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### ENFORCING THE OREGON BLUE LAWS

Whoever resurrected the Oregon Blue laws, entered the wedge which will cause the repeal of this same personal liberty limiting legislation. And the people, many of them church members, will do the repealing, for they will have a chance to vote on the question of repeal next fall.

Time was, when people did not hardly know the meaning of personal liberty, when they were uneducated in a large degree, and when the church dominated both the people, law makers and those whose duty it was to enforce the law, that they submitted to such restrictions. They then knew no better. They had never enjoyed personal liberty as we now understand the term. But, having once tasted the joys of personal freedom, it will be difficult to reenslave them. Education has become too general for the people to submit any great length of time to have their personal liberty so curtailed. The campaign for Sunday closing, which has been made during the past year, has been made under the guise of a rest day, one day in every week and specifies that such rest day shall be Sunday, the day set apart by most churches for worship. They say you must rest, but go further and say, impliedly, how you shall rest.

The Tribune has not the slightest objection to people attending church on Sunday or at any other time. It endorses the moral teaching of the church. But when an attempt is made to force people to attend church, which is a revival of religious intolerance, then we object. With the same propriety the particular church you shall attend, can be designated. Such laws and legislation is a violation of personal rights, as defined in our Federal constitution. It is the entering wedge to the union of church and state.

Rest, one day in seven, is necessary to maintain the standard of health. But what is rest for one person would be considered work by another. Farmers who engage in physical toil for six days, enjoy sitting in the house, reading their newspapers or attending church, as the case may be. This is rest or relaxation from their daily toil and enables the physical body to recuperate for the labors of the morrow. But such rest would not be rest for he whose employment confines him indoors. Rest, recreation, recuperation, etc., to those people would be a ramble in the country, an auto ride, witnessing or participating in a baseball game, or even working in the garden or other physical exercises. If these last mentioned attend church, it is from a sense of duty.

The Tribune believes the church is making a grave blunder in thus

reviving and enforcing this obsolete law, made during our territorial days, when the occupations of all or nearly all of our citizens was in the open. It will create a feeling of opposition or of prejudice in the minds of the non church member against it, thus greatly minimizing the power of the church to do good.

There is an element in the make-up of the human biped which will resist force unless he is utterly overpowered and, as may be expected, he who is forced, has no kindly feeling for the compelling power.

Anyway, Sunday, originally was a day set apart by Sun worshipers in which to worship the great orb of day. It became a religious day by order of Pope Constantine in the third century. Then defective calendars got the days so mixed that a jump of 22 days had to be made to correct the defect. So we are not now observing the day which was set apart by Constantine. However, as stated before, the attempted enforcement of this Blue law will result in placing the repeal of the same on the ballot, next fall and the people can say whether or not it shall be enforced.

### ARE WE A NATION OF COWARDS?

Senator Chamberlain, in a recent address before an eastern audience, is reported to have intimated that the United States was a nation of cowards. Of course the senator was not speaking his honest convictions in this matter, for past history goes to prove that no nation on earth can produce better soldiers than the United States. While most of our wars have been on our own soil, it has been demonstrated that our army and navy is valiant in foreign lands as well.

Senator Chamberlain knows from personal experience that we are not cowards. Did not he and about one hundred other patriots march from Albany over into Eastern Oregon to quell an Indian outbreak some years ago?

Senator Chamberlain says that among weak nations we are a bully, while among strong nations we are prone to show the white feather. He cites our dealings with Haiti as an example of our bullish propensities and our diplomatic controversies with the strong European nations as our cowardly proclivities.

Haiti is but a small island, of the West India group. Her people are semi-civilized and are of a turbulent and warlike disposition. When they were fighting and destroying themselves, and not living up to their obligations to other nations, President Wilson sent a warship down there to quell matters without any thought of making a conquest of the island. It was but a sort of big brother act to assist in the ways of peace and harmony. The Monroe doctrine forces us to exercise a sort of paternalistic care over these weak nations of the western hemisphere and to require them to live up to obligations made with European nations.

We do not feel any responsibility or care for the conduct of European countries, further than wherein our own interests are involved. When misunderstandings or disputes arise, diplomacy has, hitherto been sufficient to adjust matters. It is not a mark of cowardice to adjust differences in this manner and Senator Chamberlain's intimation that we are nationally cowardly is quite out of place and unworthy to be remarked by an United States senator.

Secretary of State Ben W. Oleott seems to not be having a rosy path in his associations with the state board of control. Two members against one always win.

## ALLIES EVACUATE RAST OF GALLIPOLI

The Retirement is Declared a Complete Success—All But a Few Guns Saved

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The official communication issued this evening says:

"General Monroe reports the complete evacuation of Gallipoli has been successfully carried out.

"Our casualties amounted to one member of the British rank and file wounded.

"General Monroe says that the accomplishment of this difficult task was due to Generals Birdwood and Davies and invaluable assistance rendered in an operation of the highest difficulty by Admiral De-Robeck and the royal navy."

### ALL OUR CITIZENS SHOULD BE PATRONS

Scio is one of the few towns in Oregon which owns and operates her light and water plant. Until this year the revenue derived from private consumers, was a little more than sufficient to operate the plant. But repairs to the water wheel and the employment of an engine when water was insufficient more than consumed the income this year.

While Scio is but a small town, nearly all of our citizens are patrons of both plants and by this general patronage, the city is able to furnish both lights and water at low rates. There are, however, a few families which are not patrons. Yet they have the benefit of the 50 lamps which light the city streets without cost.

Is this right? Are you people who refuse or neglect to patronize the systems not dodging the responsibility of their support?

The city council, at the solicitation of many consumers, has caused an all night service to be rendered. To do this a small raise in the light rates became necessary. This small raise has caused one business house, at least, to cut out the lights. Perhaps he felt justified in doing so and that free street lights costs him nothing.

As before stated, Scio is but a small town and if we wish to enjoy modern conveniences, the cost will be correspondingly greater than in larger cities. It should, therefore, be a matter of civic pride for all of our citizens to help shoulder the burden.

We could scarcely get along now without street lights and the water plant is both useful and a protection against fire. These nonpatrons, should they be so unfortunate as to have a fire, would then realize the great importance of both plants. By all means, every one of our citizens should be a patron of these public utilities. They take our town from the village class and place it among cities.

It is the purpose of our city officials to operate these plants, practically at cost. For this reason, every citizen should feel in duty bound to be patrons of both plants. Free lights on our streets and free water in case of fire should cause everyone to feel that he should help in maintainance.

In making up your list of papers and magazines for winter reading, don't neglect to include The Scio Tribune in the number.

Scio can push forward if all will work for that end.

Dr. T. K. Sanderson

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