

A matter of vital importance to the City of Roseburg will be decided next Friday by the vote on the proposed

SUNDAY CLOSING LAW

We, the undersigned, citizens who have our city's best interests, as we understand them, at heart, believe that this proposed law should not pass. No such necessity exists in Roseburg, in our opinion, as will justify this invasion of the great inherent right of all men to liberty of thought and action.

Our position is in accord with that of America's greatest minds. We here quote what leading thinkers of the United States have said on this subject:

Resolutions of Umpqua Chiefs, a civic organization for advancing every good interest of Douglas County

GEORGE BANCROFT: "The American Constitution, in harmony with the people of the several states, withheld from the Federal Government the power to invade the home of reason, the citadel of conscience, the sanctuary of the soul; and not from indifference, but that the infinite spirit of eternal truth might move in its freedom and purity and power."

JUDGE WELCH, of the Supreme Court of Ohio: "When Christianity asks the aid of government beyond more impartial protection, it disowns itself. Its essential interests lie beyond the reach and range of human governments. United with government, religion never rises above the mere superstition; united with religion, government never rises above the merest despotism; and all history shows us that the more widely and completely they are separated, the better it is for both."

GEORGE WASHINGTON: "Every man who conducts himself as a good citizen, is accountable alone to God for his religious faith, and should be protected in worshipping God according to the dictates of his own conscience."—Reply to the Baptists of Virginia, 1789.

THOMAS JEFFERSON: "Almighty God hath created the mind free; all attempts to influence it by temporal punishments or burdens, or by civil incapacitations, tend only to beget habits of hypocrisy and meanness, and are a departure from the plan of the holy Author of our religion, who, being Lord both of body and mind, yet chose not to propagate it by coercion of either, as was in His almighty power to do."—Virginia Act for Establishing Religious Freedom, 1785.

JAMES MADISON: "Religion is not in the purview of human government. Religion is essentially distinct from government and exempt from its cognizance. A connection between them is injurious to both."—Letter to Edward Everett, 1823.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN: "When religion is good, it will take care of itself; when it is not able to take care of itself, and God does not see fit to take care of it, so that it has to appeal to the civil power for support, it is evidence to my mind that its cause is a bad one."—Letter to Dr. Price.

"WHEREAS, the Umpqua Chiefs are laboring to build up Roseburg and establish and promote a friendly feeling between this city, nearby towns and the residents of the surrounding country; and

"WHEREAS, it is the custom of large numbers of the citizens of the surrounding country and nearby towns to attend the moving picture shows, concerts and like entertainments in Roseburg on Sunday afternoon and evening, and

"WHEREAS, by reason of their place of residence and the nature of their employment many people are unable to attend such places of amusement on any other day; and

"WHEREAS, a movement has been initiated to provide by law for the closing of all theatres and forbidding the holding of concerts and like amusements within the corporate limits of the City of Roseburg on Sunday; and

"WHEREAS, the picture houses in Roseburg are well conducted, the entertainment offered their patrons clean and wholesome and

the closing of the same will drive many residents of the City to other towns on Sunday and keep a large number of people from the nearby towns and surrounding country from visiting Roseburg on Sunday, all of which will be a serious loss, not only financially to Roseburg, but will tend to destroy the spirit of friendship between the people of the surrounding country and the City in that it is a display of an intolerant attitude by the City of Roseburg toward the people of nearby towns and the surrounding country;

"NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Umpqua Chiefs in meeting assembled that we are opposed to the proposed law closing the moving picture theatres and like places of amusement on Sunday, and we pledge ourselves to work for the defeat of said measure.

"We assert the belief that mental relaxation afforded by clean entertainment is as essential to the physical welfare of mankind as religious teaching is to the soul and that every man has the inherent right to observe his day of rest according to the dictates of his own conscience."

BISHOP WILLIAM T. MANNING, Protestant Episcopal Church: "This proposed campaign for stricter Sunday laws is one of those well-meant but misguided efforts which do harm instead of good to the cause they are intended to serve. It is impracticable, wrong in principle, and based on a narrow and imperfect conception of the Christian religion. It would do far more to drive religion out of the hearts of the people than to draw them toward it. We have no right to try to compel religious observance of Sunday by law."—Quoted in the Outlook, Dec. 8, 1920.

HENRY WARD BEECHER, in a sermon in 1882: "John Calvin, whose name is held up to such reproach, would, if he were alive today, be an advanced man in the community; he was a natural reformer; and in lecturing his students on the subject of the Sabbath, and telling them of its blessings and good influences, said to them, 'Keep the Lord's day unless men in authority command you to keep it; then break it as an evidence of your liberty.'"—Congressional Record, Dec. 21, 1925, p. 873.

JAMES MADISON: "Religion and government will both exist in greater purity, the less they are mixed together."

CHARLES SPURGEON: "I am ashamed of some Christians because they have so much dependence on Parliament and the law of the land. Much good may Parliament ever do to true religion, except by mistake. As to getting the law of the land to touch religion, we earnestly cry: 'Hands off! leave us alone!' Your Sunday bills and all other forms of act-of-Parliament religion seem to me to be all wrong. Give us a fair deal and no favor, and our faith has no cause to fear. Christ wants no help from Caesar."

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: "Our reliance is in the love of liberty which God has planted in us. Our defense is in the spirit which prizes liberty as the heritage of all men in all lands everywhere. Destroy this spirit, and you have planted the seeds of despotism at your own doors. Familiarize yourself with the chains of bondage, and you prepare your own limbs to wear them."—From Speech at Edwardsville, Ill., Sept. 13, 1858.

I AM OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED SUNDAY CLOSING LAW FOR ROSEBURG, OREGON

I authorize the use of my name on an advertisement in the Roseburg News-Review opposing the passing of this Sunday closing law.

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