

OPPOSES ALL BOND ISSUES

Charles A. Johns Stands on Platform Pledges He Has Made in Campaign.

CONSOLIDATION IS URGED

State Board and Railroad Commission Capable of Handling All Affairs Without Big Cost to Taxpayers, He Says.

Charles A. Johns, candidate for Republican nomination for Governor, yesterday answered the questions asked by The Oregonian.

Mr. Johns has declared in favor of reduction of taxes, abolition of useless commissions, consolidation of certain state commissions, payment of taxes semi-annually. He opposes the state issuing bonds for roads and irrigation projects.

Mr. Johns' replies follow: Portland, April 29.—(To the Editor.)—Complying with your request, I have taken the attitude upon the following questions, would say:

Question No. 1.—"What reforms in legislation do you advocate that will tend to bring about reduced taxation and economy in state affairs?"

Answer—First, I would elect a Republican Governor who immediately proceeded to the reduction of taxes, the cutting down of expenses and the abolishing of useless commissions, and who has the decision of character and the backbone to carry out that pledge.

Second, I would elect a Republican Legislature through its officials would then be responsible for the administration of the affairs of the state and the Governor could not place the blame on the Legislature and the Legislature could not place the blame on the Governor. In my judgment a Republican Governor would act in harmony with such a Legislature and such a Legislature would act in harmony with such a Governor and a large reduction would be made in the operating expenses of the state.

Question No. 2.—"What state commissions are you in favor of abolishing?"

Answer—First, I would not change or abolish any commission which has been approved or created by a vote of the people.

Second, the Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer are elected by the people and constitute what is known as the State Board. The members of the Railroad Commission are elected by the people and constitute what is known as the Railroad Commission. Each of these boards is directly responsible to the people in my judgment the Railroad Commission should be given exclusive jurisdiction and control over all questions pertaining to corporate affairs and the State Board should have exclusive jurisdiction and control over all other boards and commissions, and the Railroad Commission and the State Board should be given the power and authority to act and to control all questions within their respective jurisdictions.

Commissions That Liable. The Railroad Commission would then be responsible for any and all matters under its jurisdiction and the State Board would be directly responsible for any and all matters under its jurisdiction, and the services or labor of any necessary commission should then be performed by some appointee or section of the State Board or of the Railroad Commission at a reasonable compensation for such labor or services and without any expense to the state whatever.

Third, I would not change or abolish any commission which has been approved or created by a vote of the people.

Question No. 3.—"What state commissions are you in favor of consolidating?"

Answer—My answer to question No. 2, in a large measure, is an answer to this question. I would not change or abolish any commission under the absolute control of the Railroad Commission or the State Board or the Railroad Commission or the State Board or the Railroad Commission, as such, should or receive any extra compensation for such services, and also provide that any and all moneys collected from the state for such services should be paid direct into the State Treasury and that no public moneys should be paid out to any person except upon the conditions approved and approved by the State Treasurer.

Question No. 4.—"Are you in favor of retaining or abolishing the State Tax Commission?"

Answer—I am in favor of abolishing the State Tax Commission and placing all of its duties on the State Board, without any compensation to the State Board for such services.

Question No. 5.—"How should taxes be paid?"

Answer—In my judgment all taxes should be paid semi-annually. This is especially true in all counties outside of Multnomah.

Bond Issues Opposed. Question No. 6 (a).—"Are you in favor of the state issuing bonds for such purposes?"

Answer—I do not believe that the framers of this constitution ever intended that the state should issue bonds for any purpose, and for such reason I am not in favor of the state issuing bonds for such purposes.

(b).—"What are your ideas as to state aid for good roads?"

Answer—I am a candidate on an economy platform and I am pledged to reduce taxes, cut down expenses and abolish useless commissions, and I am in favor of good roads. Personally, I am in favor of good roads, but in my judgment the state itself should be very slow and guarded in giving aid to the construction of "good roads," and that largely a question of state aid should be made to decide, but while that is true, there may be special and peculiar conditions which would justify the state in appropriating a limited amount of money to aid the work or smaller amounts of money to aid the construction of a state highway where such construction would give an outlet to and develop resources of the state which could not be otherwise opened up or developed. This might apply to the Columbia Highway, through the Cascade Mountains, or a state highway through any other county peculiarly situated, but in no event should the state give its aid to the construction of any other road than a "state highway," and only upon the conditions above stated, in a case of actual necessity and actual necessity only; and in such an event it should be made a state road fund, or by a limited appropriation of the Legislature for a specific purpose in which the interest of the state would be fully safeguarded and protected.

