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THE SUNDAY LAW OF 1864

The best way to get rid of a bad law is to enforce it strictly. That may be the reason the law known as "the blue Sunday law" generally in speaking of it, is to be enforced. The observance of Sunday is conceded to be proper and right, but since the law in question was passed there has been a great change in human affairs.

For one thing the auto has in the cities taken the place of the livery stables, which under the law in question were exempt. Yet under the law as it stands the garage must not be opened Sunday.

Since those days way back in 1864 the Sunday newspaper has become a feature of American life, yet this too under the law would have to quit. The man who keeps his auto in a public garage would have to get it out Saturday night if he wanted to use it Sunday; and the Sunday newspaper would have to be gotten out and be delivered before midnight Saturday.

Those charged with the enforcement of the law have no discretion about the offenses they would prosecute. They must prosecute all or none. Theaters, butcher shops, bakeries and livery stables are alone permitted to remain open. All others must close.

Marion county's prosecuting attorney has made no statement so far as we know, as to what he will do in the matter, but it is pretty certain he would be forced to prosecute any case that was brought to his attention. Dan Kelleher is having a petition circulated to have the law repealed by the initiative at the coming election, but until it is repealed it is the law, and those who violate it lay themselves open to punishment.

BUSINESS MARVELS

A few years ago the head of an automobile company announced that he planned to produce 50,000 cars during the year, which was 1909. The announcement of such a huge production scared most of the makers of cars who were sure there would be an unsold surplus. These alarmed manufacturers went so far as to call a conference in an effort to form an agreement to restrict production. The conference developed the fact that the total proposed production of the country reached the alarming figure of 150,000 cars.

Then an optimist arose among them and scoffed at their fears. He told them that there wouldn't be enough cars to go around and that in ten years the country would be taking a million cars a year. Everybody thought he was crazy, but it has been proved that he was not crazy enough. His prediction of a million cars for 1918 is beaten by the fact that this country will turn out a million cars in 1916, and predictions are that they will all be sold.

The same is true about everything in this country. A few years ago it was positively announced on the best authority that the limit of profitable wheat production had been reached. But it has doubled, approximately, since that time, yet the capacity is such that prices are higher.

Go the rounds of industry, and it seems to be the rule that business increases not in the arithmetical ratio of population but in a much higher ratio.

The latest idea of preparedness is to have an army or rather two of them, big enough to stand off any two countries and a navy as large as any two combined in which that of England was not one. Besides it is proposed to have transports enough to send the army to any of the Pan-American countries should any nation or combination of nations threaten the Monroe doctrine. This preparedness game is much like a game of old-fashioned draw poker. Wilson stated his ideas, and Roosevelt went him several stacks better. Then the next player made a raise and the Army and Navy strategists raised the whole caboodle out of their boots. In the final show down it will be disclosed whose hand is best and who was doing the bluffing.

The astronomers and sky sharps are having a high old time just now monkeying with Mars, who is at his nearest to the earth. They are getting quite chummy with him, counting his canals, which in the northern half of him are open, while those in the southern hemisphere are apparently wrestling with slides in their Cuelebra cuts, or something of that kind which has closed them. According to these sharps it is now late in April, on the little planet, and corn planting is well under way. These same authorities say that Venus has her eyes on him and that Uranus is jealous, which is the cause of all the weather disturbance down in the orange groves. It is probable the case is diagnosed correctly as it is hardly possible the weather would do the stunts it has in the last few days unless there was a woman mixed up in it somehow.

San Francisco reports a sudden advance in lumber prices, redwood going up \$4 per thousand and fir still more. It is said the demand in that city last month was three times as great as in any other month in the last five years. Architects say they have more business on hand than at any time since the rebuilding immediately after the fire of 1906. Stories are to the effect that there is heavy speculative buying in the east and the stocking up of yards in anticipation of the ending of the war. If this demand holds, it means the greatest prosperity for Oregon, for lumber is her greatest asset, and the one that brings the money here and puts it in circulation. It means the bringing in within the year of at least \$40,000,000, and as more than half of this goes for labor, everybody will have a chance at some of it.

