

2378

AUG 25 1943

PLACED ON FILE

Communication from Tom Burns regarding  
appointment of a new commissioner.

For record of the City of Portland, Oregon  
City of Portland, Oregon, 1943

344

Filed AUG 20 1943

Will E. Gibson

Auditor of the CITY OF PORTLAND

By *W. J. Gray* Deputy

# FAX

Portland, Oregon, Thursday, May 14, 1942

Five Cents

## "PERFUMED HAMBURGER" BENNETT

"Perfumed Hamburger" Bennett in a Journal advertisement attacking my old friend Ralph Clyde, demanded "FACTS—NOT FICTION" so "being a kindly sort of cuss" I present Joque Bennett with a few FACTS.

### Burns Opposes Bennett

I opposed (Cur)misioner Joque Bennett's childish, idiotic and unenforceable anti-gambling ordinances, March 30, 1937. A. C. Hol-loway wrote in the News-Telegram: "Tom Burns, rising from the audience, shot at Bennett: 'Do you know the Bennetts who used to play poker with one of their employees every Saturday, and when the game was over would tell him he had no wages coming?' Bennett smiled the embarrassed grin of a schoolboy caught shooting paper-wads behind the teacher's back. Bennett said: 'You bet I know those Bennetts, Tom. There's only one thing wrong with that story, though. That is the other fellow used to get the money.'"

Sitting beside me was Bob Sawyer, popular Sandy Boulevard cafe-owner, noted Spanish War Veteran and a real He man. Bob used to be a partner in the butcher business with Bennett and was ready to give him the lie direct. But, as Bennett had agreed to debate the gambling licensing question with me, in the City Auditorium the following Sunday afternoon, I kept Bob's evidence on ice, as an ace-in-the-hole.

I also had with me the owner of the beer parlor where Brothers Bennett "three-timed" their meat-cutter, Sexton, at poker. Bennett, as usual proved himself a cheap skate, a craven and a four-flusher. He did not have then, nor has he now, either the brains or the courage to debate its record with me!

Joque Bennett, with mule-seminary, and pig-pen education, had the unmitigated gall to denounce democracy's brightest diadem—the jury system—as a "refuge for criminals."

Joque Bennett told a friend of mine in his Fifth Avenue lunchroom that, "women who smoke or drink should be hung without trial." This proves (It) a 16th century throwback to the days of witch-burners.

Bennett could also enlighten Portland's taxpayers how many Bennetts have been where (It) should be **right now**—in the home for feeble-minded!

"Holier - than - Thou" Bennett wonders whether its termite-sized soul will ever reach heaven.

Galileo proved that our world revolves around the sun—therefore, it is a fifty-fifty bet as to which heaven is on top when "Holier-

**WHY CHANGE NOW  
"WHEN HELL IS POPPING"  
The Wide World Over?  
To Replace a PROFESSIONAL  
With an AMATUER?  
Why Even Try?**



**Vote 25 X TAZWELL**  
CIRCUIT JUDGE—Dept. 1

(Paid Ad.)

## FAX

TOM BURNS, EDITOR  
BERT N. SERO, MANAGER

### "THE MAD-DOG OF EUROPE" DOGS HIS SUPERIORS

I'm downright sorry for the Socialist journalist who christened Adolf Hitler "the mad-dog of Europe." I'm sorry for him because he did not know dogs. There isn't a dog on earth, not even the most lowly mongrel afflicted with the mange, seven-year-itch and rabies, that wouldn't snarl, if told it was related to Herr Fraulein Adolf Hitler. However, here's hoping Hitler's mother will bark, growl and howl, long and loud enough to prevent earth's foulest fiend, Adolf, from sleeping until the grim reaper calls curtains for (IT).—FAX, Jan. 15, 1935, by Tom Burns.

### VOTE McNARY — NIX ON GEARY!

Elect Jim Bain  
"We did it before—  
We'll do it again."

### TOM BURNS SAYS—

Re-elect Frank Shull, because we have never had a more efficient commissioner. Vote 88 X Shull, Frank L.

Don't B Sap,  
Feed D Jap,  
Undt make (IT) schmile—  
Feed (It) needles mit croton oil.

### MORE ABOUT BENNETT—

(Continued from Page 1)

than-Thou" kicks the bucket. His wings might fly him straight up to hell.