Question No. 7.—"Are you in favor of the state issuing bonds or appropriating money for reclaiming arid lands within the state?"

Answer—As stated, I do not believe the framers of the constitution ever intended that the state should issue bonds for any purpose, and for such reason I am not in favor of the state issuing bonds for such purposes. I do not believe that the framers of this constitution ever intended that the state should issue bonds for any purpose, and for such reason I am not in favor of the state issuing bonds for such purposes.

Dangerous Principle, He Says. In so far as I am advised no state has ever issued bonds for any such purpose and in so far as I am advised no state has ever appropriated money for reclaiming arid lands. Unlike the Government of the United States, this state has no reclamation fund, and unlike the Government, this state has no lands to sell from which such a fund could be created. The only lands that are ever sold by the state are what are known as "school lands," consisting of sections 16 and 36, the proceeds from the sale of which are placed in the common school fund, and no person would ever advocate the diversion of any portion of the common school fund to any other fund. Again, it would be both unfair and unjust to confine such appropriations to one particular section of the state and it would bankrupt the state to appropriate a sufficient amount of money to reclaim all of the arid lands in the state, and in my

judgment it would not be safe or sound business principle for the state itself to appropriate moneys for such purposes, and I do not believe that the framers of this constitution ever intended that the state should issue bonds for any purpose, and for such reason I am not in favor of the state issuing bonds for such purposes. Question No. 8.—"What are your ideas as to state aid for reclaiming arid lands?"

Answer—My answer to question No. 7 is an answer to this question. As Governor, it would be my duty to support and uphold the constitution, which, as a private citizen, I revere and respect, and section 7 of article 11 of that constitution provides:

The Legislative Assembly shall not loan the credit of the state, nor in any manner create any debt or liability which shall singly or in the aggregate exceed the sum of \$50,000, except in case of insurrection; and every contract of indebtedness entered into or assumed by or on behalf of the state, when all the liabilities and debts amount to said sum, shall be void and of no effect.

I do not believe that the state has any legal right to give its aid to the reclaiming of arid lands, and I do not see how

upon what theory the state could loan its credit or create any debt for such purpose without violating the spirit and intent of the constitution. CHARLES A. JOHNS.

PATRIOTIC ENTERTAINMENT TO BE HELD TONIGHT AT ROSE CITY PARK CLUB.

Rev. E. J. Conaty. "American Landmarks" will be the subject of an address to be given tonight by the Rev. E. J. Conaty, who will speak at an entertainment to be held by St. Rose's parish at the Rose City Park clubhouse, Father Conaty will tell of the historical points of interest in this country and will make an appeal for patriotism. Music will add to the programme. Violin solos and vocal numbers by gifted artists and American airs by the choir members will round out the entertainment. Father Conaty has been heard frequently in public gatherings.

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ARMY HEALTH IS TAUGHT

MAJOR MARCELLUS AND GUARDSMEN SHOWN BY MAJOR CLAYTON.

Adjutant-General Finzer Informed by Washington that Merging of Artillery Not Desired.

Major Jerry Clayton, of the United States Army Medical Corps, stationed at Vancouver Barracks, conducted a school last night at the Armory, at which Major MacCallum and the other officers of the Medical Corps of the Oregon National Guard were pupils. The instruction was largely along the line of necessary measures in order to insure the health of a regiment in the field.

The Ambulance Corps drilled last night, as did Company E, while several squads of recruits were put through their paces by drill sergeants.

Officers of the Third regiment dismissed the instruction received yesterday from the War Department, relating to mobilization, in case the Mexican situation shall call the regiment into service.

A letter received by Adjutant-General Finzer yesterday from General A. L. Mills, chief of the division of military affairs at Washington, stated that the War Department does not approve the conversion of the Oregon Coast Artillery into infantry for Mexican service.

Despite the subsidence of interest in the Mexican situation, recruiting continues steadily, both in the recruiting office in the Selling building and at the Armory.

