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The unqualified Statement One candidates for the Legislature on the Republican ticket are charged with being a Bourne slate. These men stand for, first, the law in its entirety and without distortion. So does Mr. Bourne. They stand for the control of corporations doing public utility service under franchises from the state and city. So does Mr. Bourne, and for the governmental regulation and control of corporations engaged in interstate business. They stand for home rule for the people of the municipalities of the state by their indorsement of the constitutional amendments to reserve such powers to the people and to be voted on in June, and in case of the failure of such amendments to pass, they will support such measures as will confer the necessary powers upon the City of Portland. Mr. Bourne indorses the Statement One candidates in this pledge. They stand for pure food and full measure in Oregon. Mr. Bourne stands for the same things for the whole country. In short, they stand together on a common platform of genuine progress and reform, and knowing what they stand for is what the people demand, they have the true instinct of the enlightened public servant to know and loyally serve. If occupying common ground with Mr. Bourne makes of them a Bourne slate, and what they stand for is what the people want, then the Bourne slate must be the people's slate, and as such the people ought to and will elect it.

Some conceited country editors take exception to a letter published on Statement No. 1 "explained for easy comprehension." Yet papers from all over the state say: "The greatest objection here is to Statement No. 1, under which it is believed Gearin (Democrat) will get a plurality of the votes at the primaries as there are several candidates on the Republican side for the Senate." In view of this condition ought not Statement One to be explained for easy comprehension? If that Statement No. 1 letter is carefully read it will show the voter and incidentally the editor there is not the slightest danger of the Democrat getting the highest number of votes for United States Senator unless the Republican voters turn Democrat, and if they do they will also elect a Democratic Legislature. In that event what will the steadfast Republican do about it? Will he overthrow the government? It may happen that the people will elect a Democratic Legislature and a Republican governor and Senator, and in that event who will undertake to spank the dear people? What the average country editor don't know he finds out from the encyclopedia if he has one, but Statement One is not in the book and the editor is lost.

Vote 51—Geo. M. Orton.

Jonathan Bourne, Jr., has for the past ten years worked for those reforms in Oregon that were designed to reserve to the people of this state the power to enforce by direct methods such legislation as they might want, and repeal or veto such as they do not want. He also was one of the chief factors in securing the direct primary elections law, in order that

DO THE PEOPLE WANT A TRUST SENATOR?

It was announced a few days since in the daily papers of Portland that the Union Meat Company had sold its plant to the Beef Trust. Not so much as a ripple of excitement was occasioned by the news, for the public has come to view the absorption of all small concerns by the few great trust magnates as a matter of course. The consumer, the drover, the feeder and ranchman, as well as the country banks who carry these men, in time will come to know what it means if they do not already know by the example that their ruined class of the corn belt presents. The enormous stealings of the beef barons has been set as a trap to gather more loot. It is called re-investment in the business by expansion, and amounts to putting our producers and consumers on a par with the industrial slaves of the rest of the country. The Hood River berry producer and the Butte fruit vendor will come to know what it all means; the strawberry picker at one end of the line and the consumer at the other will "catch on" when the price for picking and the penalty of consuming, take another step apart to admit of two refrigerating cars with the mythical icing charges, instead of one, into the gap to swell the profits of the barons. As a rule the country banker don't know much. He thinks he is a swimming apple. When a few of his stock raising customers get an impartial "Irish dividend" from the beef trust and share it with him, he will know something has happened and he will probably lay it to the tariff. But the trust, with its tentacles reaching to the vitals of every industry in the land, the average every day common sense citizen knows and knows what is the matter.

Now in Oregon there is a struggle on in the political field, in which the trust is one party to it and the people are the other. Heretofore it has been easy for the plutocratic knights to carry off the Senatorial prize at Salem, and the people could not resist. Under the primary elections law and Statement One thereof these brigands are forced into the open, and the battle is in full swing. Their figurehead is Cake. In his name the power of the trust is being exerted against the people in the open field, and how effectually will be determined by the people themselves when they cast their primary ballots on April 20. When it is remembered that each trust is a member of the trust family, and that one cannot be hit without hurting the others nor benefited without benefiting all; that every merchant in order to do business must carry one or more trust-made staple articles, the price and profit on which and even the privilege of selling it he perforce takes from the trust, then a polite note from an agent of such trust to such merchant takes on a meaning more potent than a mere request; it is a command. Such is the harmless looking little engineering behind Mr. Cake, their figurehead, in the Senatorial contest now on. Every wholesale concern in Portland that is handling trust goods has sent out a polite little "request" in Mr. Cake's behalf. A few concerns not known to be handling trust goods have been inveigled into doing the same thing under the mistaken idea that they belong to the "business class," but utterly oblivious to the fact that their "class" is being crushed out by the thing in their sycofaney they worship. And now the latest trust reserve force to come upon the field in support of Cake is the Union Meat Company of Troutdale and Portland and Chicago. Word has been passed down the line to the employees to support Cake at the primary election. The penalty of failure? Nothing, only the loss of the job. Shall Cake be elected by the vote of the people as their choice or the trusts? Will the dairymen vote for an oleomargarine Senator? Will the beef producer and consumer take the beef baron's Senatorial errand boy? Does the gumbot miner want a rubber trust's elastic Senator? How shall the people be represented and the state's and nation's interests protected in the election of a Standard Oil Company's attorney? Yet this is what Cake & Cake and the trust would have done.

