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#### THE SUNDAY CLOSING QUESTION.

HE JOURNAL does not entirely agree with those who propose that the fair be kept open on Sundays purely on the ground of the recreation which which is the opportunity for education and intellectual im-

wise might always be beyond the reach of so many of our roads themselves. fellow citizens, that The Journal has been so strongly moved to urge that the fair be opened on Sundays, the Pacific would find themselves between the devil and the only day when they will have the leisure to see it. In deep blue sea. They can justify themselves by proving taking this course we feel that we are serving the cause that they have made concessions, but in doing so they will of genuine morality, for whatever tends to uplift, to have all the other roads in their wool. On the other hand, broaden the intellectual outlook, to stimulate the ambition they can stand pat on the proposition that they have not and to create and raise the ideals, cannot fall to better cut rates and allow the inference that one good turn on the citizenship of any community. The more widely dif- the part of Mr. Goddard, who is a member of the executive fused the opportunity the better, for the reason that board, deserved another on the part of the beneficiaries of thousands who are usually altogether outside the range of the contract which he let when Mr. Goddard, who is likesuch benefits may be permitted to enjoy and profit by wise the representative of the Burlington road, came forthem. In considering the matter it was apparent that if ward to seek business for that corporation. the fair was limited to the week days, there were many The first phase of the dilemma more intimately concerns workers who would be obliged to forego its benefits. If the Burlington than the last. But the latter phase is not these falled to enjoy them, then in one very important without interest and even significance to the executive respect the fair would fail of its purposes, which should be board, to the mayor who appointed it and is therefore to raise the general standard of citizenship. This could largely responsible for its acts and to the suffering public only be done by giving all the people the chance to see the which is never considered except when it can be used as a fair on the days when they could best embrace the opportunity. That day was Sunday.

Many of those who will visit the fair on that day with their families are members and supporters of the churches; most of them will attend services in the mornings and visit the fair in the afternoons. They cannot fail to be benefited intellectually and morally by what they will see there if the standards of the fair are as high as they should and undoubtedly will be.

#### THAT MILEAGE STEAL.

tending what was practically, if not actually, the the construction of the existing school buildings. same session of congress is not to pass unnoticed and unrebuked even in congress itself. A Democratic congress-

his own conscience or to his constituents.

## Famous Sermon From the Bible

St. Mattchew 16:1-28.

The Pharisees require a sign. warneth his disciples of the leaven of shew unto his disciples, how that he the Pharisees and Sadducees. The peo- must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer ple's opinion of Christ and Peter's confession of him. Jesus foresheweth his death, reproving Peter for dis-suading him from it; and admonisheth those that will follow him, to Lord: this shall not be unto thee. bear the cross.

The Pharisces also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said unto them. When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the sky is red.

And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the sky is red and lowering. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not lose it: and whosoever will lose his life discern the signs of the times? A wicked and adulterous generation

seeketh after a sign; and there shall no shall gain the whole world, and lose his sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, change for his soul? and departed.

And when his disciples were come to other side, they had forgotten to take bread.

Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, ing in his kingdom.

saving. It is because we have taken no Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them. O ye of little faith, why reason among

yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither re-member the five loaves of the five thous-1903, an increase in profits of \$992.10 and, and how many baskets ye took up?

Neither the seven loaves of the four of municipal ownership of public utili- he asked. thousand, and how many baskets ye took | ties. How is it that ye do not understand that belongs to the people. If a well that I spake it not to you concerning regulated municipal water system will

bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the light and telephone systems will pay in wrapped it in great haste. But there Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven

bread, but of the doctrine of the with the water system. The same success would attend the management of Pharisees and of the Sadducees. When Jesus came into the coasts of light and telephone systems and the Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, aim in maintaining the municipal syssaying. Whom do men say that I the

son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou keep pace with the art John the Baptist: some. Eliss: and gether profit-getting. others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them. But whom say ye

that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said Thou art the Christ, the son of the liv-

And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona; for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in

And I say also unto thee. That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will ld my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

And I will give unto thee the keys of

before while feeling the edge of his A Little Goes a Great Ways. From the Detroit News. Chicago has sent one alderman to

prison; she always took her reform in

the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever

thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound

in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt

loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

they should tell no man that he was

From that time forth began Jesus to

many things of the elders and chief

priests and scribes, and be killed, and

Then Peter took him, and began to re-

But he turned, and said unto Peter.

Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an

offence unto me: for thou savourest not

the things that be of God, but those that

Then said Jesus unto his disciples. If

any man will come after me, let him

deny himself, and take up his cross, and

soul? or what shall a man give in ex-

For the son of man shall come in the

then he shall reward every man accord-

Verily I say unto you, There be some

standing here, which shall not taste of

death, till they see the son of man com-

CITY WATER WORKS PAYS.

From the East Oregonian.

over 1902. This company is the fruits

sell, barter or give away a franchise

pay, well conducted municipal electric

equal proportion to the amount invested. Public ownership is successful

tems would be good service and com-

forts for the people, advancement to

keep pace with the age and not alto-

Simon's Peace Utterance.

From the Pendleton East Oregonian.

The peace utterances of Joe Simon

egarding the Oregon factional fight are

not reassuring. Joe has spoken softly

the coming issues in Pendleton.

No city in the land should ever

No scandal has been connected

This is one of

For whosoever will save his life shall

be raised again the third day.

Jesus the Christ.

be of men.

follow me.

for my sake shall find it.

ing to his works.

Then charged he his disciples that

#### THAT BIG FREIGHT SHIPMENT.

TF THE executive board and the mayor seek justification for the routing of the freight for the Morrison street bridge over the Burlington and Northern Pacific, roads would be furnished through sacred concerts and otherwise. which work in conjunction and the representative of the These are things that are incidental to the real purpose former of which is a member of the executive board which let the contract, on the plea that they could probably make provement. There is no doubt whatever that many people better terms with that railroad combination than with any will be attracted there purely for purposes of recreation other, a new, interesting and very instructive subject for and were these features entirely eliminated they would go inquiry and speculation is opened up. Unfortunately it elsewhere to find them. But we believe there will be has been generally understood that all the roads, while many others to whom the really serious purposes of the supposably competitive, in reality make the same rates to exposition will appeal with great force and it is for these, common points. They work under "a gentleman's agreerather than the other class, that we have earnestly ment" under the terms of which the shipper is given precizely the same rate by all the roads. In the event that From this standpoint we cannot see why the open fair inducements were offered to secure this particular shipon Sundays should not have an uplifting influence; in- ment and a lower rate was granted than that which the deed we cannot see how even the most thoughtless and schedule calls for, we are apt to see a pretty hair-pulling indifferent can fail to receive some distinct benefit. It match among the railroads themselves and a cutting and a is the opportunity to see and enjoy and to profit by the slashing which will be conducive to much joy in the ranks magnificent range of exhibits, an opportunity which other- of the shippers, however costly it may prove to the rall-

But in such a case as that the Burlington and Northern

beast of burden.

#### A NEW BRICK PARK SCHOOL.

TE BELIEVE it to be a consensus of the opinion of the heaviest taxpayers that when it hereafter becomes necessary to erect new school buildings in the most populous centers of the city they be constructed of more durable and safer material than wood. It is believed that this is not only sound business sense, but that it is a long step forward in insuring the safety of the thousands of children who now attend the T IS NOW QUITE APPARENT that the attempt of the public schools and whose very lives are sometimes placed it is through her children she receives members of congress to collect double mileage for at- in jeopardy by the flimsy character of the material used in

