

On Sunday Observance.

Correspondence of the Enterprise.

To County Commissioners and All:—Permit me to say a few words in defense of our county and country at large. I wish to submit a plea for forcing the observance of the Sabbath day (Sunday).

Gentlemen, friends, citizens, ladies and especially all who claim Christian faith, have you all abolished the Holy Bible as a standard and have you forsaken its teaching, "To remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy;" to do no work on that day (of course things of necessity excepted); neither, teams, servants or anything for the manual labor for what you get out of it in the way of money-making? Is it possible that you have taken up an almanac as a standard and thrown the Bible on the trash Bible? Had it not ought to be as right to open up and keep open grocery stores as drug-stores for the purpose of money gain? Don't you believe a person can, and does, live longer and better buying meat, flour and other things of necessity than he can on cool drinks, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes and things which are not beneficial or life-giving? Don't you know if you do evil, and also teach your children so (by acts in life), that you are sending them to hell as fast as you can?

Read the Bible; remember the tenth commandment especially in observing Sunday.

What about the fifth chapter of Matthew; also James 4:17; and then see if you can, with a clear conscience, allow the laborers on the new railroad and elsewhere to continue work as steadily on Sunday as other days? The Bible teaches that God ought to be served rather than man; but I see, and everybody else that tries to see, sees that man serves money rather than anything else. Why is it? Don't you know if you gain the whole world and lose your soul that all is lost just the same? Think on these things and put laws to observe the Sabbath, and then appoint some one in various sections as reporters so as to be able to enforce the laws.

What are laws good for anyway if not enforced?

Dear friends, lay down "Barker's Almanac" and the money as our gods and take up the Bible, God's law, and guide ourselves by something that will stand, and we can rest with a clear conscience.

Remember the rich young ruler as spoken of in the Bible. He loved his riches more than all else. Do you know what Christ told him? I want to see the day come when all

unnecessary work will cease on Saturday and everybody, as well as all beast of burden, can rest on Sunday as the Lord intended as spoken of in His Commandments.

Come together now and let's enforce the Sabbath to be observed and quit doing as the Lord forbids and teaching the younger generation so. It is ruining them by preparing them for hell as well as making yourselves assured of ruin by your own responsibility and as well as being responsible for teaching others to do wrong. Don't put this thing off any longer if you claim any God at all.

Hoping you will observe God's laws this much and take God for our Lord instead of money and mankind. I am for what is right in Christ's name.

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