But, methinks, that Joque Bennett need not worry, because when (It) appears before "The Grand Architect of the Universe", It shall hear that soul-destroying-sentence from the new Testament—"Depart from me ye cursed into everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels." This is from Matthew 25:41. This sentence, methinks, will be pronounced upon the microbe-sized souls of Bennett's horde of scoundrelly stoolpigeons, who for a lousy ten dollars will perjure themselves to try and make criminals of men and

women whose toilets they are not fit to clean, even though they used their brains, heart and soul for a mop.

The News-Telegram, (Thursday, April 15, 1937, page 3, column 6), has this to say:

"Recently, Commissioner Bennett journeyed to Vancouver, B. C., there to welcome De Kink of Inkland. Of course, the taxpayers footed the bill."

Report doth not state whether our Rotten-Hamburger-Famed Commissioner crawled on its belly to kiss the Kink's foot, hand or tokus.

Since this is the same Dr. Jekel-and-Mr. Hyde mental marvel that wormed (Its) way into becoming the main speaker for the Portland Communist party at the opening of their Tualatin Recreation park; afterwards leading a mob of these political degenerates from the city hall to the auditorium and there presiding at a meeting where the foul-mouthed-curs, Walker and Olson, denounced everything that sane-minded Americans held sacred. It is likely, being a jassack—he probably acted natural.

I have contended for years that Bughouse Joque Bennett belonged in a feeble-minded home. The following editorials prove the correctness of that contention.

The Oregonian, in an editorial entitled, "A Phrase From Penny-Ante," (Friday, June 9, 1939) has this to say:

"Long association on the city council with Ormond R. Bean, of whom Governor Sprague thought so well that he made him public utilities commissioner, did not avail to persuade Commissioner Bennett to vote for a resolution

Tom Burns Says—  
Vote for Frank Shull  
He's earned it.



RE-ELECT

RALPH C.  
CLYDE

CITY COMMISSIONER

"He Has Made Good"

Vote

X 17 On Ballot

(Paid Ad.)

expressing the council's appreciation of the retiring commissioner's services to his city. The rest of them voted for the resolution, but when it came to Commissioner Bennett he said, "I pass." They were all out of step except Jake.

"Commissioner Bennett, friend of the common people—though what this pose has to do with declining to render a common courtesy, at the least, is not readily apparent. Speaking of his warm admiration of the common people and his friendship for them, it is recalled that several years ago Commissioner Bennett stoutly declined to turn on the steam in chilly weather at the municipal auditorium, where a considerable number of commoners shivered forlornly at their occupations. And these past few days the same lack of auditorium steam was reported. The workers may shiver for all of him until they shake out their back teeth, for the commissioner covets a record. Meantime, of course, Commissioner Bennett himself isn't suffering from any lack of municipal thermal units. He's comfy.

"Well, that's the commissioner, and take him all in all, if you have the temerity, his is as singular a case of ingrowing egotism as ever was remarked in the city hall, where, candor constrains the admission, there have aforesaid been some genuine lulus. To assume that the commissioner has a passionate crush on himself would account for it, of course. These great loves beget such delusions. Thus one citizen will entertain the agreeable conceit that he is Napoleon, while another, perhaps the commissioner, will be powerfully persuaded that he is a statesman.

"Yet we fear that a commissioner who cannot do the decent and conventional thing by a departing and honored colleague, but who merely says, 'I pass,' is seriously mistaken in his self-analysis. As the phrase itself would indicate, he never can get over the habit of playing his hand as though it were penny-ante."

Portland's Tin-Horn Hitler, Heartless Pig-Headed Bennett Fights Against Milk Fund Plan For Portland's Starving Babies!

The following is from a News-Telegram editorial, (Saturday, Nov. 20, 1937), which justly and scathingly denounced Rotten-Hamburger Bennett, quote:

"Commissioner J. E. Bennett always has a target, the latest mark for his artillery-fire are babies and school children who need milk. "Bennett refused to vote for an ordinance

permitting firemen to string banners advertising the annual milk fund benefit game between the Portland Interscholastic Football League.

"We were taught that 'charity begins at home,' but it appears Bennett was taught differently. For it was his vote, and his alone, that killed the emergency ordinance permitting firemen to string banners in the down-

### VOTE McNARY — NIX ON GEARY!

### GRIFFITH for CONGRESS!

Tom Burns says—The Oregon State Federation of Labor and the Portland Central Labor Council endorse—

### GRIFFITH for CONGRESS!

They KNOW why!—So do I.