Federal Judge Wolverton has just decided a suit brought by a billiard table company to test the Oregon Sunday closing law passed in 1864, and amended in 1865, and in doing so sweeps aside the technical objections raised against the law such as the alleged insufficiency of title to the amended law of 1865, and other alleged irregularities with the observation "that the intent of the legislature is apparent beyond doubt." That sounds reasonable, but what a pity the supreme court of the United States in the suit against the Southern Pacific to forfeit the Oregon & California land grant, did not cut the Gordian knot the same way and decide the case to make the granting act mean what it knew congress intended.

Strange isn't it how indignant the English press gets over the way Austria and Germany are treating Uncle Sam. Equally strange how anxious they are to see the United States use strong measures with those countries. It is also strange how they fail to see that swiping American ships and cargoes, rifling American mails, censoring American letters, and little things of that kind are calculated to stir up feeling against them in this country. It is really a joke the English idea, and an Englishman is proverbially slow about seeing through a joke.

General Victoriana Huerta is said to be in a serious condition following an operation performed Sunday by the surgeons for gall stones. When they got a hole mortised in the old gentleman they found his internal running gears were in much worse shape than they had supposed, and according to yesterday's dispatches: "They feared for his recovery." The dispatches this morning indicate their fears are groundless since they sunk a second shaft in his pay streak last night and expect to sink another today.

It cost Henry Ford about a million dollars and a lot of trouble to find out what pretty much everybody else knew all the while. That the belligerent nations went into the scrap of their own free will and were not pushed into it by the munitions makers, money kings, or anybody else.

The Daily Astorian issued a very creditable New Year edition Sunday morning. It was profusely illustrated and contained much information of value concerning the City of Astoria and Clatsop county.



Rippling Rhymes
By Walt Mason

CHILDISH JOYS

As I went forth, on my ten toes, a snowball hit me on the nose, and knocked that organ out of place, a-spreading it all over my face. "My blessing on the merry boys," I cried, "and on their harmless joys! I'd gladly sacrifice a nose, out here among the virgin snows, to see the children glad and gay, as I was on a bygone day. If I had noses by the score, I'd see them all bunged up and sore, if that would make the children glad, and this gray world less grim and sad." And while I spoke these words of cheer, a snowball hit me in the ear. It jarred my spinal column loose, and addled all my vital juice. I leaned against a fence and said, "What though that snowball split my head? Some boy was filled with utter glee, when he let drive that shot at me, and if my ruined dome of thought, some comfort to a kid has brought, it surely does not ache in vain; not futile is its grist of pain." And as I feebly tottered by, a snowball hit me in the eye.

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County Agriculturalist Question Debated By Franklin Literary Society

Prattin, Or., Jan. 5.—The program given by the Franklin literary society Friday, December 31, was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The debate for the evening was on a live subject. "Resolved, That Marion county should retain the county agriculturalist." The debaters were: Affirmative—Earl Pottgrew, Joe Crabane and Melvin Linn; negative—S. J. Yates, Noah Landon and J. J. Crabane. The judges, Mrs. John Tweel, John Landorback and C. S. Rice decided in favor of the affirmative, and the decision well expressed the opinion of the house.

Both sides were ably debated but the affirmative brought up several points that could not be gainsaid, such as the undeniable wisdom of such an officer and the capable way in which Mr. Chapin has executed the office.

The need of education in farming, the most important of occupations, was thoroughly discussed, and the fact brought out that having an agriculturalist who is always with us and always available, furnishes the best plan for educating the majority of the farmers. The agricultural college is beyond the reach of many, but by having an agriculturalist to demonstrate the methods employed there, its influence can be made far reaching and far more effective.

Many farmers, themselves, have gained by long experience, valuable knowledge as to the best methods to employ in raising various crops. Much of this knowledge would not get beyond the farmer who discovered it were it not for the agriculturalist searching out these farmers, and passing the good news on to other less experienced or skilled farmers. Newcomers and young farmers in particular will find the agriculturalist very helpful.

Many personal tributes were paid to Mr. Chapin and his work. The farmers should do their best to retain Mr. Chapin, the only officer of the whole county who is working solely in the interests of the farmer, and co-operate with him in his important work.

Commercial Bodies Bidding for Movie Plant

San Francisco, Jan. 5.—Local real estate and commercial bodies are planning a concerted campaign to get Southern California movie concerns to locate in this vicinity. William R. Tammelin, general agent of the Mount Tamalpais and Mt. Woods railroads in Los Angeles today to confer with the movie magnates and meantime it is announced that the backers of the proposed transfer are ready to give the movie men 250 acres of land in Alameda and Contra Costa counties.