While all of this is realized everything cannot be done in the course of a single year or from the proceeds of a man called attention to the matter at yesterday's session single year's taxes. It must all come about gradually, for and a Republican spoke his piece and sustained his po- it is one thing to order an expensive new building and sition, strange to relate, not alone from the standpoint of quite another to find the money to pay for it. But the the immorality of the act itself but even from the stand- burning of the Park school may afford a possible opportunity for putting the new plan into effect this year. To vote the double mileage would be an outrage; it Such a thing as building a new brick building on the site would be nothing short of stealing the sum involved from of the Park school was not contemplated at the annual the public treasury. Hitherto it has been justified on the meeting when the taxpayers made such a generous proground of precedents established at two previous con- vision for the care and improvement of the schools this plished anything for the good? Would es. But when a precedent is bad there is no good year. It may be utterly beyond what can now be done, reason to follow it and thereby attempt to justify an act but the matter should be taken into careful consideration which cannot be justified on grounds of morality, justice and if it can be brought within reasonable bounds, the or law. This is the case with reference to the mileage, start in the plan to supply the important sections of the except that it now appears even more flagrant than any city with brick or stone buildings should be begun there. of its predecessors. No man with proper self respect can No better movement could be inaugurated nor one which afford to vote for the steal or hope to justify himself with would have a better effect in raising the standard of the schools.

## MAD A GAY TIME OF IT.

The Roosevelts Mystified by Magician Hellar.

From the Washington Post.

President Roosevelt took his daughter Ethel and his sons-Archie, Kermit and Quentin-to the Lafayette theatre on Saturday to see Kellar, the magician, and the youngsters underwent some exciting experiences. In the first place, Kellar borrowed some Mass from the buke him, saying. Be it far from thee, audience, and one of those who surrendered was Ethel. Her eyebrows went up in an expression of concern when the magicion began stuffing the rings into the barrel of an old pistol, and, after loading the pistol with them, fired it at When the box was opened, there a box. were the rings, tied to rosebuds.

But Kellar did not return Ethel's ring, though he returned all the others. "Papa," said Ethel, in a voice that was heard over half the house, "I didn't get my ring back. Tell that man I want

For what is a man profited, if he But the president did not say anything, and Kellar brought a bottle down into the audience and asked everybody to have a drink. Some took water, some and some whisky, all out of the glory of his Father with his angels; and

same bottle. When he got back to the stage, he remembered about Ethel's ring. apologized for having lost it. was worried, and said he would not have Then an idea lost it for anything. struck him, and he said he would look in the bottle for it. He cracked the bottle with a hammer and out popped a white guineapig, with

a blue ribbon around its neck. Sure enough there was Ethel's ring, tied to The municipal water system owned the ribbon. She looked relieved, and so by the city of Pendleton returned the did Kellar. He brought her the guineapig, and it kicked and squealed as she took it in her hands. "Would you like to keep it for a pet?"

> Ethel said she would, and Kellar said, Well, you shall have it, seeing that I lost your ring, and came so near not He wrapped the pig in paper and handed it to Ethel, who unwasn't any pig there-only a bouquet of pink roses.

> laughed heartily, and Ethel smiled dubiously. But the boys frankly disap-"Shucks! I thought it was a guineapig," said Kermit,

The president and Mrs. Roosevelt

## Birds of a Peather.

From the Eugene Guard. William Robbin of Louisville, Ky., was recently married to David Buzzard. It is her fourth matrimonial She was a Miss Martin, daughter of one of the best-known Bourbon county families. She first married Robert Crow. He died and she married John Sparrow six months afterwards. She and Mr. Sparrow did not agree and a divorce followed. Sparrow became Mrs. William Robbin. but again a divorce was found advisable After a year of lonely life Mrs. Robbin has become Mrs. David Buzzard. She has two Crows, one Sparrow, one Robbin and a Buzzard at her home.