### E. J. GRIFFITH

Democrat for CONGRESS

- Endorsed by A. F. of L.
- Where incumbent failed in Defense efforts, Griffith helped arm Oregon against possible Japanese invasion.
- Strongly for Old Age Pensions.
- Knows Washington intimately; schooled in congressman's opportunities.
- Fathered Portland's shipbuilding industry.

S. Eugene Allen, Editor Oregon Labor Press, Monday, May 11, 8:15 p. m., over KALE, in a masterful manner, EXPLAINED why you and I should vote—14 X.

### GRIFFITH for CONGRESS!

(Paid Ad.)

town area to advertise the **Milk Fund Benefit Game.**

"Bennett's vote against the banner permit was a vote against the **thousands of undernourished and needy children who are supplied milk throughout the year through the Milk Fund.**

"Many Portlanders will pour many pennies, dimes and dollars into the **Milk Fund**, but Bennett couldn't spare a vote."

### "Bennett Ordered Before County Grand Jury!"

The above appeared in box-car letters on the front page of **The News-Telegram**, (Thursday, August 24, 1937) when A. C. Holloway, the most competent political writer **The News-Telegram** ever had, wrote:—

### "TO TALK ON GRAFT"

"Under threat of a **jail sentence** for disregarding its order Commissioner J. E. Bennett appeared before the Multnomah county grand jury Tuesday. Bennett was **compelled** to appear before the jurors to begin relating his story of alleged corruption in the Portland police department.

The city commissioner refused Bain's invitation to appear before the grand jury and **finally had to be subpoenaed.**

\* \* \* \* \*

"A deputy sheriff served the subpoena on Commissioner Bennett at the city hall . . ."

That was a 1937 grand jury and then it took a threat of a **jail sentence** to force Commissioner Bennett, (of rotten hamburger fame), to appear. Before this grand jury, Political-Polecat Bennett did not produce one shred of evidence to prove his dastardly charges of graft. (It) didn't have any!

Commissioner Bughouse Bennett, when forced before the 1939 grand jury, repeated (Its) detestable 1937 performance, and the Oregon Daily Journal in an editorial, (May 2, 1939), said, "The Multnomah grand jury, after two months of intensive investigation of vice-conditions in Portland, brought no indictments."

For more than fifty years contemptible mental-microbes like "Rotten-Hamburger" Bennett, have befouled the air of Portland with "Character-ASSassin-Attacks" on our police, and public officials, and when dragged up before the grand jury **never once have they been able to produce one shred of evidence to prove their dastardly and cowardly charges.**

Vote - snatching political - parasites, like Bombastus Bennett, crawl on their belly to

1346112  
moose - mouthed putrid preachers. Their abysmal ignorance forces them to think these religious mongrels control Portland. Curtains!

Page 207, "World Survey", by The Interchurch World Movement of North America, proves that more than 72 per cent of the people in Oregon **DO NOT GO TO CHURCH.** They counted every one that did go, too,—at least, once. The "Methodist Book Concern" peddles this book.

Vote X 68 — Charles Ringler

Elect Jim Bain  
"We did it before—  
We'll do it again."

Tom Burns says:—Judge Cohn deserves Your Vote! Why? Because his philosophy of life is, "To err is Human—to forgive is Divine."



Retain . . .

**Judge Julius Cohn**  
(Incumbent)

**District Court—Dept. 4**

SIX YEARS MUNICIPAL JUDGE

His Record Is His Recommendation

Qualified — Experienced —  
Impartial—Fair—Courteous

VOTE 35 X

(Non-Partisan) Judicial Ballot

(Paid Ad.)

RECEIVED

1943 AUG 20 PM 2 50

WILL E. GIBSON, AUDITOR  
CITY OF PORTLAND, ORE.  
BY --221 W Burnside,  
Portland, Oregon,  
8, 19, 43

To Mayor Riley and  
Portland's City Commissioners,  
Gentlemen,

I respectfully request that you appoint Eleanor Clyde to fill out the unfilled portion of her late husband's term of office. Mrs Clyde is a keen student of civic problems. This procedure has proven a success in Congress.

Furthermore, the 200,000 women of Portland are entitled to at least one of their sex on the council; particularly, as we are fighting a global war for democracy and Maleocracy is NOT democracy

Yours truly  
Tom Burns