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NEEDS KEEN KNIFE**

Judge Bennett Answers All Policy Questions Asked by The Oregonian.

COMMISSIONS MAY GO

Careful Study of Value of Present Boards and Specific Bond Issues Would Be Given if Elected, He Says.

A. S. Bennett, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, yesterday answered the questions propounded by The Oregonian.

Judge Bennett believes that business principles should be applied to public affairs, that taxation should be reasonable and tolerable, that all state commissions that are not necessary and profitable should be abolished, that taxes should not be paid oftener than semi-annually, that as a general rule he would hesitate about urging the state to go into debt for large amounts for any purpose.

Mr. Bennett's letter follows:
To the Editor: Yours of April 16 enclosing eight questions to which you ask an answer received.

It is impossible for me to give you a categorical answer to these questions:

1. What reforms in legislation do you advocate that will tend to bring about reduced taxation and economy in state affairs?
Answer—As to question number one, I would advocate such a reform in the expenditure of public money as would be suggested by a good business man in relation to his own private affairs under like conditions. There are two questions which the private individual always asks in relation to his own affairs, when an expenditure or improvement is proposed.

First—Is it desirable and worth what it will cost?
Second—Can he afford it?

It seems to me that in public affairs we have too often forgotten to ask the second question.
Too often, if public buildings or other improvements are proposed, and it is a thing which the average citizen would be proud of and would like to have, that has been deemed sufficient cause to proceed without regard to whether the state could afford it or whether it would increase taxation so as to make it intolerably burdensome. I think the Governor should work in harmony with the Legislature to keep in view the common business principles applied to private affairs and to see that no expenditure was permitted which was not absolutely necessary, unless it could be made within the limit of a reasonable and tolerable taxation.

Elimination Is Favored.
2. What state commissions are you in favor of abolishing?
3. What state commissions are you in favor of consolidating?

4. Are you in favor of retaining or abolishing the State Tax Commission?
Answer—As to your second, third and fourth questions, in relation to commissions would require months of careful study and investigation. It seems to be clear that most of these commissions should be abolished, but just what ones (if any) should be spared, and just how far the present enormous expense could be saved by consolidation, are matters of detail which would require a very careful examination into the duties of each and the benefits (if any) to be derived therefrom. Such a careful and detailed investigation I would give to the subject if I were Governor. After I had done so, and carefully weighed their merits and demerits—their expense and benefit to the state, I would favor cutting out all that were not absolutely necessary and profitable. In advance of such careful investigation I feel that I would be rash indeed to attempt to pick out the ones that might be spared, or even to decide definitely whether there were any that were of sufficient value to justify their retention.

5. How should taxes be paid, annually or semi-annually?
Answer—As to the payment of taxes, I see no reason why they should be paid oftener than semi-annually. As to whether it would be wise to have them paid quarterly, I have no opinion made up my mind. It would depend largely upon the added expense of their collection in that way and of the additional bookkeeping.

Bond Issues Expensive.
6. Are you in favor of the state issuing bonds for good roads? What are your ideas as to the state aid for good roads?

7. Are you in favor of the state issuing bonds or appropriating money for reclaiming arid lands within the state?

8. What are your ideas as to state aid for reclaiming arid lands?
Answer—As to the sixth, seventh and eighth questions, I may make practically the same answer. Everything would depend upon the conditions as to any particular scheme—the amount of bonds proposed, the particular purpose for which they were proposed, the necessities of the region or improvement in question, etc. I have no general policy in relation to such matters which would invariably govern all cases.

I might say, however, that as a general rule I should be reluctant about the state going in debt for large amounts for any purpose. We are too apt to forget in matters of that kind that the interest has to be paid every year and will be a burden upon us in the present as well as in the future, and that the principal is an encumbrance upon our property which must finally be lifted by taxation. Of course this does not necessarily apply to bonds for purposes which provide a constant revenue for their own extinguishment, like those for municipal water systems, etc.

These answers may seem general, but I do not see how any frank and fair man, who means what he says, can answer the questions proposed in any more detail, without that careful and laborious investigation which no man can afford to give to such questions unless it is his duty.

Very truly yours,
A. S. BENNETT.

LABOR BUREAU IS OPENED
Episcopal Social Service League Enlarges Scope.

A free employment bureau has been organized at 88 North Third street, under the auspices of the Episcopal Social League. The object of the bureau is to provide employment free to laborers who cannot afford the ordinary employment office fee.
A 5-cent restaurant, furnishing pork and beans, bread, milk, boiled rice, sugar and coffee or buttermilk, has been

FREE 2000 Men's Suit Patterns, the Newest and Most Beautiful Imported and Domestic Fabrics ABSOLUTELY FREE to Men of Portland

Here Is the Most Important Announcement Ever Featured in This Paper

A GREAT TRADE EVENT
With a Two-Fold Purpose

TO THE MEN OF PORTLAND: Starting this (Thursday) morning at 9 A. M., I am launching the greatest trade-building movement ever inaugurated by any merchant tailor. Having a tremendous stock of woollens on hand, I am going to demonstrate to the men of Portland who are unfamiliar with me and my work the advantages of my great tailoring establishment.