the people might at least have two votes in the choice of their United States Senators instead of none at all as under the old method. Of all the candidates for the high honor of being elected to the United States Senate he is the only one who insists on the execution of the law in letter and in spirit and is willing to take his chances for victory or defeat at the hands of the people under the law as the people enacted it. No other Senatorial candidate seeking to win under its provisions is supporting Statement One. All the other aspirants are saying to the people what the white man said to the Indian: "You take the buzzard and I'll take the turkey, or I'll take the turkey and you take the buzzard."

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If the upholding of the primary elections law and Statement One thereof is worth anything to the people of Oregon in the interest of clean politics, in the interest of ruling the trusts instead of being ruled by them, and for the preservation of the sovereign character of American citizenship, then every loyal Republican owes it to himself and his own best interests to support no candidate for the Legislature who has not subscribed to Statement One of the primary law without modification. In a larger sense he owes it to himself to support Jonathan Bourne, Jr., for United States Senator because but for his efforts the primary law would now be a dead cock in the pit, and the next United States Senator from Oregon would be elected to suit the purposes of the trusts.

By all means get rid of Statement One, because it is safer, saner, cheaper, to hire forty-six three dollar per day men to choose United States Senators for the people (?) than it is for the people to make the choice for themselves. This is the position of the hybrid Legislative ticket composed of the Simon-Mills gas graft candidates, who make for their masters a Statement not only unknown to the primary law, but in opposition to it, by substituting the word "party" for the word "people." The people did not know what they wanted when they passed the law, and so Simon, Fulton, the gas graft, franchise grabbers and Lowell are fixing it to suit—the plutocrats. The hybrid ticket is the tool of the fixers.

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Senator Fulton takes a shy at Statement No. 1 of the primary law. Like Judge Lowell he says the word "people" in the law means "party." That is what the Southern Pacific railroad says, too; so do the trusts and all their henchmen, for when "people" are read out of the law and "party" is read into it, then the boss will be wafted back to his old perch to dispense big and little offices, shape legislation and sell franchises and special privileges. The combination that made a Senatorship possible for Charlie Fulton to reach is not "stuck" on our primary law, and why should Charlie be?

The recall will be used on F. L. Ford of Los Angeles, councilman from the First Ward. Ford has been guilty of irregularities so gross that the citizens are determined to deprive him of his office. F. N. Velzy, a prominent grocer, has been chosen to run against Ford in the recall election. The Los Angeles Times, Citizens' Alliance, and the Huntington System, are behind Ford. The lawabiding citizens, including the labor unions, are working for Velzy. This is the second time during the past few years that the citizens of Los Angeles have used the recall upon delinquent councilmen.

Has anybody noticed how silent Judge Watson is as to the method by which he hopes to be a United States Senator? If he gets the job he is evidently not the man to look the gift horse in the mouth.

Twelve people attended Judge Lowell's rally Saturday night, made a profound impression on his campaign, resolved themselves into a club and are now "knocking."

LABEL PROMOTER HERE.

S. J. Stern, union label promoter of the United Garment Workers of America, whose residence is in Chicago, is in Portland diligently working in the interest of his organization, and inducing, if possible, the clothiers to handle a larger stock of union-made goods than they do. Mr. Stern has met with splendid success in Colorado and other Western states, and will devote a number of weeks between Portland and Puget Sound. Last Tuesday evening he appeared before the newly organized Clerks' Union, where he delivered an instructive address upon the value of the clerks in co-operation with the garment-workers. While Mr. Stern is in

the city he will visit many of the unions advocating his people and their products.

GONE TO SAN FRANCISCO.

