Mr. Burdick has posted a bond of \$5000.00 as an evidence of good faith he has practically conceded every point that the City Council has asked for and still the majority wish to put a crimp in this proposed improvement we need so bad. I understand the representatives of the miller gave the city dads to understand at the last meeting of the Council unless the boundaries of the city was changed so as to leave their property outside the city limits they would stop work; would it not be pleasant to have a co. that did not have to depend on the income from that source hold a club over the city so that they could tell you what you must do or they would discontinue your lights or power. One thing we do know you and I will pay all the law will allow them to charge us be it Mr. Burdick the C. C. and C. Co. or any other Co. Why not then lay all these little petty things one side and pull for the Co. that will get them for us quickest. Mr. Burdick must make it a paying proposition as there are no side issues connected with these, therefore he must give service to make it pay. Some say we need water first. The way we look at it we need both just as soon as is possible for us to get them they are altogether separate propositions and why getting light and power when we have the chance would interfere with us getting water is more than I can understand. The city intends to put in its own water system. Mr. Burdick has nothing whatever to do with it. Mr. Burdick is putting in the light and power plant; the city has nothing to do with his proposition, so there you are. Please tell me why the light

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and power proposition will stop the city from putting in the pumping plant.

I understand some of the good citizens have said that it would be quite an expense to put in the water system at this time; that they had good wells and could get along for some time to come. Well, I would hate to think that anyone could be so selfish and self centered as that. How about the poor devils that have not good wells?

If the light and power proposition is allowed to go through it is going to make it much easier to market our water bonds; so that instead of delaying, it will hasten the day when you can turn the faucet and get a drink of good, pure water instead of going a block or so to your neighbors for a pail of muddy, polluted water that isn't fit to drink.

Now you, Mr. Newcomer, when people who are opposing the water, light and power projects, tell you they are not in favor of encouraging these things, ask them when you may expect these if they get it to power. Ask them what their

program is. You undoubtedly moved to Vernonia reasonably expecting privileges that all civilized countries have. If the plans which are being considered now are not carried to completion, how long will we have to wait? Possibly they can tell you, but I doubt it. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Vote the ticket that is in favor of these things and you stand a chance of getting what you want. If you vote against it now you may have to wait a dam long time.

A Business Man.

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