## Letters From the People.

Women Who Pull Down Women. Portland, Or., Jan. 28 .- To the Editor of The Journal: I also am one of many who are in accord with the woman wh wrote the Magdalene and E. I. L., although I do not wonder who ever helps the fallen woman, for I do not believe any one helps them in the proper spirit. When all women realize that not one can know what she would do under temptation, and with absolute truth put herself in the place of her fallen sister.

hen only will real help be given. The man who ruins an innocent girl should be punished; let him be shunned like a leprous person. The women have this matter in their own hands. Moth ers often are to blame because they do not teach their sons the proper respec for women. As a rule he is born perfect in his mother's estimation. rules his sisters and thinks they were born to be his servants. This same woman will forbid her daughter to read the papers or novels, and if there are two or three women calling and they begin to tear some girl's reputation t tatters the daughter of 16 perhaps is to go here or there unless she has a Very often this girl be comes tired of it and even if her par ents are in a position to support her she Or, suppose her parents die, who is going to watch over her? This girl, and there are many of them, has been taught self-protection. , She trusts every one. She makes friends and probably invites a young man to come to her boarding house. Perhaps the parlor is occupied, so, takes her company to her room. Her company leaves it at reasonable time, but there are nine chances out of ten that she is roundly abused and ordered to leave the house the next morning, and every woman in that house throws stones at her tells all their friends about it, and does all in their power to ruin her good name all she has, God help her, and they pride themselves on being good women.

The majority of our girls are strong enough (Heaven bless them) to fight it down, but many do not, and soon they have become what women at first and man has made them-Magdalenes.

Mothers, trust your daughter. Tell her yourself why she must be a good woman; tell her about the girl that has been ruined and why. Prepare her for whatever life has in store for her. She will be proud of your confidence and respect it. She will believe you. Let her know you have the utmost confidence in her honor. At the same time, never be ignorant of her whereabouts. If allowed to spend the night away from home (which is a mistaken indulgence), be certain she is there. In short, be a mother, chum and confidential friend A girl whose mother is her friend seldom falls, but if she should, follow he to the end of the earth and love her more than you ever did, and you will save her. If mothers were what God intended

them to be there would not be so many men or women ruined. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world, but A MOTHER.

Sentiment for the Open Pair. Portland, Jan. 28 .- To the Editor of

The Journal: Replying to your inquiry in regard to the opinion of the public on opening the Lewis and Clark fair on Sunday, I wish to add my humble voice on the side of keeping it open.

It would seem that the Ministerial association would have enough to do without undertaking a work of this kind if they did their duty along other lines. If they should succeed in closing the fair, where would they have accomthe moral standing of the community be elevated by the closing of the fair? Would it attract more people to our country and city? Would we as a class fair that we would if it were open? there anything to be gained by it in

any way? If there is for the masses of the people I am unable to see it at this Those who care to go to church will go there if the fair is open, and those who do not will find other means to put in the day. Some will go to the saloon or billiard halls; some will go to the ball game; some on excursions; some to the parks, and the Ministerial association cannot force them to go to church. I was in a company of 12 people the other day when a straw vote was taken

voted to keep the fair open. while two said close it. I believe that about represents the sentiment of the public on the subject. Trusting there will be some con-

certed action on the part of the people in this matter, I am yours, J. M. WOODWORTH.

#### Mo Sunday Pair For Him. Portland, Jan. 27 .- To the Editor of

press my sincere thanks to The Journal for the opportunity given its readers to ideas as to the opening or closing of the fair on Sundays In the first place it seems to me that

no intelligent man, who has the general welfare of the human race at heart. would advocate the opening of the fair on Sundays. If a man (day laborer or business man) has put six honorable, full days of hard work in in a week he will feel that he needs one day of rest his mind and body more than the loafing around another day on top of the six. And is man composed of only mind and body? When is he going to attend to the necessities of the spiritual man? And four-fifths of those advocates of Sunday opening admit that man has a soul of some sort. Surely those that want the fair open on the Sabbath are not after the welfare of mankind the higher instincts of human nature, they are not after the highest American civilization, national pride or integrity, but are after the almighty American dollar. Has the dollar alone saved America or made it the land of the free and the home of the brave? The dollar is a good thing in its place, but there is a higher power to whom we owe more than to the dollar. It's the lord of hosts, who ordained the Sabbath for the welfare of

