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Grants Pass Womens Christian Temperance Union will meet Friday afternoon, May 10 in the parlors of the Newman M. E. Church. The department of Peace and Arbitration will furnish the program. Rev. Geo Gardner of the M. E. Church, South has consented to give an address upon "Education for International Peace." Interested friends are invited to attend the meeting.

Sabbath Observance department meeting was held Friday afternoon, April 26. Mrs. Longbridge presiding. Mrs. Kollogg, superintendent of department, has had sickness at home and not being able to make any preparation, Mrs. Rannie took charge and the program consisted of singing and reading, after which the following address was given by Judge Jewell:

"The fact that we have so many different and conflicting theories in

the world regarding the Sabbath, is evidence of itself that the world is still in need of much teaching on the subject. I see no reason, however, why we should not occupy common ground with reference to the Sabbath as well as with reference to any other practical question. The avenues of knowledge are free to all.

One of the hopeful signs of the present time is the unrest that seems to exist throughout the religious world. Thinking men and women everywhere are hungering and thirsting for something better. There seems to be a growing suspicion that we are not living up to the privileges of the present age that our religious advancement is not in keeping with our material advancement. So I would suggest that while we are regulating ourselves along other lines, that we regulate ourselves with reference to the Sabbath also. It matters not what may have been our early teaching on this question, so far as present duty is concerned. To know the right and to do the right is the only safe position to occupy at any time.

There are three prominent theories concerning the Sabbath. First, there

are those who hold that the seventh day of the week was set apart as a Sabbath in the beginning, and that it will remain a divine institution until the end of time. Second, there are those who hold that the seventh day of the week was set apart as a Sabbath at the beginning of the Christian dispensation, and that we should keep the first day now just as the seventh day was kept during the old dispensation. Third, there are those who hold that the Sabbath was given to the Jews only, and that Christians are under no obligations to keep any day as a Sabbath in the sense in which it was kept by the Jews.

Now, in the very nature of things, two of these positions must necessarily be wrong. No two theories can be right where one contradicts the other. We are either under divine obligations to observe some day as a Sabbath or free to exercise our best judgment in the matter. If there is a Divine Sabbath law in force at the present time, then we should certainly obey it. But if there is no such law in existence, then we should be careful to not bind anything upon our fellow men against their wishes.

If it be true that the original seventh day Sabbath was intended to be perpetuated until the end of time and not subject to repeal or amendment, then there is no question but what we should keep the seventh day now. Or if it be true that the original Sabbath was changed from the seventh day to the first day, and by divine authority, then without question we are under obligation to keep it. But if it be true that the sabbath was given to the Jews only, and was purely a Jewish institution, then we must look to the teaching of the New Testament scriptures for any authority for keeping any day as a Sabbath.

Now, in order to fully understand the nature of the Jewish Sabbath, we should bear in mind that the Jewish government was a theocracy. That is, its civil and its religious codes were blended into one. The Lord himself was lawgiver, both in matters spiritual and matters material. All legislation was supposed to come direct from the throne of Heaven. But under the Christian dispensation, this form of government has been abolished. Jesus Christ is now law giver to his church, but not to civil

government. And inasmuch as the New Testament scriptures contain no Sabbath law, we should be governed entirely by what in our better judgment we conceive to be the better interest of the entire people.

I have given this subject considerable study, and the result of my investigation is that the Jewish Sabbath was purely a sanitary institution. The people of that age were not as capable of self-government as they are in the present age. Hence it was necessary to throw around them a great deal of paternalism. It was thought to be essential to the preservation of mind and body that one-seventh of time should be set apart for rest. And as the people were not very well informed in matters of hygiene, it was necessary that such things should be regulated by law.

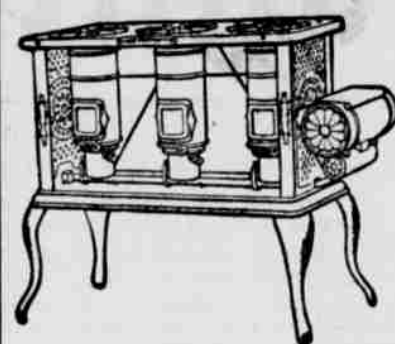
Now as to the necessity of a Sabbath law at the present time, we have something far better. We have 4000 years of experience which the Jews did not have. More than that, we are not only providing one-seventh of time for rest but we are actually growing into the idea that we should rest at least one-half the time. It is now claimed that we should work eight hours, sleep eight hours, and have eight hours for recreation.

As to the observance of the first day of the week, we find that the primitive Christians met on that day for worship. But we are not authorized to call it a sabbath day. If we are Christians in the full sense of that term, we need no law to compel us to meet on that day. And if our neighbors do not meet with us, it may be that they have other and better attractions.

At any rate, our Christian deportment should be such as to excite the admiration of all about us. The church should be such a power for good in the community that people will be glad to recognize and respect it. The Saviour evidently had this much faith in his church when he represented it as a city on a hill, seen of all men. I believe in compelling people to respect our day of worship by making it so pleasant and attractive that nothing else can supplant it. Show to the world in a practical way that we are seeking the happiness of all, and there will be no need of compulsory laws.

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Contest Closes May 10, 1907,

and all contestants' letters must bear the post mark of not later than May 10th of their postoffice in order for them to be considered. Be sure to sign your name, giving postoffice and county. The judges will be disinterested parties and will be selected by H. L. Gilkey, cashier First National Bank of Southern Oregon, and the prizes will be awarded on May 15th at "Manzanita Heights."

Address all letters to Mrs. Mary Thompson, Grants Pass, Oregon.

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