The transfer proposal follows reports that the movie concerns are disgruntled over regulations imposed upon them in the southern section.

Military Training Stays at University of Washington

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 5.—Military training will continue to be compulsory for male students of the University of Washington during their first two years on the campus.

Faculty members here voted 68 to 27 to keep up the compulsory system.

The matter came to a head last September, when students opposed to military drill created agitation against it. President Henry Suzzallo appointed a faculty committee to hear arguments on both sides of the question. Their majority report to the faculty advocated a continuance of compulsory military training.

EUGENE POULTRY WILL BE ENTERED IN SALEM SHOW

Practically all of the poultry fanciers in Eugene intend to enter birds in the poultry show to be held in Salem, January 11-14, under the auspices of the Marion County Poultry association.

E. J. McClusahan, president of the Oregon Poultry association, intends to enter barred Plymouth Rocks.

Dr. J. O. Watts and Axel Berntzen also intend to enter barred Plymouth Rocks.

J. A. Griffin, an officer of the state association, will probably enter white Wyandottes, but has not definitely decided.

H. A. Trossell will probably exhibit his golden and silver Campines.—Eugene Guard.

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SILVERTON NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service.)
Silverton, Or., Jan. 5.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goss enjoyed a delightful weekend visit at the home of Mrs. Goss's brother George Detrick, of Oak Grove, Oregon.

The Misses Hazel and Mildred Fuller came from Woodburn last Saturday to spend the holiday with the G. W. Loomis family.

Mrs. Emma Parsonsworth departed on Friday of this week for an extended visit with her sons at Portland and Seattle, and plans on going on east to spend the winter with her daughter at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Mr. Albert Woolfer and sons, Kerwin and Donald, arrived from Portland Saturday for an over Sunday visit with the W. E. Sprague family.

A family reunion of the Benson family was held at the home of G. A. Benson last Saturday. There were 23 present and a most happy day was passed. Miss Thor Pederson and Valentine Drugard were the out of town guests to enjoy the holiday festivities at this home.

Dr. and Mrs. A. E. Blackerby entertained their friends Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Maupin of Woodburn last Wednesday.

Edward Thomas of the University of Oregon is spending the holiday week with his parents on the S. T. Hobart farm.

Ernest Brooks, son of Dr. Brooks of Portland is in the city from Athens, Oregon, where he has been working, coming for a visit with Silverton friends.

Russell Brooks who is studying law at the Willamette University, spent Christmas with his father, Postmaster Brooks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lusk entertained their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Ball of La Grande, Oregon, during the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Ball have visited Arizona since they were here in the late summer.

George McKinley who is working at the Oregon City Woolen Mills, was an over Sunday guest at the home of his parents in this city. He was accompanied by his friend Miss Esther White, also of Oregon City.

Ed Linecott and wife left for Portland last Thursday to spend Christmas with their daughters, returning on the Sunday evening passenger.

J. Iverson with wife and daughter, were visiting at the Ed. Johnson home Monday and attended the Christmas exercises at the United Synod church.

Miss Cora Gilbert of Woodburn is making an extended visit at the Cavender home.

Mrs. Claude P. Slade and son are visiting at the home of Mrs. Slades' parents at Grants Pass.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Roberts, and daughter of South Silverton, were week end guests of friends at Manning, Oregon.

Frank Bowers and wife of Waldo Hills were guests of the Wesley Jarvis family on Christmas day.

The R. S. Pettit family have all been real sick with the prevailing complaint, a severe form of grippe, this week.

Bert Green, a former resident of Silverton, was calling on old friends here last Sunday.

Charles Hartman and wife were in from the ranch and spent Tuesday night with Mrs. Cobb.

Mrs. Hyatt, Eva and Isabelle Burgener went over to Salem Sunday morning returning on the 5 o'clock passenger.

THOUSANDS OF DEAD

Vienna, Jan. 4.—Twenty-three hundred Russians dead in one district of eastern Galicia inside of 10 kilometers were counted by Austrians, said today's official statement. In hand to hand fighting, the Muscovites were repeatedly repulsed. Only 130 of a regiment of 1,000 escaped in one engagement.

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