This fair is going to be a national affair-international in a sense; people from all over the globe will be people who, having read and studied so much about the American people, American schools, American Sunday schools, American fraternal organizations, American Christian endeavor societies, American laws, art and literature, in one America theoretically come to see all they have dreamed about, and what a sight. The American saloon is in fullest blast in the very heart of the exposition and on the day, the very day, that the whole human race is keeping and has kept holy ever since it was instituted—this day of rest and gladness is trodden under foot of the most victous and degraded American gambler, saloon

keeper and surething fellow. What an impression of the high Amer ican civilization will they have. For God's sake, for the sake of that which is pure, holy, noble and manly

that they should. As far as the in vestment of the stockholders is concerned it will pay anyway, whether they open the gates on Sunday or notpeople of Oregon will all pull together common good and make it an unqualified success without degrading Sabbath day. Then the employes of the fair are entitled to some consideration on our part. But if of necessity the gates must be opened on Sunday, let there be no thriving of commerce, no vaudevilles of any kind, no carousing of the tough element of the city or surrounding country, in a word, let everything be done in the spirit of No enterprise of any size yet been or ever will be a permanent success whose foundation has not been laid according to the eternal laws of God. No people have prospered who have cast aside the very principles that been legislated for their own material and spiritual welfare. Remember, that righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. ALEXANDER OTS.

#### Some Distinctions Drawn.

Astoria, Or., Jan. 29.-To the Editor f The Journal: The question of Sunday musements is one which every once in while seems to arouse considerable controversy,

While it is impossible not to sympathize heartily with those whose religious scruples bid them frown upon all apart for spiritual devotion, one cannot but regret that we have not reached that will be permitted to settle according to his own conscience the manner in which he takes his Sunday recreation.

There was a time when religious convictions were forced upon the people at the sword's point; that state we have fortunately outgrown. But there still remains too much of the sentiment that there is but one way to serve God, and see and enjoy. that all people must be forced to conform with the way which self-ordained moral judges decide is right.

Because some most righteous people felt that the whole of the Lord's day should be given to prayer and devotion, it was considered sinful by many even to laugh on that day, and they wen's around with long-drawn faces, their refervor demonstrated by depth of their gloom! There are others whose religion makes them not gloomy but joyful, some who even spend their whole Sunday out in the woods, away from the cities. Who dare judge that their hearts cannot be as near to God as the hearts of those who perhaps denounce all Sunday outings as desecra If anyone thinks that Sunday amuse

ments are sinful, let him not indulge in them, as for him they are undoubtedly wrong, but if his brother differ with own conscience and should not be forced to recede to the other's opinions.

Whatever laws are made and enforced are planned for the self-protection of society. No one is permitted by law to commit acts that endanger the public peace; but no law can be made or enforced compelling conformity or religious observances without retarding the progress of the liberty of individual

Whether it is "right" or "wrong" to attend a concert or a play on Sunday nust be left for each one to decide for himself, as long as there is in his acions no other cause for complaint. That there will be a great many peo-ple who will be unable to attend the

Lewis and Clark exhibition except on Sundays is a well known fact. That the fair will contain much of educational value is also well known.

Those who feel that it would be wrong to attend on Suno forced to go-they have the privilege to keep Sunday as they see fit. That same privilege should be given

to all. It is not a question of moral be able to reap the benefit from the principles, but of religious convictions. No two people can feel or think alike about any one thing, and in religious matters each must be allowed to decide according to the dictates of his own heart. F. R. G.

#### Sunday Opening of the Pair. To the Editor of The Journal:

ninisters of Portland are insisting that the Lewis and Clark centennial fair shall be closed on Sunday. This fact recalls to my mind the year 1892 when they circulated petitions for the closing of the world's fair at Chicago and Rev. Dr. Kummer stopped me on Third street to get my signature to the petition. I asked Dr. K. what reply he would make if he presented the petitions of Portland to the world's fair officers and they wished to know if the Sunday closing laws were strictly enforced in Portland. Then, as now, the theatres, the gambling houses, the saloons, the cigar stores and the candy stores were all wide open. I told the reverend doctor that it would be a good plan for us and frequents such places of amusement The Journal-First of all I wish to ex- to clean up our own back yards before we started out to tell our neighbors what they ought to do.

