

WAY CLEAR FOR ELLIS

Astoria Labor Council Rescinds Its
Former Action and Indorses
the Pendleton Judge.

You may fool part of the American workingmen during part of an election time, but you can't keep the wool pulled down tight over their eyes all the time. This revised saying of the immortal Lincoln has been emphasized by the decisive action of the Astoria Central Labor Body at its largely attended meeting held in that city Tuesday evening of this week. By a unanimous vote of that body, its previous indorsement of W. J. Lachner, of Baker City, for Congress, was rescinded and Judge Wm. R. Ellis, of Pendleton, was chosen as the only worthy candidate in the field and the logical man for the wage-earners of the second district to support.

This action on the part of the representatives of Astoria labor unions was brought about after the members had been convinced that the man Lachner was nothing but a sponge to absorb the labor vote and allow John L. Rand to slip into the nomination. The Labor Press has all along contended that Lachner was in the field for a purpose and that that purpose was a traitorous one to organized labor. This paper had knowledge of Lachner's partnership with the working people's avowed enemy, and it has steadfastly held aloof from the man and ignored him. It has had pressure brought to bear on it to recede from its position and take up Lachner; yes, even threats have come to this office from certain interests of which our readers will be advised later on. It is only natural therefore, that the management of the Labor Press should feel elated at this action on the part of the Astoria unions which means a full vindication of its attitude in the matter.

It is admitted now by all that Rand is hopelessly defeated, and the proper course to pursue is to devote the few remaining days before the primary election to undoing the harm that Lachner has succeeded in doing among the weaker labor unions in the eastern part of the district. By the aid of one or two traitors like Daugherty, of Baker City, Lachner worked among the remote unions of small membership outside of Portland. His method was to get a few friends to call a "special meeting" and with his "indorsement" all ready prepared, get the few members present to ratify it.

Then he ran to the nearest telegraph office and next morning the newspapers had another labor union "indorsing" Lachner for Congress. When this subtle tool of Rand's saw that the Labor Press detected his game he wanted to bribe the management, but the management saw its way clear to pay the printing bills without the aid of his dollars, and the bribe was rejected. This has been Lachner's method from the start, and now that he is being discovered by those whom he at first hypnotized, the proper place for him is in the same class as his master—Rand.

The greatest obstacle to Rand's defeat has now been removed by the detection of Lachner's double dealing. There is nothing in the way to prevent Judge Ellis from receiving the solid vote of the labor unions all along the line. Shepherd, the conceited little councilman who was flattered into the race can be taken more as a joke than a reality. He is the man whom one union of this city took out of obscurity as the only available man to defeat Bentley in the last city election. The union men at that time would have voted for a yellow cur in preference to Bentley and this accounts for Shepherd's appearance in politics. Shepherd is a light weight as a lawyer and a politician. He belongs to the small-calibered species of obscure attorneys and the absurdity of such a man representing the growing state of Oregon in the National Congress is apparent to any citizen who has watched his feeble efforts in the council chamber at the City Hall.

Let every working man of the district take it upon himself to put in the few remaining days of the campaign in a general boost for Judge Ellis of Pendleton. Tell your fellow workman to tell his friends that the interests of the toilers demand the nomination of the honest Pendleton Jurist. Ask the support of your grocer, your butcher and every man with whom you have business dealings. The business men are with the toilers in this fight and an appeal to any reasonable man will win him to our side. Work and talk Ellis on every occasion between now and next Friday, and then go to the polling booth in your own precinct and vote for Ellis.

THE TRUSTS ARE
BACKING CAKEThe Standard Oil Attorney Just The
Man for Them

Voters of Oregon how do you like the aggressive meddling of the sugar trust and tobacco trust in the politics of your state? Here is the letter being sent out by the representatives, agents and distributors of the two biggest trusts in the country in the interest of their candidate for the United States Senate. Are you willing to be bunked into voting for the candidate of the greatest enemies of the American people?

Mason, Ehrman & Co.,
Portland, Ore.
Branch Cigar Department, Seattle, Wash.
MASON, EHRMAN & CO.
Importers, Wholesale Grocers, Cigars and Tobacco Dealers.
Portland, Ore., March 8, 1906.

Dear Sir—We are much interested in the election of Mr. H. M. Cake of Portland to the United States Senate.

Mr. Cake has never been in politics, and is a clean, able man, and has proved his fitness for the place by the interest he has taken in the development of the State.

The business interests of Portland desire the election of Mr. Cake and by giving him your support you will confer a great favor upon us.

Yours very truly,

MASON, EHRMAN & CO.,
Per E. E.

STATEMENT No. 1

LEGISLATIVE TICKET

Every Republican voter who is opposed to the Trusts and corrupt corporations should mark a cross before each one of the following names. Don't pay any attention to the enemies of the common people; the knockers and paid boosters who are striving to send men to Salem who would repeal the direct primary law. These are the only candidates who have subscribed unqualifiedly to Statement One. Vote for every one of them and help Oregon to get rid of the political corruptionists. Look for the numbers on the ballot.

