

BASES CLAIMS FOR GOVERNOR UPON LAW ENFORCEMENT PLANK

Dr. C. J. Smith States Position Squarely in Race on Democratic Ticket.

Coming forth firmly and emphatically in favor of the strictest enforcement of the law, Dr. C. J. Smith, who announced his candidacy yesterday for the Democratic nomination for governor, made public his platform last night.

"The question of law enforcement which we describe as 'the big issue in this state today,' is made the chief consideration in his declaration, although he unqualifiedly indorses the 'Oregon system' of law enforcement, which in the state government, advocates rural credits, suggests a partial solution for the unemployed problem and urges the development of irrigation and waterway projects in this state.

Dr. Smith came to Oregon in 1890. A physician by training and profession, he practiced in Pendleton up to 1912, when he took up his permanent residence in Portland. He is a graduate in medicine from the Starling Medical College of Columbus, Ohio, and of what is now the Bellevue University of New York City.

Worked on Farm.
A native of Derby, Ohio, where he was born August 23, 1864, Dr. Smith received his early education in the public schools of Ohio and at the Northwestern Normal School at Ada. As a youth he taught school and worked on a farm, starting in as a teacher at the age of 18.

His first campaign was in 1890, attracted by the opportunities offered in this section of the country to young men. He was employed by Dr. N. G. Elacock of Walla Walla before engaging in practice for himself. He was married in 1891 to Miss Lillian Guilford, daughter of John Guilford, a pioneer of 1852, and has one daughter, Gwendoline, aged 18.

Dr. Smith has a political career extending back for the past 20 years. He has been mayor of Pendleton for 15 years, a member of the public school board and served two terms in the Oregon state senate as a senator from Umatilla county. In his tenure of office from 1905 to 1910 he participated in two regular sessions and two special.

Dr. Smith has been a member of the state board of health since 1902 and is also a member of the board of higher curricula. For 22 years he served as secretary of the United States pension examining board. His platform in full as announced last night follows:

Law Enforcement Main Issue.
"I am now an open candidate for governor, and I am entitled to know where I stand. I would hardly call this a platform. There are many things of importance to the state, which are not discussed here. I expect to make an active campaign and I will try to make my platform as I go along, so that there will be no doubt as to my views on any public question.

"The big issue in this state today is respect for criminal law. More was done, I dare say, at the last session of the legislature to tighten the check on the liquor business and its allied vices, than had previously been done in Oregon in 25 years.

"This is directly traceable to the vigorous campaign of education which had been carried on by Governor West during the preceding two years of his administration. The issue is more acute today by 100 per cent than it was when that legislature convened, and if the question were put to a test of a vote by the people themselves, I venture that they would indorse the administration of Governor West along these lines overwhelmingly.

Women's Vote Important.
"Women are voting this year for the first time, and it needs no wise man to prophesy that the people will go to upholding the things which better life on the social and moral side and make for the stability of the home.

"I think no candidate to succeed Governor West ought to be permitted to evade taking a positive stand on this question of law enforcement. It is the biggest thing in the state today, and I want to say here and now, that if elected governor, violators of the criminal laws need expect neither sympathy nor mercy at my hands. I will enforce to the letter every criminal law now, or that may hereafter, be put on the statute books.

"A continuation of the war on organized vice is now and shall be until

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the last gun is fired in this campaign, the first and principal point on which I expect to go before the people.

Spending Too Much.
"I am of the opinion that the state has been outwitting itself in the matter of appropriations. The last legislature expended \$6,000,000. When I was in the legislature of 1903 we fought to keep the appropriations below \$2,000,000. The assessed value of the state at that time was \$120,000,000. The assessment was about on a 25 per cent basis, making the actual values \$480,000,000. Now, our assessment on a 100 per cent basis is but \$554,000,000, while the appropriations of our last legislature were \$6,000,000. The wealth of the state has, in the ten years, only doubled, while the state appropriations have been multiplied three times.

"It is estimated that the average community in this state will pay taxes for 1914 equaling 2 1/2 per cent of its assessed value. This seems to me to be more than we can stand, and the strictest economy along all lines would be my policy if elected governor.

"Other figures on this question are startling. The total value of all productions in agriculture, horticulture and forestry for 1914 has been estimated at \$180,000,000; the total of all taxes for the year, \$24,000,000. One-half of these crop values will be expended in production and marketing, leaving a net of \$90,000,000 actually delivered by the producer. To take \$24,000,000 out of this \$90,000,000 for the year's taxes is to take 30 per cent of the state's net revenue from the soil.

