

Rentoul, of Melbourne University. There are also two pages of facts and a diagram of Vancouver's birthplace in King's Lynn.

Vancouver's fame is in the ascendant. This valuable glean- ing and publishing of facts at his birthplace will enable all subse- quent writers to make more human biographies of the man.

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*The Acquisition and Pioneering of Old Oregon.* By CLARENCE B. BAGLEY. (Seattle: Argus Print, 1924. Pp. 41.)

A fresh historical item from the pen of Clarence B. Bagely is always welcome. The present is a beautiful, wide margined brochure richly illustrated. In telling the story with evident care he gives us the hint that it may be the last of its kind. On page 40 he says: "Of all those who, for seventy years or more, have lived and studied and written the history of this great Northwest only three survive—Ezra Meeker, George H. Himes and the writer."

The book closes with a sort of good-bye entitled "Author's Note." It is reproduced here for two reasons. First, it tells the purpose of the present publication; second, it carries a rather unique farewell from a real pioneer.

"The chief purpose of this monograph is to present briefly how Old Oregon became a part of our national domain, the im- pelling motives and causes of the great migration hither of seventy or eighty years ago, of the difficulties and dangers of the march of two thousand miles over mountains and across deserts, of pioneer conditions and experiences, with the gradual evolution of the country into separate states, each prosperous and in the present enjoyment of all that goes to make up twentieth century civiliza- tion.

"'Along the Old Oregon Trail' has long been a fruitful theme for writers and will long continue, but it is doubtful if any other participant in the great hegira of nearly three-quarters of a cen- tury ago will hereafter give to the public his experiences."

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*Community Forces: A Study of the Non-Partisan Municipal Elec- tions in Seattle.* By R. D. MCKENZIE. (*The Journal of So- cial Forces*, January, March, May, 1924. Pp. 24.)

Professor McKenzie says: "Seattle affords unusually interest- ing data for a study of community forces. In the first place it is the youngest of our large cities, having in a single generation grown from a small village to a city of about 320,000 inhabitants.