An ex-regular, 59 years old, and a veteran of the Indian campaigns, was brought to the Custer museum, tried to enlist yesterday. When told he was too old, he said he would get influential friends to see the governor in his behalf. He keeps a roominghouse, and caught the war fever from four young guardsmen who room in his house.

A corn director applied for enlistment to the Medical Corps. His application appealed strongly to Lieutenant McConnell, but was rejected on account of his advanced age.

The next meeting of the organization will be in the Rosarian room of the Commercial Club next Tuesday, May 5, at 2 o'clock P. M.

WOMEN PLAN FOR "JINKS" Committees From Rotary Club Are Selected to Work Out Ideas.

The women of the Portland Rotary Club held a meeting at the Commercial Club Tuesday afternoon, at which committees to work in preparation for their first "jinks," which will be held Tuesday, May 12, at the Commercial Club. On that day the men's Rotary Club will not hold its regular luncheon at the Multnomah, and the entertainment will be wholly at the "jinks" in the evening.

Mrs. J. C. English was appointed chairman of the receiving committee and Mrs. C. V. Cooper, chairman of the entertainment committee.

Officers of the new organization are: President, Mrs. F. E. Moore; secretary, Mrs. Fred Speer; and treasurer, Mrs. Joe Sandvall.

MEMORIES OF THE DAYS WHEN PORTLAND WAS A TANNING CENTER

Memories of the days when Portland was a tanning center were recalled by James O. Barrows, the veteran actor and schoolmaster of David Belasco, who is appearing with John Lancaster, the original Charley in "Charley's Aunt," at Pantheas this week in "The Jolly Jollier," an Edmund Day playlet.

Barrows was stung at the Metropolitan in San Francisco in 1874 when George Waldron discovered him and brought him to Portland in a company which included Belasco, "Uncle Bill" Barry and Minnie Fixley, now Mrs. John McCracken, Portland society matron. His first appearance in the city came to be the last, for he forgot his lines as the second actor in "Hamlet," and Waldron, in general, increased in chance and Barrows was not slow in recognizing himself. After a season at the Oro Fino theatre, Barrows and the company went East only to open the New Market the following season. In this company was James A. Herne and Belasco. For 25 years Barrows played in the East, coming westward once more in the original "Shenandoah" with Henry Miller, Effie Shannon and Viola Allen. The Marquand company was then opened and the artistic triumph was made. Recalling his schoolboy days, Belasco did not forget Barrows in his biography, the first installment of which is published in a current magazine.

EUGENE DAIRIES Ask Inspector.

EUGENE, Or., April 29.—(Special.)—Dairymen supplying Eugene milk last night asked for a municipal dairy inspector to enforce the sale of pure milk in Eugene, and offered to pay the whole cost of such inspection. They suggested a license which would prevent them charging higher prices.

GROGERS MAY FIGHT CLOSING ORDINANCE

Courts May Be Asked to Test Measure Passed by City Commission.

FOOD SALES PROHIBITED

Tobacco, Ice Cream and Others in List of Luxuries Exempted by Provisions From Effect of New Legislation.

Legal complications are expected to arise from the passage yesterday by the City Council of an ordinance prohibiting the sale of groceries on Sundays. Although definite action has not been determined, it is said a movement is under way on the part of "independent" grocers to contest the ordinance in the courts.

The measure, by a large number of grocers, principally of the Retail Grocers' Association, will prohibit after 30 days from today the sale of groceries by any person, firm or corporation on Sunday.

The measure does not prohibit the sale of tobacco, milk, fruit, confectionery, soft drinks, ice cream, newspapers, periodicals and medical and surgical supplies by grocers or others, but does restrict the sale of what is called "groceries," meaning articles of food generally sold by retail grocers and not classed as refreshments. Dealers may remain open for the sale of the articles mentioned, but cannot dispose of groceries, although they may be on the same shelves as the unrestricted articles.

Dieck Opposes Provisions. The ordinance met only the opposition of Commissioner Dieck. The rest of the Council voted for passage. Commissioner Daly voted "yes," although not entirely satisfied with the measure as presented. He argued that it should be made broad enough to prohibit the sale of tobacco and other articles. He said he favored closing stores on Sundays and regretted that the measure would not close them.