"Jefferson in his first inaugural address made the point that high taxes were always to be condemned because, in the end, they bore down on the producer. This truth is startlingly demonstrated by these figures.

Waste Is Blamed.
"Much of our high cost of government comes from waste rather than from graft. With a view of eliminating waste and inaugurating a system, I would apply to the fullest extent the law of 1912, providing for the creation of a uniform system of accounts for state and county officials, who handle public funds, and I would, through the publication of annual reports, as to the fiscal affairs of the several counties, keep the taxpayers fully advised in this direction. While our penal and eleemosynary institutions should be maintained upon a high plane, every effort should be made to keep down maintenance cost, through good business management.

"Provision should be made, giving the governor power of veto over any single item in an appropriation bill. The custom has been in the past to slip through many bad items in the closing hours of a legislature under cover of a general appropriation bill.

"I believe some blanket scheme of adjustment of county salaries could be devised, which would take these county salary bills out of the legislature. They furnish too much opportunity for trading and log-rolling.

"Convicts could be brought to the prison by prison employes in the same manner now employed for the transportation of the insane, and a saving thereby worked.

"Wherever useless offices, boards and commissions exist, I believe they should be abolished in the interest of taxpayers.

"In this country we have paid too little attention to the farmer. I have been a farmer myself, and I know the difficulties the ordinary farmer has in financing his improvements.

Farmer Is Overlooked.
"Every preference has been given by the banking interests to the commercial man in discrimination against the farmer. For years the European countries have recognized the necessity of giving attention to the question of rural credits, but in this country we have gone on without turning a hand to help the farmer. Now the Wilson administration is making the question of rural credits one of its chief constructive efforts, and I believe, beginning giving similar attention to the question. It is likely that some system of organization can be worked around our state banks, whereby money can be brought from the financial centers for use in the purchase and development of farm lands at much lower rates of interest than are now exacted.

"There is really no reason in the world why the railroads and industrial concerns should be able to get money for four per cent, and the farmer be compelled to pay eight per cent, and even 10 per cent. The farmer's security is in the land, and it seems this discrimination against him has only been made because he has heretofore had no friends at court.

"While it is true that the problem of the unemployed is more or less a local one, nevertheless it seems to me there is something which the state can do, and which ought to be done.

Road Work Urged.
"We are now committed to a state-wide good roads movement, and I see no reason why the work of preparing the road materials, such as rock crushing, cannot be done in the winter months, and thereby work provided for those who are willing to work.

"If any even be possible, a part of the state where climatic conditions

are favorable, to do some road work during this period of the year. I believe no one has any sympathy for the man who will not do honorable work at reasonable wages, and I have in mind making this suggestion, only that class who really want work.

"If the state can do something for them by adopting such a plan as I have suggested, I am convinced it is the duty of the state to do so, and I have been looking vain during all this discussion of the unemployed situation, for any more practical suggestion for relief. I believe none has been offered.

"I have been interested in school work during practically my entire life in Oregon, and I am convinced that too little attention has been given to the country schools, and a very small percentage of our country boys and girls ever get further than the local schools.

"More high school courses could be added in the country schools, and thereby a more adequate education and higher standard of citizenship assured for these country boys and girls.

Practical Course Urged.
"These extra courses should be made practical and planned to meet the needs of the particular communities in which they are given. Something has already been done in the state along this line. For instance, in Jackson county horticulture has been introduced; in Umatilla county agriculture. It gives the young men and women, who cannot afford to go to college, training of the same kind and value, as being given by the agricultural colleges.

"While much of our school grant was frittered away or stolen in early years, and millions thus lost to the state, I will be my endeavor to see the greatest possible amount realized from the sale of the remaining lands, and to use the utmost care that every dollar of the school fund is invested only in the best of securities.

"In this connection I will continue the present policy of endeavoring to secure patent to every acre of land to which the state may be entitled under grants from congress, and also the efforts now being made to perfect and finally adjust all state land titles, with a view of making state deeds absolute evidence of good titles.

Carry Act Failure.
"We are confronted with a great problem in our arid lands of eastern and central Oregon. The Carey act has been a failure. Speculators and promoters have eaten up the profit and made the schemes top-heavy. It must be abandoned for some new plan. What that plan shall be must be the subject of serious consideration, and it should be made the permanent policy of the state. If elected governor I will undertake at an early date a consideration of this question by interested parties, and would hope, during my term of office, to be instrumental in formulating some practical system of development of the arid lands. Every uncultivated acre in Oregon represents a lost opportunity.