Vote This Ticket Straight

For United States Senator

For Term Beginning March 4, 1906

13 X BOURNE, JR., JONATHAN will support President Roosevelt's determination that justice be done all men.

For Joint State Senator

From Multnomah and Clackamas Counties

51 X ORTON, G. M. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

For State Senator from Multnomah County

56 X GILL, JOHN Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

For Representatives from Multnomah County

58 X ADAMS, L. H. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

59 X BAYER, J. C. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

62 X BURNS, DAVID C. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

67 X COFFEY, JOHN B. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

69 X DRISCOLL, JOHN Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

75 X KEADY, W. P. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

79 X MATTHIEU, S. A. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

83 X SANDSTROM, A. H. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

85 X TAGGART, EDWARD T. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

87 X THORNTON, EDGAR H. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

88 X WANNER, WILLIAM. Promises always to vote for people's choice for United States Senator.

RESCIND FORMER ACTION.

Astoria Labor Council Pledges Its
Support to Judge Ellis.

Three weeks ago the Astoria Central Labor Council passed resolutions condemning John L. Rand, candidate for Congress in this district, as an enemy of the working people, and indorsed the candidacy of Wm. Lachner.

Last Tuesday evening, at a regular meeting of the Council, at which there was a full attendance of delegates, the former action of the Council was rescinded, and Rand was condemned and Judge Ellis indorsed against him.

This change was brought about through the desire of the Astoria boys to co-operate with the Portland labor unions in a united effort to defeat Rand.

At the Council meeting Tuesday evening there were 24 delegates. On the motion to rescind its former action there were 22 for and two against. On the motion to indorse Mr. Ellis the vote stood 23 for and one against, and the one in the negative made an open statement that he would abide by the majority. Be it said in his favor that he voted against the indorsement of Mr. Ellis for the reason that he had been a schoolmate of Mr. Lachner, and a warm friend.

This action of the Astoria Council practically unites the labor unions in the western portion of this district for Ellis to defeat Rand. As the great majority of the organized labor members are in the western portion it can be said that Mr. Ellis has secured the strength of the labor unions in the district. La Grande is for Ellis, and so is Pendleton, notwithstanding Lachner's claims that he has the indorsement of the Central Labor Council and the support of the unions in that city. The facts of the case are that Lachner went to Pendleton with a resolution in his own favor which he wrote himself, and had passed by six of the Baker City unions, before Mr. Ellis came into the race. Pendleton is Mr. Ellis' home, and he is well thought of by the trades unionists and the working men of that city, and they will support him.

The initiative against Rand and

for Ellis was taken by the Labor Press and labor organizations of Portland. They had no confidence in Lachner and they discovered that he was not strong enough nor sufficiently competent to fill the office if he got it. Shepard they looked upon as an impossibility. Ellis they knew as an honorable gentleman of large acquaintance and considerable strength. There was but one thing to their minds to do, and that was to rally to the support of Mr. Ellis, and the unions of Astoria have wisely changed their minds to unite upon him with the Portland and Pendleton and La Grande boys as the strongest candidate.

CHAMPIONS OF STATEMENT
NO. 1.

To preserve the direct primary law intact, and keep the political power in the hands of the people, it is necessary to nominate these men (upon the Republican ticket) to the Oregon Legislature from Multnomah county whose numbers upon the official ballot are. Put your X between these numbers and the name:

U. S. Senator.
13
Joint Senator, Clackamas and Multnomah.
51
State Senator—Multnomah County.
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Representatives—Multnomah County.
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John L. Rand says that he will offset the opposition of the labor unions by votes from other sources. If he has other sources it is about time he was "digging" them up, for the Rand rounters are getting scarcer every day. What few there are left have got down to a whisper.

A vote for Jonathan Bourne for United States Senator is a vote against the trusts.

Vote 51—Geo. M. Orton.

THE TRUSTS' CANDIDATE

McCann Hands Standard Oil Attorney
Few Bunches—Tax-Dodging
Is Shown Up.

To the Editor of the Labor Press:

Last week I called attention to the record of the courts against H. M. Cake showing that the 38th volume, page 439 of the Oregon Supreme Court reports states in italic type, that Henry M. Cake, now candidate for the United States Senate, "appeared and made oral argument for the Standard Oil Company," in an action to recover damages for injuries resulting in the death of Perry Watkins.

In the face of this record H. M. Cake has written, under date of April 5, a letter to union labor organizations in which he says he is opposed to all trusts. "They are contrary to law," he adds, "their charters should be forfeited and their officers punished."

The fact is that only trusts in restraint of trade, such as the Standard Oil Trust, are contrary to law, and before their officers can be punished and their charters revoked the people must put in the United States Senate men who never had and never will have affiliated with the Standard Oil Company or other trusts in restraint of trade.

Then acting, evidently on the theory that union labor can be trifled with, H. M. Cake concludes his remarkable appeal for votes with this statement: "It is the duty of the State and Federal Government to protect and guard by adequate laws, the interests of all labor."