The wage earners of Portland are contributing more than any other class of our city, even if they do not take one share of centennial stock. During the past year rents have gone up from 10 to 30 per cent, and the cost of living has followed. And at the present time if a man loses his job he will tramp the streets a long time before he finds another one. Race suicide is not popular among the wage earners of Portland, and each head of a family would have to lose one day's wages at least besides buying the admission tickets. Besides, no one could take in the fair in one day.

especially if he had children to look after. From a moral standpoint I think that closing the gates on Sunday would be very detrimental, as the great majority of strangers would spend the day at the theatre, on the baseball grounds or in the saloons, instead of going to the churches, attractive as they may be in the eyes of the ministers. Law cannot make people either religious or moral, it can only restrain the vicious from wrong doing. The ministers themselves must admit that there would be a less evil committed by 10,000 people on the fair grounds than by that same number where strangers would be likely to spend the day.

There can be a dozen good reasons given for keeping the gates wide open on Sunday for every one in favor of and Clark centennial directors will let common sense rule in making their decision in this matter. Very truly yours, the Willamette valley and wonders why A. CASTLE SANDFORD.

A Dofinite Statement and a Suggestion Troutdale, Or., Jan. 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal: Having read your most able editorial on the great bative question, "Shall the Lewis and Clark fair be kept open on Sundays?" and as your paper is the general medium which the general public has to express its opinion, I ask you it small space.

It seems as though the negative has been largely assumed by the Ministerial association, but just why this honorable body should take such a stand I fail to see. We must admit that Sunin the truest American life, let the day is a day that should be devoted gates of the fair remain closed on largely to physical rest, and to the cul-Sundays. It's nothing more than right livation of the intellectual and greater Some Press Opinions on the Question of Closing the Fair on Sundays.

Consider the Poor

From the Pendleton East Oregonian. The East Oregonian believes that there should be one day of rest out of each week for the employes of the Lewis and Clark fair, and it also believes more emphatically that there low citizens? should be one day on which the thousands of poor people and workingmen in the city of Portland and vicinity should be at liberty to take their families and enjoy all the features of the

Both of these objects cannot be gained by closing the fair on Sunday. Sunday is the workingman's only holiday, under the present social condition, and to close the fair on that day will deprive thousands of seeing and enjoying it.

Any other day would answer the pur pose of physical and mental rest for the employes just as well as Sunday, and Providence is not going to look unkindly on any plan of man's which has for its object the enlightenment, enjoyment and betterment of the poor, whom the Savior blessed on more than one occasion. Religious scruples in this enlightened

and tolerant age are certainly not so blind to the common good that they would deny the masses who must work all week for their daily bread, one brief glance at the wonders that will be gathered at the fair, because the masses are released from toil only on Sunday If all the employers in the city will consent to a Saturday holiday for all employes during the fair, well and good. Under that arrangement, close the fair

on Sunday. But if the workingman cannot be re leased from his labor on a week day, so he can take his family and see all that is to be seen, don't turn him against the church, religion, God and other holy thing, by denying his family that which others more fortunate

There is a broad, tolerant medium in religion and worship, as in all other questions, and the church people cannot hope to win the friendship of those who need the church, by denying the families of those who are unfortunate enough to be poor, the privileges fully enjoyed by the more fortunate and well-If all the workingmen and their fam-

llies can see the fair on a week day, then close it on Sunday. If the workingman and his family cannot see it excep on Sunday, the wisdom of Providence will not condemn the Christian people who consent to opening the doors that the poor may enjoy. From the Jewish Tribune.