"It does not seem right to class a man as a criminal if he sells bread and exempt him from that class because if he sells tobacco," said Mr. Daly. The measure has been before the council for several weeks, during which time it has been considered from all angles. Two public meetings have been held at which grocers have been heard both for and against the measure. The ordinance was prepared by City Attorney LaRoche and the exemptions as made are said to be within the limits of the state laws.

Penalty Is Included. The ordinance as passed reads as follows: Section 1. It shall be unlawful to keep open any shop, store or grocery for the purpose of retailing or offering for sale any article, commonly known as groceries, clothing, sporting goods, boots or shoes, haberdashery, hardware or dry goods, or places of amusement, drugstores, undertaking establishments, shoeshining stands, news stands, garages, butchers shops, bakery and delicatessen shops; and provided further, that meals may be served on the premises or elsewhere by caterers, ice cream, milk, fruit, confectionery, soft drinks and cream, newspapers and periodicals and medical and surgical appliances and supplies may be sold in a quiet and orderly manner.

Section 2. In works of necessity or charity shall be included whatever is needful for the good order or health of the community, and acts for the preservation of life and property, but nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit the sale of groceries, clothing, sporting goods, boots or shoes, haberdashery, hardware or dry goods, or places of amusement, drugstores, undertaking establishments, shoeshining stands, news stands, garages, butchers shops, bakery and delicatessen shops; and provided further, that meals may be served on the premises or elsewhere by caterers, ice cream, milk, fruit, confectionery, soft drinks and cream, newspapers and periodicals and medical and surgical appliances and supplies may be sold in a quiet and orderly manner.

Section 3. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction by a municipal court, be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty (50) dollars, or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed thirty (30) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect on the first day of May, 1914.

Section 5. This ordinance shall be subject to the provisions of the charter of the city of Portland, Oregon.

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Sale of Rogers Guaranteed Silverware. Dept., Third Floor—Arbutus design. Gray finish. Set of 6 Teaspoons, 60c—Set of 6 Dessert Spoons, 99c. Set of 6 Tablespoons, \$1.20—Berry Spoons at 59c. Sug. Spoons 19c—Cream Ladies 32c—Gravy Ladies 48c. Six Dessert Forks, 99c—Six Table Forks, \$1.20. Six Individual Salad Forks, \$1.39—Pie Servers, 79c. Butter Knives, 24c each—Set of six Table Knives at \$1.40 a set. Other articles at special reductions.

"Raisin Day" April 30th. Mowat's Seeded Raisins, 25c. Reg. 25c Cluster Raisins, 15c special today, a pound, at. Reg. 50c Imported Layer Raisins, special, the pound 30c. 40c Imperial Roast Coffee 29c a Pound.

Special Sale Dinner Sets. \$12.60 53-piece Green and Gold Semi-Porcelain Dinner Sets, \$ 8.45. \$15.50 60-piece Oriental Decoration Semi-Porcelain Sets, \$10.35. \$18.10 50-piece Indian Tree Decoration Semi-Porcelain Sets at \$12.25. \$10.00 54-piece Austrian China Decorated Sets on sale at only \$ 6.70. \$27.00 100-piece Limoges and French China Dinner Sets only \$15.00. Lawn Mowers, Garden Tools, Garden Hose, etc., at special low prices. 14-in. High Wheel Mowers, \$4.50—50-ft. 5-ply Garden Hose, \$4.25.

which there was no money, was torn from the counter. Wearing apparel, watches and knives, valued at approximately \$200, were taken from Pleasant Home, some time Tuesday night. The offenders left no clues. This is the second time within two months that the store has been broken into.

IN GIRLHOOD WOMANHOOD OR MOTHERHOOD SAFE DEFIES ROBBERS. County Bloodhound Loses Scent in Maze of Footprints. One burglary and an attempted safe-cracking were reported to Sheriff Word yesterday morning. In each instance the offender had made his getaway. Sheriff Word took the county bloodhound to the Portland flouring mills, East Fifth and Powell streets, but so many persons had passed over the ground the dog was unable to pick up the trail of the would-be safe-cracker. They entered the building Tuesday night through a back window, the combination was broken off the safe with a heavy instrument, but were unable to get into the safe, though there was money in it. The cash drawer, in

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