"All labor," says H. M. Cake. Does he mean Chinese cheap labor and all non-union labor? H. M. Cake should learn that there is room for only one kind of labor in this country and that is union labor; any other form of labor is serfdom. In his plea for all labor H. M. Cake says, "It is the duty of the State and Federal Government to protect it." Does he mean, as Grover Cleveland and the trusts have already done, to intimidate union labor and protect scabs?

On August 22, 1903, the Journal of this city printed the following about H. M. Cake:

"One of the many beneficiaries by the lavish generosity displayed by the last County Board in settling tax claims was H. M. Cake, a brother of Judge W. M. Cake, the chairman of the Board. The business of settling claims for cancellation or rebate of taxes was relegated by the other members of the Board to Judge Cake, and the records disclosed the fact that in several instances

he was called upon to consider petitions for remission of taxes on property owned by his brother. His brother cannot complain of any unusual discrimination against him by the judge who passed upon his applications.

During the fifteen months that Judge Cake was chairman of the County Board five petitions for cancellation of taxes were presented by H. M. Cake. All of them were granted, and the total of taxes exceeded \$15,000.00, exclusive of penalties. The petitions embrace numerous pieces of property and in some cases cancellation of taxes was asked upon the ground of errors in description, while in others the request was based upon circumstances which in no way effected the merit of the County's claims."

On August 24 the Journal printed the following:

"Judge W. M. Cake declines to make any explanation of the orders which he entered while Chairman of the County Board, granting petitions of his brother H. M. Cake, for remission of taxes. When asked this morning to make some statement on the subject he replied angrily that he had none to make. The fact remains therefore undisputed that Judge Cake, while County Judge and Chairman of the County Board, granted petitions of his brother and law partner, H. M. Cake, for cancellation of taxes on property owned by the latter."

"All the evidence obtainable indicated that in passing upon these petitions Judge Cake acted without conference with his fellow members of the board, and even without their knowledge."

When H. M. Cake of Standard Oil Company record declares that trust charters should be forfeited and their officers punished, one might be constrained to believe his conversion to the anti-trust platform must have been coincident with the birth of his aspiration to be United States Senator. His record will have to be revised before he can be taken seriously as a candidate for any office at the hands of the people.

Respectfully yours,
RICHARD M. MCCANN

Charges of Fraud.

Charges of fraud in the returns upon the municipal ownership proposition voted in Chicago April 3 have been received by Corporation Counsel Lewis and the County Court and the Election Commissioners will be asked to investigate the matter. It is asserted in 41 precincts the returns upon all of the three propositions relative to municipal ownership show exactly the same vote, and this is said to be an impossibility.

It is claimed by the advocates of municipal ownership that a recount will show a gain of 8000 votes for the proposition and these, together with the same loss for the negative and an error of 1000 votes already found in the footing of the vote in the Tenth Ward, will give the municipal ownership proposition sufficient votes to become effective.

UNION HATERS WANT HIM

LOCAL CITIZENS' ALLIANCE UNITING WITH THE TRUSTS TO
ELECT CAKE

The trusts, the union-busting Citizens' Alliance and every other combination that is opposed to the interests of the Whole people of Oregon, are using every means fair and foul to put H. M. Cake, the Standard Oil pet, in the Senate of the United States.

The firm of Mason, Ehrman & Co., local agents and principal distributors for the sugar and tobacco trusts, is flooding the state with letters sent out to the small dealers in the interest of Cake. This firm, knowing the feelings of the American people towards the illegal, law-defying combinations of wealth, at first worked secretly in Cake's interest, but now as the campaign advances it has taken a bolder stand and is openly advocating H. M. Cake's nomination. Realizing the great strength developed by Jonathan Bourne, who has antagonized the money powers by fearlessly taking up the people's fight, the trust agents and privilege classes are uniting on Cake as the safest means of defeating the people's champion. The Citizens' Alliance, which is composed of a small bunch of local union-haters, has rallied to Cake's support and its members have started literary bur-

leaus to aid his candidacy. The following is a sample letter which the members of this union-busting "inner-circle" are sending to the storekeepers of Oregon:

Portland, Oregon, March 16, 1906.

Dear Sir—The business interests of Portland very much desire the election of Mr. H. M. Cake of this city to the United States Senate. Mr. Cake has announced himself a candidate for the Republican primary nomination and we would regard it a personal favor if you would give him your support.

Mr. Cake has been an active worker for a greater Oregon, is a strong man, clean-cut and honorable, and we commend him to your favorable consideration as the logical man for the Senate.

Very truly yours,
THE GEORGE LAWRENCE CO.,
G. L. Jr.

This George Lawrence Co. is the same concern which two years ago fought the Leather Workers' Union when that body was striving to obtain decent American conditions for its members. The head of this concern is known to Portland workingmen as one of the most virulent union haters in Oregon. He is one of the original advocates of the "open shop" and he is an exact counterpart of "Divine Right" Baer, the coal baron who holds that the rights of the American workingmen are the rights of a slave. And these concerns are the self-constituted spokesmen for the "business interests" of Portland!