The Portland Ministerial association advocates a passage in the senate bill on the appropriation for the Lewis and Clark fair providing for the closing of the fair gates on Sundays. We do not doubt that the resolution passed by the M. A. to this effect aims

to keep the first day (instead of the seventh) of the week holy. It is certainly a plous purpose, and well meant, but for the following shortcomings: First-Piety and religion cannot forced on people. It is the duty of the gentlemen of the cloth to inspire their flocks with religion by their plous, logical and spirited lectures, and not vi et armis. The time when converts to Christianity were made by the act of the government has passed. The worthy reverend gentlemen are fully aware of

the ruling power to press religion on sinners is barred of logic. Second-Even if the Ministerial association would gain its purpose and the Puritan Sunday be pressed on the peofor Christianity? same Sundays be desecrated in other is a positive good.

endowment of the mind; but not necessarily a day for worship recreation. Sunday is not a day set apart and designed by the Deity for His worship and sacrifice, which idea the members of this honorable assoclation are conveying to our minds and would have us believe.

But if the ministers can prove by Christ's teachings (apocrypha always ac cepted) that in order to be a consistent Christian and true follower one must keep Sunday or any other day of the week hely consecrated unto the Lord by so doing they will accomplish something which has been impossible in the If they can succeed in proving past. it to the world it behooves them to do so and not meddle with the affairs of the fair.

If the attractions of a midway are to be maintained within the fair grounds the ministers of the gospel say "close the fair Sundays." But why should they show such partiality by trying to suppress this evil on one day and not another? To one who is so disposed it makes little or no difference on which day of the week he may attend. for enlightenment on this subject, as there surely must be some other point have to present. If the fair is to be closed on Sundays

how are the working people in and about

Portland going to attend? It seems very selfish of these chosen brethren injuriously affect the greatest portion of our population. It would almost eliminate the surrounding rural districts if such measures were adopted. Surely they could not be so narrow and unfair. I think one could learn as much spending a Sunday at the fair as going church and flowery sermon. The fair will certainly be a place where one can obtain a vast knowledge as well as pleasure amusement. But if these d these devout teachers of the gospel wish to accomplish some good for the citizens of Portland and for the advancement of the Kingdom of God, let them dig up the old hatchet, and grasping it with a will and determination go forth to battle against the city officials, and laying hold upon that old serpent, the grand old man, and his comrade, the chief of police, compel them to carry out the assumpsit against the sin, vice and cor ruption which now exist in the city of scattered about the city in the places Portland and is daily polluting and overturning the temple of God. Yours very A Portlander Abroad.

St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 27.—To the Editor of The Journal: With the mercury ranging from 18 to 36 degrees below zero one casts a longing glance toward the thousands remain here. Cattlemen report stock on the ranges west of here doing well, notwithstanding the mercury has been as low as 46 below zero. Right here in St. Paul is where Oregon could well afford to have an information bureau with such men as H. E.

Drake in charge. A movement was started this week to displace negro help with Japanese bell-boys in the hotels. The Merchants' hotel installed seven Japanese bell from Seattle, Monday night, and if the move proves successful the other hotels

Dosch, W. M. Killingsworth or F. V.

will follow suit. Democrats here who voted the ticket in 1896 and 1900 say that those so-called Democrats who are very much disturbed | journalistic beauty show.

rest on those Sundays be for religion's sake? Would it not be hypocrisy mingled with mockery at the expense of re-ligion? Are not those preachers Amer-loans enough to know how to recognize the liberty of conscience of their fel-

Third-Can those reverend gentlemen guarantee that by closing the fair on Sundays, the Christian people at large would keep each Sunday "as a Sabbath of rest and worship?" Could they change the conscience of men by mere oppression? Could they point out those of the frequenters of their churches who come because of Christianity, and those who come for many other reasons, all of which are stamped by ungodliness and hypocrisy? Fourth-

-When do the gentlemen composing the M. A. expect the business and laboring men to visit the fair? Can or his position upon which the support of his family depends, on a week day to visit the fair? The only answer is, No The laboring man will always visit the fair on Sunday; the day when he can take his family and give them a treat to "take in all the sights," a treat which he cannot and dares not to enjoy another day of the week. We know that the joy the sights of the fair not on Sundays, because they can spare the time on the other days of the week. then, where is the charity if their fellow neighbor be deprived of the same privilege which they so abundantly en-Will it be in accordance with the golden rule, "And thou shalt love thy fellow neighbor as thyself"? And last

Fifth-Could any of those plous advocates for the Puritan Sunday warrance by any text of the Gospel their illogical demand to push religion into the hearts. of the people by governmental edicts? Are they not aware that Jesus, sending his disciples to teach the new religion to the nations, admonished them to use persuason and not force? Now, wherefore such unwarranted zeal?

