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A LIVE TOWN FORGES AHEAD

Though times be comparatively dull, and business far from its peak, the town that is alive continues to forge ahead, while the town that is dead or dying gives up effort, and lets fate do its worst.

Vernonia fortunately, belongs in the former class. In a year when the lumber market is off, and many are out of employment, there is added the finest grade school building in the county, one of the best concrete bridges of its size in the state, two modern fire-proof store buildings, a jail and fire department garage under the city hall, several blocks of hard surface paving and many miles of telephone and power line extensions. And now, the chamber of commerce, increasing its meetings from twice monthly to every week, considers entering upon an aggressive advertising campaign to attract settlers, that as the logger goes the rancher may come, and the city's industry be upon a permanent basis.

Vernonia, be it known, is alive.

THE SCRAMBLE FOR OFFICE

The political situation in Oregon results from the passing of two men, Governor Isaac L. Patterson and Senator George Joseph.

Had Governor Patterson lived, it is conceded that he would have been renominated in the republican primaries. In that case the power issue would not have been a smoke screen to hide the scramble for office. The grange amendment enabling the forming of water power districts would have been on the ballot, it is true, but the measure would have been discussed on its own merits, as it should be. After all, as Mr. Metschan has aptly pointed out, the question of public or private ownership of water power is an economic one, and it should not be the football for political scrimmage.

The death of George Joseph brought the hydro-electric issue into the foreground. The "scrapping" of his platform and the selection by secret ballot of a candidate not in sympathy with Mr. Joseph's views afforded the one chance in a lifetime for an independent candidate to succeed. That this candidate should be the personal friend and financial backer of the late nominee was a bit of strategy that promised well. Had there been an immediate election, the odds would have been in his favor.

Gradually, however, certain facts come to be recognized and these facts help the Meier aspirations not at all.

For one thing, it becomes more and more evident that much of the devotion of independent leaders to the sacred cause of saving the people from the encroachments of the power trust is recent, very recent, so much so that they did not know what had been done along the line, and what ought to be done. For 14 years the very measure they advocated had been a part of the charter of the city of Portland, and not one of them had ever suggested putting it into effect. Now that there is a chance to gain votes thereby, they profess great enthusiasm.

Not only was it necessary for the independents to espouse a policy that obviously offered a tremendous vote appeal, but they had to dress up their candidate as a big-hearted, public-spirited citizen unselfishly devoted to the interests of the public. Now Mr. Meier is, in point of fact, no better, no worse, than hundreds of other men who are at the head of large enterprises—chiefly absorbed in their

own affairs, giving as little, getting as much, as they can. The pose of public service is essential as a bit of salesmanship, and Mr. Meier by profession is a salesman.

Most damaging of all, perhaps, to the Meier legend as the friend of the common people is the opposition of the Portland labor council because of the scant wages paid to the women clerks in his employ, and his own harsh rebuff, in 1922, to representatives who asked for a betterment of conditions.

Another significant fact is that the power interests, while greatly concerned over the grange amendment, are not disturbed at prospects of the election of Meier. They are spending big money to publish their arguments against the grange measure, but not one penny's worth is directed against the Meier candidacy. "We believe the people will recognize that most of this stuff is political bunk, perhaps, not now, but after the campaign is over," states their accredited committee in an open letter to the newspapers of the state. Those men are keen enough to their own interests to know what they are talking about.

Will the political bunk be fully recognized as such in the remaining two and a half weeks of the campaign? Indications at present are there is a pretty good chance.

Capital Letter
 "BY UNITED-PRESS"

By JAMES F. ROWE (U. P. Staff Correspondent)

SALEM—(UP)—Although the state will not "lay off" any of its many circuit judges, a period of slack court business is expected this season as a result of the current depression. Figures on file with the state judiciary department show a considerable decrease in the amount of litigation finding its way to the courts for settlement.

"Those who ordinarily depend upon the courts for settlement of claims, are becoming more liberal this year on the theory that since they can't 'squeeze blood from a turnip,' court action also would be useless," said Arthur Benson, clerk in the state supreme court.

"Records of the past prove there always is a heavy decline in the number of actions filed in courts during such periods as the country now is experiencing," Benson declared. "Those who would seek support of courts in normal periods now take a more liberal attitude with regard to payment of debts, he said.

The same decrease in the number of actions filed in the state supreme court was noted this year, Benson said. In the compilation of totals for all actions in the state, law suits led in those filed with a total of 2600 while divorce actions were second with 1860. Equity suits totalled 1748 while criminal cases numbered 1045.

In those cases tried, default divorce cases led with 1400. Only 102 divorces were contested. Civil cases totalled 385 and equity cases numbered 26. There

It was also revealed that the federal government has rescinded its former approval of the "Copeco" applications and an amended application was made by the company, which has not yet been approved.

The agricultural industry of Oregon is of sufficient importance to warrant establishment of a state department of agriculture, declares Hector McPherson, chairman of the joint commission for administrative reorganization, which was instrumental in placing the cabinet form of government amendment on the November ballot.

McPherson said that 22 states now have departments of agriculture, under one head, yet many states do not have the agricultural activity enjoyed by this state.

The number of communicable diseases in Oregon last week jumped to 154 from 110, during the previous week, according to the state department of public health.

Six new cases of contagious diseases were reported in Columbia county during the week. Measles led the list of diseases in the state, with 45 cases reported. Others were chickenpox 19, scarlet fever 16, influenza 15, tuberculosis 12, mumps 12, typhoid fever 9, whooping cough 6, pneumonia 6, malaria 6.

Lynn F. Cronmiller, who became state forester this spring, gave a sigh of relief this week as he viewed the statistics showing the fine record he had achieved his first fire season.

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 J. E. Tapp, W. M.
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