"Every effort should be made to force an early completion of the uncompleted Carey act projects, and thus, not only bring relief to many unfortunate settlers, who have long waited for water, but also add to the wealth and prosperity of the state.

"Without a 40 foot bar at Astoria and open rivers on the Columbia and

STEVENS GIVES POLICIES IN GUBERNATORIAL RACE

Formal Announcement of Candidacy Made by Ex-Sheriff.

Formal announcement of the candidacy of Robert L. Stevens, former sheriff of Multnomah county, for the nomination for governor on the Republican ticket was made last night. In launching his campaign Mr. Stevens did not outline a lengthy program of reforms, but confined himself to the announcement that he would endeavor to give an efficient, economical and business administration, enforce the laws and use the prestige and influence of the office to improve social, moral and economical conditions. He said:

"In presenting my name to the people of Oregon as a candidate on the Republican ticket for the high office of governor, I can find nothing that more fully expresses my intentions and policies than the principal plank in the platform on which I was elected and twice re-elected, with increasing majorities, sheriff of Multnomah county.

"Now, as then, I promise the people that if nominated and elected I will endeavor at all times to enforce all laws with strict impartiality and will give the people an efficient, economical and business administration.

"The governorship is an executive office and under the direct primary, with the initiative and referendum ever at the command of the people, the repeal of obnoxious laws or the enactment of better ones that may be needed can be attended to at the polls by the people at the same election at which they will name the governor.

"For this reason I will not indulge in extended platitudes and promises regarding matters which the people can and will settle by direct action. At the same time, I pledge myself if elected to use all of the power and prestige of the office to aid in securing legislation that may even in the slightest degree

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WEST HOLDS OUT FOR 'CLEAN CUT' REQUEST BY PORTLAND SOLONS

Chief Executive Says Commissioners Must Admit Unemployed Emergency.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., Jan. 24.—Mayor Albee and members of the Portland city council in their appeal to Governor West to provide employment for the idle men in Portland because of the inability of the city to cope with the situation, have failed, for the second time, to make their request in a satisfactory form. A telegram to the governor was received tonight from the Portland officials, but Governor West's reply is that he will not act until the Portland officials are ready to acknowledge the situation frankly and make a clean cut appeal to his office for assistance.

The message from Mayor Albee and the city councilmen to the governor, which came as a reply to the governor's refusal to take action on the strength of the "spineless" resolution received by him today from the Portland officials, said:

"Replying to your wire of date, an emergency exists, in that after the city of Portland has given all the work possible to the unemployed, many of them from the state at large, there still remains a large number of men who cannot get work. Being unable to supply more work and upon your offer to place a great many men on state work if called upon to do so, the council by resolution has requested you to do so."

"It has never been claimed that the state board could offer work without authority from the emergency board," said the governor tonight. "My office has declared its willingness to take over the problem whenever the city authorities of Portland advise me that an emergency exists and that they are unable to cope with it. I would do it through road work, but only an emergency and an urgent demand from the city authorities would justify me doing so."

Wants 'Clean Cut' Request.
"If the city authorities are not prepared to declare an emergency and make a clean cut request for relief they will have to handle the situation themselves."

State Highway Commissioner
Bowling, Colonel Lawson and myself will leave in the morning for Biggs to look over an opportunity, which presents itself for road work."

MORTGAGE IS SAID TO REPRESENT BIG LOAN
Although showing but a nominal sum on its face, a mortgage given by Christina and Addison Brown to the Emanuel May Investment company is said to secure a loan of \$150,000. It was filed yesterday with County Clerk Coffey by Attorney Samuel May. The Browns apartments were mortgaged by the Browns.

Stanfield's First Saloon.
Stanfield, Jan. 24.—At a meeting of the city council Thursday night, a license was granted to F. P. Riley, who will open a saloon in the Webster block February 1. The license was fixed at \$100. This will be Stanfield's first saloon.

Winter Is Mild.
Albany, Or., Jan. 24.—According to weather statistics compiled by local Weather Observer F. M. French, this has been the mildest winter in years for this section of the Willamette valley.

Journal Want Ads bring results

Edwards' Final Clearance of All Odd Pieces

Selling goods in January, at this store, is different than at any other time in the year. Every January we find out exactly "where we are at." We first find out how much stock we have on hand and then we pick out articles that have "outstayed their welcome" on our floors. January is the "force-out" month for such goods—for all patterns that have not moved as quickly as our system demands and for all lines where just a pattern or two remain. It's a sacrifice, pure and simple—a forced selling of many thousands of dollars' worth of dependable home furnishings at sensational prices to sell the articles we want sold to make room for "new faces."