We have met the worthy reverend gentlemen on their own ground, we spoke on the principles of pure Christianity, and hope that the clergy will refrain from further pressing their arbi

From the Catholic Sentinel.

Sunday opening of the Centennial exposition next year is forging to the front as a vital problem, and is engaging the earnest opposition of those that desire to proclaim their religiosity at all times and under all circumstances. It is, of course, well that undue activity be discontinued at the fair on Sunday. No unnecessary machinery should be permitted to run, and the day should be as

It is, however, most unnecessarily puritanical to exclude the working people on the only day upon which they can with any convenience enjoy the ex-It will not do to loftily that employers will be glad to let their men off on other days. They may do it once, but the workingman most probably would like to see the wonders of the world more than once during the

We have spent considerable sums of money on parks and like places of recclude people from them on Sunday. On the contrary they are expected and ex-

the fact that enforced religion does not horted to come on that day. convert the sinner; it only produces hypocrisy, consequently their employing The exposition is presumed to be, if not primarily, at least in a high degree, educative. Its many wonders will be a delight to the senses and the mind, not once alone, but many times. This is not a question similar in character to the ple during the fair, would it be a gain closing of saloens on Sunday. Rational Would not the very enjoyment so far from being harmfu

> for fear W. J. Bryan will disrupt the party supported the Republican nominee in those years. Oregon has some of the same brand who, while claiming to be Democrats, vote for Republican congressmen and Republican presidential

> > A Word of Appreciation.

Portland, Jan. 27 .- To the Editor of The Journal: By instructions and under seal of the lodge I send you thanks for the article published by your paper in regard to the interest the Knights and Ladies of Security are taking in the movement for a hospital for consumptives. Yours in W. S. & P. MRS. A. L. CHILDS.

Corresponding secretary of Eureka council, No. 204, Knights and Ladies of

## "WEERE WE ARE AT."

The New Town of Irrigon on the O. R. &. N., Pormerly Stokes Station. From the Irrigon Irrigator.

Irrigon is rather a new town. It not on the map 60 days ago. not even have a postoffice until the 19th of December, and were not sure of our name until that date. In fact the place (place, mind you. That is the land or location) has ever since the O. R. & N. was built been called Stokes. Previous to last fall Stokes consisted of switch and a sign post on the right of way. That was all there ever was of Stokes, but it is still on the map and the time tables. It takes time to have those things changed. But Irrigon in her 40 or 50 days of

life has taken upon herself the appearance and proportions of a town. have several buildings completed a dozen nearly done and another dozen awaiting lumber. Everybody is busy and bustling and hustling, and we will surprise some of the older communities around us-indeed, we have done that already.

We are 169 miles east of Portland, 93 miles east of The Dalles, 52 miles west of Pendleton and seven miles west of Umatilla. We are directly on the Co lumbia river and on the main line of the

## THE WORK OF UREN.

From The Dalles Chronicle. W. S. U'Ren, the apostle of the intitiative and referendum in this state, is determined to push the primary nomination law to a vote next June, if possible, and in this we hope he may be cessful. The matter, he says, must be decided in the courts, and believes, from the provisions of the lately-adopted amendment there rests in the people an emergency power that is entirely inde-pendent of the legislature, and that, by the initiative, they may not at the same time without conflicting with the con-stitution. We hope Mr. U'Ren is correct, for the freedom of the ballot demands that some such safeguard as the direct primary nomination law should be levoked to insure its untrammeled exercise.

> Mofer to Geer. From the Salem Journal

If the Egyptian obelisk editing the esteemed morning contemporary desires a really firm form he should order a barrel of Stolz' sauer kraut. Until that is done he cannot successfully enter the