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And ye shall know the truth, and the  
truth shall make you free.—John 8:32

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Whenever advocates of Sunday Sabbath keeping are cornered (as they invariably are when ever they can be inveigled into a discussion of the question) they crawl into a hole and pull the hole in after them by claiming that owing to a change in the calendar the days have become mixed and no one knows what day of the week Saturday comes on. We will warrant that everyone of our readers has heard this claim advanced. It will be remembered this was the claim Rev. Harry Bowlby, national secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance, made in the interview published in the Journal two weeks ago. To quote: "The Jew will have to observe our Sabbath. As a matter of fact he might as well, because Saturday is not, after all, his Sabbath. He is wrong by the revised calendar. Therefore it will work no hardship on him to attend his synagogue on the same day we attend our churches."

Of course if this were true the reverse would also be true—that is, it would work no hardship on Sunday keepers to observe Saturday, because they would not know whether Sunday was the day Christ arose or not. The fact that Mr. Bowlby would not be willing to change days shows the insincerity of his claim.

We were aware that his claim was false, as the Jews have observed every seventh day from the time of Christ without a break in the continuity of their observance, consequently they are observing the same day of the week that Christ observed. It would seem that what was good enough for Christ would be good enough for His alleged followers, especially as neither Christ nor any of the apostles ever intimated that they wanted the day changed to the first day. In order to get an authoritative opinion on this question we wrote to the Portland Oregonian and received the following reply:

January 23, 1923.  
H. F. Brown,  
Nyssa, Oregon.  
Dear Sir—Rabbi Berenowitz of the Congregation Beth Israel of Portland states that the Jews are observing the same day as the Sabbath that they did in the time of Christ.

Yours very truly,  
THE OREGONIAN.  
There were two principal factors that operated to change the day of observing the Sabbath from the seventh to the first. The early Christians observed the first day of the week in commemoration of Christ's resurrection, but they also observed the seventh day Sabbath, and at first there was no more connection between the two than there is between Sunday and Christmas—one commemorates the resurrection and the other the birth of Christ. By a process of evolution the seventh day Sabbath was gradually dropped in favor of the first day.

The second factor was the fact that Sunday was the day that pagan Greece and Rome worshipped the sun—hence Sun day. In 321 Emperor Constantine, a recent convert to Christianity, passed the first Sunday law, making the first day of the week a legal holiday. This was a shrewd political move on the part of Constantine, as by its means the pagans were induced to accept Christianity en masse. It was not until the 9th century, however, that one of the catholic popes officially decreed that the first day of the week was the Sabbath. To a disinterested spectator it appears that the Catholics have "put one over" on the Protestants in this case, as the latter church has accepted the dictum of the Catholic church in preference to God's command.

We wouldn't have the slightest objection to their doing so if the didn't try by civil law to force everyone to conform to their belief.

## THE RIGHT TRIUMPHS

Sunday symphony concerts in Pittsburg do not violate the century-old blue laws, county court judges have ruled, ending a bitter controversy between the Pittsburg Symphony society and the Allegheny County Sabbath association. The blue laws, Judges Kenedy and Miller held, "were evidently intended to forbid actual physical, material interference with the quiet rest of the Sabbath day and not to forbid the obviously harmless and even ancient custom of the rendition of music on that day."

This is obviously a reasonable interpretation of the law and is an encouraging sign to those who believe in religious liberty, but the judges did not go far enough. The law is clearly unconstitutional, and should have been so declared. The constitution forbids the passage of religious laws, and if the Pennsylvania Sunday law is not a religious law, what is it?

This case serves to illustrate, however, the lengths to which Sunday closing advocates would go if they had the power.

## AN ECHO FROM THE PAST

"No need to tell me the world is a globe, I know it's flat," stated Wilbur Glenn Voliva, successor to the late Alexander Dowie. "I predict that a catastrophe will overtake the world before long and I hope it doesn't happen until I get back to Zion City. The earth's flat, I tell you. Nobody falls off because the earth spreads until it meets the sea and that spreads until it meets the ice, and so on. Aviation feats only go to prove how flat the earth is."

Wilbur is just starting out on a world tour to prove that the world is just a flat pancake. He should have lived a thousand years ago. In those good old days his views were quite generally held and were backed up by numerous Bible texts. The result of his trip will be awaited with interest.

## THOUGHTFUL

Maud reached for the telephone and demanded a number.  
"Is that you, Edward?" she asked as a man's voice answered the call.  
"Speaking," he replied. "That you, Maud?"  
"Yes. You remember I told you last night that on no account would you be permitted to enter our house again?"  
"Shall I ever forget it?" replied Edward.  
"Well, we have decided to move, and I thought you might like to know our new address."

## BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCK



She—I see you keep your black and white hens closely fenced.  
He—Oh, yes; to be sure.  
She—They must be barred Plymouth Rocks.

## Not So Mean as That

Doorkeeper (at a bad musical comedy to patron who is leaving)—Don't you want to come back?  
Victim—No.  
Doorkeeper—Well, take this pass check, anyway. You can hand it to some chap outside.  
Victim—My dear fellow, I haven't an enemy in the world.—Stray Stories.

## Study and Performance

"Is your boy Josh learning to be an aviator?"  
"He's takin' lessons," answered Farmer Cornstossel. "We're considerable worried 'bout when he goes up alone next week to show whether he has really learned anything."—Washington Star.

## Then the Row Started

Mrs. Jones—Of course I need another wrap. Don't you know that I need three coats?  
Jones—Well, I know you did for your face.—Passing Show.

## Better Than Nothing

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He—Do you think dancing is a healthful exercise?  
She—Yes, indeed. Ever try it?

## Waiting

"Why did you leave the play after the first act?"  
"Well, we thought we could go home and come back again tomorrow night. The program said the second act took place twenty-four hours later."

## Terrible!

Mrs. Biggs—Why are you divorcing your husband?  
Mrs. Binks—When I got up in the middle of the night to go through his trousers I caught him going through my vanity case.

## A Generous Offer

"What is the rent of this room?"  
"Ten marks."  
"Does that include light?"  
"Electric light is extra—daylight is included in the price."—Munich Magendorfer Blaetter.

## Something for His Money

Walter—Hey! What's the idea of stuffing the tablecloth in your pocket?  
Diner—Well, you charged me two dollars for cover and I thought I'd take it with me.

## So Handy

Bride-to-be—What do you use to clean the carpets?  
Hostess—I've tried lots of things, but I've found my husband the best.—London Passing Show.

## A Sure Sign

Ann—Eddie proposed yet, Polly?  
Polly—No, dear; but I think he will tonight. He spent most of last evening wondering if rents are likely to come down soon.

## The Other Half

The grocer said—I've got just one peck of the finest peas, madam, already shelled.  
Customer—I'll take half a peck.  
The grocer divided the peck of peas.  
Customer—Is that half?  
Grocer—Yes.  
Customer—I'll take the other half.—Tit-Bits, London.

## Notre Dame's Beginning

The University of Notre Dame was founded in 1862, and chartered by the state legislature two years later. Its foundation was due to the missionary zeal of the Very Rev. Edward Frederick Sorin, C. S. C. The land now occupied by the university was deeded by the bishop of Vincennes on condition that a college be built thereon within two years.

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