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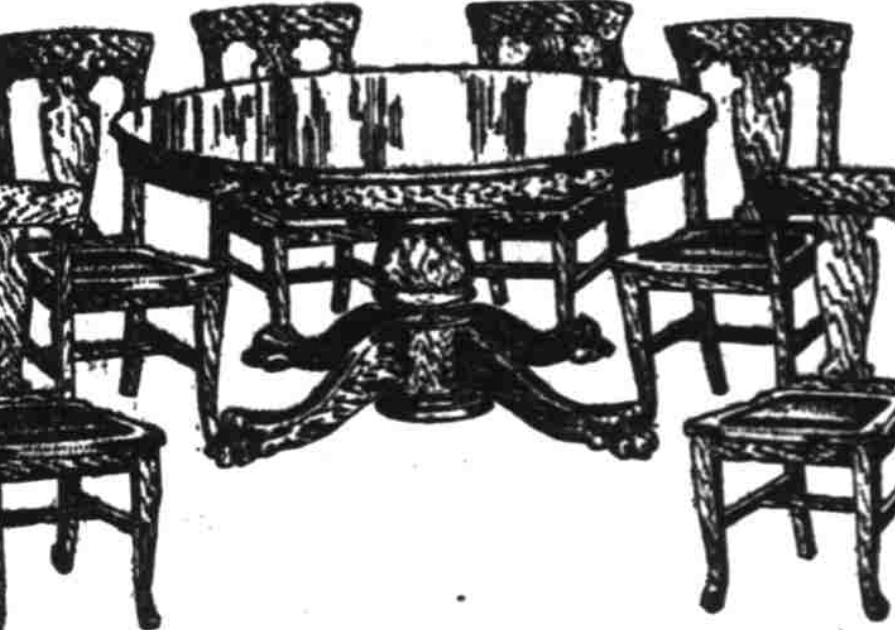
GRAND OFFER NO. 3—We will sell this 100-piece, \$20 value, Beautiful Dinner Set for \$15.90, on terms of \$1 cash and \$1 weekly, or for cash.

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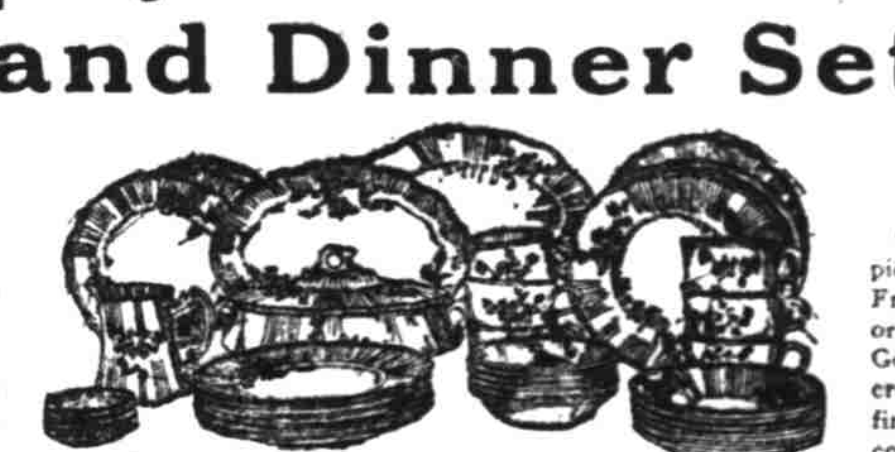
\$25.00 Power Washers
\$16.75

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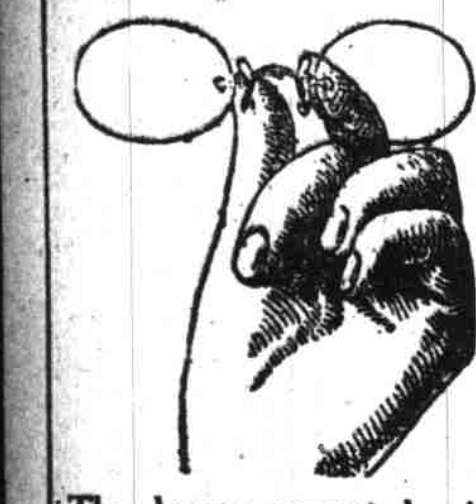
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