

trine a person can go on, and on, in his evil ways, and after he has asked God to forgive his sins, he at once becomes pure and as white and spotless as an angel's wing. Eighty-five per cent of the inmates of our jails and penitentiaries believe this senseless doctrine.

By teaching that God forgives sins you and your "ilk" work not, spin not, sew not, nor do you turn a wheel that produces one thing that is of practical utility to the world. Yet you live on the fat of the land and dress in fine linen and fare sumptuously while many of your poor uninformed dupes want for the necessaries of life; and the poorly-paid school teachers mourn for a glory that never dawns upon them—and one of these is of more value to the world at large than ten thousand preachers—who teach that God forgives those who wantonly do evil.

Reverend sir, I will say in conclusion, that intelligent men and women (bless all good women) have got their eyes fastened upon you sky pilots and in a few short years you will be compelled to stop lying about God and earn your bread by the sweat of your face. Happy day for the world at large when an intelligent people will force this condition upon you. For many years I have attended church and at no time have I heard a preacher tell his congregation to quit lying, stealing, back-biting, and to pay their debts. Even now you ministers and preachers are begging for money to send abroad for the conversion of so-called heathen, while many poor people of the Christian city of Denver are in want of the necessaries and comforts of life. Shame upon Colorado (my adopted state), and shame upon you sir, and your fellow sky pilots that are so interested in a world you know nothing of, while the honest poor of this earth—cry, starve, and die for want of the necessaries of life. No wonder infidelity is on the increase in every part of this country. Yours in distress,
HARVEY DAGOBERT.

My Little Ones—Perhaps it will be well for you to say to your parents that if they owe Brother Dagobert they would do well to pay him at once, for a few more letters like this will work to the unpopularity of this tabernacle.

Col. R. G. Ingersoll, H. Dagobert, and others of like "ilk" must be silenced if we 113,000 divines have to give them all our salary for the next two years.

My Little Ones—Say to your parents that there will be a meeting of the members of this tabernacle on Friday night to raise funds for the purpose of buying the silence of Col. R. G. Ingersoll, Rev. Charles C. Moore, Rev. M. W. Reed, and other so-called Freethought Bible expounders whose brains are working

in whirl-a-gig and zig-zag fashion.

Rev. Myron W. Reed of Denver said in a recent sermon—"I hope to be forgiven for ever taking up a foreign missionary collection. It is one of my blunders. I did not know better at the time." I trust the good citizens of this favored country will forgive me for the damage I have so oft been instrumental in bringing upon them. This missionary scheme has wrought great evil to every American city. The Pagans appear to be satisfied with their religion and we should allow them to enjoy it in peace. "Until our civilization improves it is a crime to give to anyone." When every one of our poor families possess a home of their own, and want, woe, and misery become a by-gone condition, then and not until then, should we force our peculiar religion upon a people that have enjoyed a far better religion than ours, thousands of years before Joseph and Mary gave us Jesus? "Let every tub stand upon its own bottom" is now about the idea of this Denver preacher. Tell your parents that we must "see" this party at once or, our churches and temples of worship will become the roosting and hatching places of swallows, bats, owls, and other fowls. And we preachers, alas, become the laughing stock of all wise people.

I can say no more my heart is sad, very sad. Amen.

Blue-Laws.