Thomas L. Wilson, fourth vice president of the International Association of Machinists, who has been in and around Portland for the past few weeks looking after the interests of his organization, left for San Francisco last Wednesday morning. The night before he left he called an open meeting to the members of his craft, and their friends, in the Eagle's hall, corner Second and Yamhill streets. He urged the machinists in Portland to follow the example of their more progressive brothers in other cities, who had secured an advance of fully 30 cents a day over the schedule of wages paid in Portland. Mr. Wilson handed the boys a few plain words, but they were truths at which no ofense could be taken.

IN MEMORY OF A BROTHER.

Whereas, Frederick K. Jensen, a tried and true member of our local, met an untimely death while earning for himself and family their daily bread; and

Whereas, Said Fred Jensen was held in high esteem by all of us for his sterling qualities and considerate and kindly actions toward all his fellow beings, be it therefore

Resolved, That Local 265 I. L. M. & T. A. mourns the loss of a staunch union man and brother, and we extend our heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his bereaved ones; be it further

Resolved, That the charter of local 265 be draped in mourning for thirty days, and that said resolutions be spread upon our minutes, and a copy presented to his family, and the Portland Labor Press.

LYRIC THEATER.

Next week the Easter offering will be a screaming farce comedy in four acts entitled "My Wife's Aunt." As the title implies the aunt causes no end of trouble between her niece and husband. They quarrel, make up, the wife starts on a trip to the springs with her aunt; the husband being very jealous decides to follow her disguised thinking a friend is paying too much attention. When they arrive at the watering place the fun begins. The situations, mistaken identity, etc., Brown, the friend of the wife, arrives. He follows a young lady who is taking care of her uncle who imagines he is ill. In trying to aid the wife he is mistaken for a pickpocket. The husband in his jealous rage is mistaken for a lunatic and is arrested. Climax follows climax, laugh follows laugh. There is not a dull moment. This is the strongest and most laughable farce comedy that has ever been produced. The patrons of the Lyric theater will certainly enjoy this piece. Every part could be made a star part and in the capable hands of this excellent company they will be so.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Woman's Auxiliary to the Multnomah Typographical Union held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening at the Mulkey Hall, and postponed the election of officers for one month. On April 24 the Auxiliary will give a card party, the last one of the season.

WOMAN'S LABEL LEAGUE.

The regular meeting was held April 5 in hall No. 300 Alisky building. Unavoidable circumstances made the hour for opening late so the discussion of the Carpenters' card was left for some future work.

Four candidates were admitted. The League is steadily growing and if each member lives true to her vows it cannot help but have a healthy influence for our fellow-workers in the different callings of life. The meeting, April 12, was an open meeting. A good program was provided and those in attendance well entertained.

STREET CAR MEN'S VICTORY.

What threatened to be a stubborn fight between the Street Car men's Union and the Traction Company of Oakland, Cal., has resulted in a splendid victory for the union. The terms of agreement are as follows:

The Company Concedes.

1—Practical recognition of the union.
2—Discharged employees have the right to appeal for a hearing before the board of directors of the corporation through the union.

3—If a discharged employee is reinstated as result of an appeal he is to be paid for time lost through dismissal.

4—Officers of the union may obtain a leave of absence not exceeding 30 days when such leave is necessary to perform their duties as union officials.

5—All employees may ride free on the company's cars.

6—All employees of the company have a right to join any reputable organization.

7—Demerit register lists must not be made public.

8—A day's run of ten or eleven hours must be made in a fifteen-hour stretch.

9—Straight runs must be made

within twelve hours.

10—Trippers working less than one hour will be paid for one hour.

11—Regular men will have one day off in ten if desired.

12—Bulletin boards for use of the union will be placed in all car houses.

13—Motormen instructing students will be paid 25 cents a day extra.

14—Men may purchase uniforms in open market.

The Men Concede.

1—The present wage scale will remain in effect until January, 1907.

Vote the Statement One legislative ticket from top to bottom.

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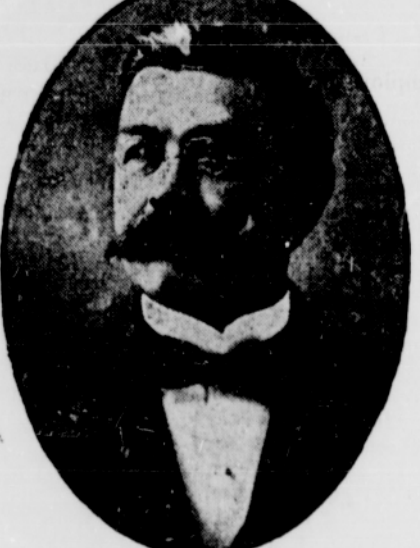
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