I have selected 2000 of my finest and most beautiful suit patterns, representing over 350 different and distinct styles, from which the men of Portland may each select (as long as they last), not to exceed two patterns, absolutely free. The only provision is you must allow me to build a Gallagher suit from these patterns, which I will do at my regular price of making a suit, where the customer furnishes the material. There are no ifs and ands about this offer. It is just as represented and is planned for the purpose of reducing my great stock of woollens, and to add new customers to the already great crowd of well-dressed men who have long been customers of mine.

Tom Gallagher

We Will Give You Material and Tailor It Into the Finest Suit You Ever Wore

I will charge you only for making the suit, and will do this work at my regular price, where the material is furnished by the customer — My price is \$20.00 which is the recognized scale everywhere for the highest-grade work in tailoring a suit.

This is a demonstration of the advantages of wearing Gallagher-Made Clothes.

This offer means that you will get the finest tailor-made suits that sell with us at \$30, \$35 and \$40. During this great trade-building event for \$20.00.

These suits will be made up just as good as though you paid me full price. I will take great pride in giving you the best suit you have ever had. A No. 1 work, A No. 1 lining. Your choice of any pattern you want. Made up in any style you want. Full box back, English or semi-English, or the staple and conservative sacks.

Two Try-Ons With Every Suit

All garments made and cut to please the customer, and every suit bears my personal guarantee to be the equal of any \$30, \$35 or \$40 suits. A new suit if by any chance your purchase should not prove satisfactory.

Get this great event straight in your mind. It is a special demonstration of Gallagher quality. It starts this (Thursday) morning at 9 A. M. and continues for six days only. It is for men of all ages and for men of all sizes. It carries the biggest values ever given to the men of Portland. A downright saving of \$10.00 to \$20.00 upon every purchase. The men who come early will get the first choice of this superb collection of 2000 patterns, and each will become one of the best-dressed men in Portland.

Only the highest skilled union labor in my employ — Every garment bears the label of "the Journeymen's Tailors' Union of America."

This offer remains in effect for six days At 6 P. M. April 29 it positively ends.

"This Store Is the Scene of This Unusual Event."

Tom Gallagher

Men, you must act now. Investigate the merits of this advertisement. That is all we ask.

382 WASHINGTON STREET, BETWEEN WEST PARK AND TENTH

Open Evenings During This Great Sale



Start Now-- Let Me Be Your Tailor



\$20.00 is my regular price for making a suit, where the customer furnishes the material. Now you may choose from 2000 patterns, and at this price get the best suit you ever owned.

The finest patterns imaginable are here, from which you may choose in this great offer. The newest Spring styles, in domestic and imported fabrics, materials to suit men of all tastes and fancies. They are to be had in worsted, cassimeres, in chevots and in silk mixtures. The quiet, tasteful greens are here, also browns, basket weaves, conservative self over-plaids, dressy club checks and the dressy shepherd plaids that tell of sporting spirit. Hairline stripes on brown, on gray, on black, on blue are all represented—the prettiest tone combinations that were ever put into men's suits.

Every garment made in my own work-room, right here in Portland, which you are invited to inspect.

You should be among the first to profit—among the first to reap the personal benefit from this great nine days' campaign. Remember that it is a special demonstration of Gallagher's quality and that every suit sold bears the seal of quality and is backed by Portland's largest tailoring establishment. NEVER, NEVER in the history of Portland has such a clothing offer as this been made. We urge you to come today, tomorrow or Saturday, or as early next week as possible. Come by all means. Make up your mind now.

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established in connection with the bureau. "We fed 4999 men in March," said Captain McClelland, who is in charge of the bureau. "We found steady work for 84. We distributed 104 garments. Our telephone numbers are: A 2357 and Marshall 2780. We want persons who can supply men with odd jobs to call us up. Any men who do not give

JURY TERM POSTPONED.

VANCOUVER, Wash., April 22.—(Special.)—The Jury term of the Superior Court of Clarke County, which was to have convened here May 5, has been ordered to meet May 12 by Judge R. H. Back, Superior Judge of Clarke County.

CABLE REPAIR DEMANDED

Telegrams Sent Senators by Chamber of Commerce Urging Action. That the Government should repair the cable connecting the north side of the Columbia River with Astoria is the contention of the Portland Chamber

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce is now aroused and has sent the following telegram to Senators Chamberlain and Lane: "On January 20 President Averill presented Secretary of Agriculture Houston request for repair of cable connecting north side Columbia River with Astoria. Cable should be repaired, being small task. Shipping men eager for news of vessels enter-

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

ing or departing and in case of distress North Head station should be the first to see it. Kindly refer to said letter and if possible get quick action on the very necessary repair of this cable."

ON EXHIBITION

On exhibition in Bath, Maine, is a recently found map of that city, drawn in 1792. It is executed in pen and ink, and gives many hitherto unknown historical and geographical facts.