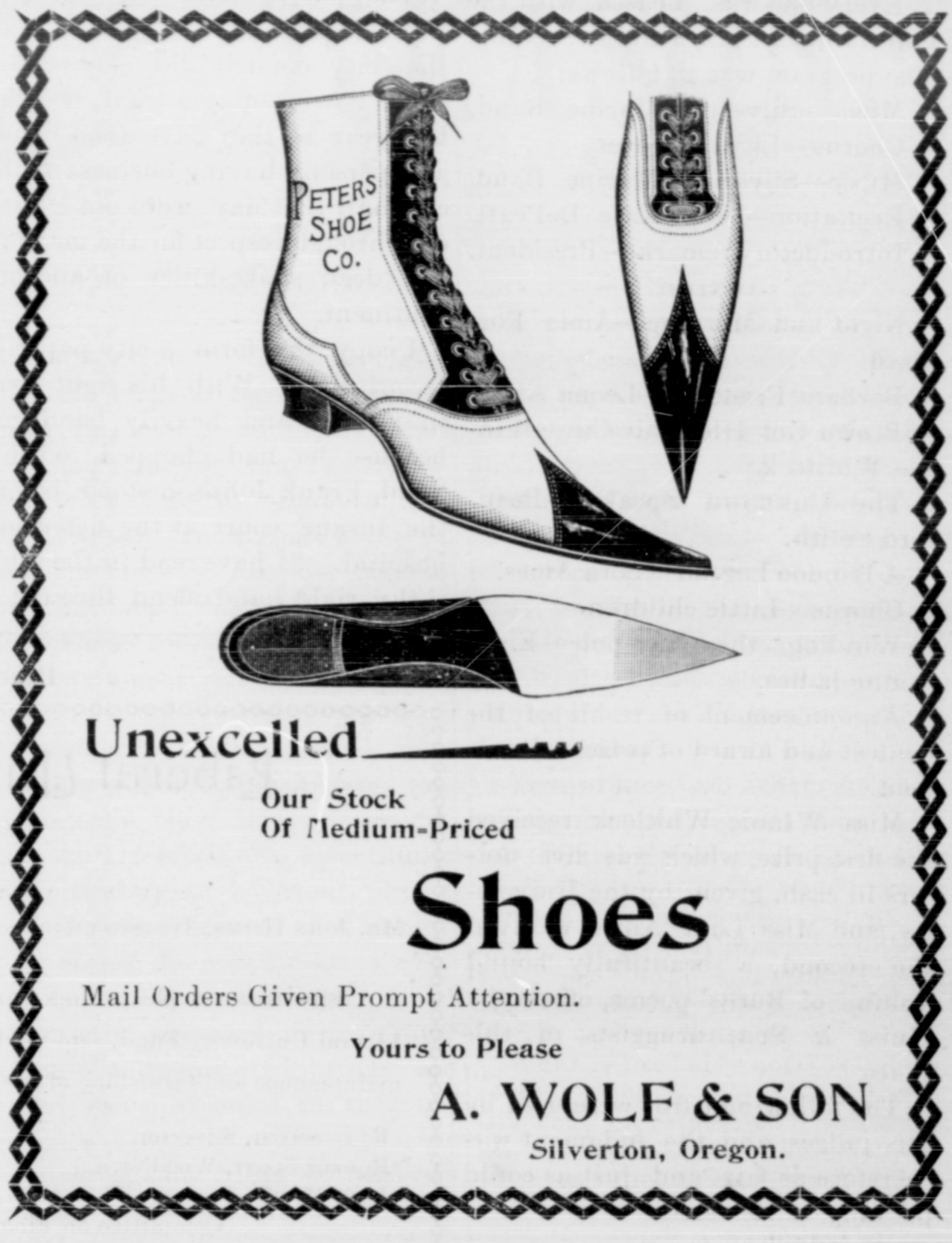
A Sunday measure of the most pronounced Blue-law type is reported as having passed the house of the Connecticut legislature, April 22d. It provides that no labor or sport shall be allowed in the state between sunrise and sunset on Sundays, and fixes a penalty of \$50 for violation of its provisions. One noticeable feature of it is that it specifies that no exception shall be made for persons who observe the seventh day as the Sabbath. Doubtless this latter provision most fully embodies the real spirit of the measure.

The press report states that should the provisions of this bill be strictly construed, they "would stop the electric cars and stages, and would make it unlawful to ride out in carriages or on bicycles or to go boating, fishing, or swimming.—American Sentinel.

Religion ignores its immense debt to science, and science is scarcely at all conscious how much religion owes it.—Herbert Spencer.

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