

The Sabbath Recorder.

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THE SABBATH AT THE CENTENNIAL.

Our readers are aware that the most vigorous exertions were made to induce the Centennial Commission to reverse their decision and open the National Exhibition on the Sabbath. Abbott, of Boston, backed by the representatives of the country...

The above is from the Christian Cynosure, of August 3d, and is worthy of careful thought, but especially so because it largely represents the religious press of the country.

And now a few words in regard to the Christian Cynosure on this question. It is not our purpose to speak harshly, but plainly, and we ask it to defend itself if it can.

But there is here another side to this question. There is a corrupted Christianity in the world scarcely less destructive of men, and dishonorable to God, than is infidelity open and confessed.

1st. Does not the Cynosure know that there is no such phrase as "the Christian Sabbath" in the Bible? The Scriptures know of but one weekly Sabbath, and that is never called either Jewish or Christian.

2d. Does not the Cynosure know that the first day of the week is never called "Sabbath" in the Scriptures? Why, then, does it do this? We answer, and let the Cynosure set us right if we are in the wrong, it is that it may transfer the dignity of that name to the first day of the week.

3d. What greater liberties can an infidel take with the Bible than Christians do, when they put out of the Decalogue the God-given command to keep the seventh day, and in its place put the command to keep the first day?

But the Sabbath controversy involves the question of the truth of the Bible. It is in the interest of the declaration, "that in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth," the Sabbath was appointed.

1. The word Sunday came into use through the agency of heathen mythology. With the heathen, the sun was consecrated a chief deity, and they named the first day of the week after it, and hence we have our Sunday or Sun's day.

2. Sunday, whether as a heathen, Jewish, or Christian institution, is nowhere in the Scriptures; but everywhere denounced and condemned in the sacred writings.

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But it should be noticed that the Sunday came into the church through Gentile converts, as did many other things; and that the law made in its favor was enacted by a heathen emperor.

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cause these Commissioners refused to open the Exposition on the Roman Catholic Sunday? Or, does it take the ground that God is so pleased with the doings of the Commissioners...

and he labored most earnestly to preserve the house of worship, the first Seventh-day Baptist house of worship built in America.

Very few men have lived among us of so decided a marked a character. He reached his majority, and took his place as a public worker in the Seventh-day Baptist denomination...

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THE DISPLAY OF BOATS, SHIPS, PRESERVERS, ETC.

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PHILADELPHIA LETTER. PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 9th, 1876. The average Philadelphia is thoroughly disgusted with the Centennial, and is almost as anxious to see it fold its tent and steal away as the was for its coming. Thousands have earned anything but experience. Saloon keepers took out no less than four hundred licenses for beer saloons, and paid from \$500 to \$1,000 rent. I know one man, an operative in a machine shop, who had, by right economy, saved \$2,000; this little had earned fortune here in a season near the Centennial grounds, lost it all, and he, besides, deeply in debt. His history is the history of almost every one who has been at the Centennial, and who has been a speculator of the Centennial. The attendance has not been one third as large as was expected, and those who attend spend no more money than is necessary. By far the largest daily attendance last week was on Thursday, the day of the ascension of the great balloon. The cash admissions were 27,000 or \$13,500. There are influential parties here who seriously urge the propriety of placing the Exposition, in a certain sense, under the management of some great showman like Barnum. The balloon success has given them an idea. It is said the show must be popularized, that it has been advertised sufficiently, the press has heralded its magnitude until there is not a man, woman, or child in the country that is not, by hearsay, acquainted with its wonders. You will see that these dear old Philadelphia Quakers have not yet given up the hope of making it pay; they are not able to appreciate it in any other light. I supposed before I came to Philadelphia, that all Quakers were very plain in their attire, as many from the country are; but yesterday I overheard a conversation that enlightened me on the subject. The settees in the central hall of the Main Building are arranged back to back, and while I was sitting on one of them the reverse of a *vis a vis* with a young lady and her father, she said to him: "The diamonds are beautiful, and the price is only \$500, don't you think that is cheap?" He replied tentatively: "Well, get them if you must have them."

They found the place where the robbers divided their booty, and discovered a great quantity of papers, consisting of rifled envelopes, checks, drafts, coupons, &c., scattered over a considerable space of ground, damaged by rain and exposure. The drafts, checks, &c., amounted to many thousands of dollars, which were mostly drawn by Treasurer Jaynes of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad for the payment of employees. Kerry did not point out the place where the papers were found. It was discovered accidentally by one of the party, who has been returned to Cooper County jail."

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT. The Senate Judiciary Committee have agreed upon and reported the following as a substitute for the House joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution concerning religion and the common schools:

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives, two-thirds of each House concurring therein, that the following article be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by three-fourths of said Legislatures, shall be valid as any part of the said Constitution, to-wit:

ARTICLE 18. SECTION 1.—No State shall make any law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or any law which shall be required as a qualification to any office or public trust, under any State or Federal Government, or any law which shall confer any special privilege or exemption on any individual or class of individuals, on account of their religious opinions or beliefs, or any law which shall prohibit the reading of the Bible in any school or institution. It shall not have the effect of impairing the rights of property already vested.

CONGRESS. Congress will probably adjourn some time this week. The Conference Committee on all the appropriation bills have agreed except that on the Indian appropriations, which is not likely to hold out long after all the others are out of the way. It is reported that the Senate Committee having in charge the investigation of the whisky frauds will take no more testimony until the next session of Congress, which would seem to be a good plan, as the evidence recently taken has been so contradictory as to cause a reasonable suspicion that there were more sins of perjury for political purposes being committed, than was likely to be hoped for by any work of the Committee.

UNITED STATES DETECTIVE FINNINGS has arrested in San Francisco, C. F. Mohr for the manufacture and uttering of counterfeit gold dollars. He seized several thousand blank pieces, five hundred finished gold dollars, and a lot of dies and stamps. Parties in Eastern and Western States have been passing these pieces.

Senator Sharon, in applying for the reduction in the valuation of his Palace Hotel, San Francisco, which was put at \$2,000,000, said that it was not likely to be sold for its cost, he said, \$5,000,000, but labor and material were then high, and it could not be sold for half that sum.

LONG BRANCH BURGLARS.—Police officers A. C. Viger and Wm. E. Van Dyke, at an early hour on the morning of Aug. 6th, discovered and captured three burglars while endeavoring to break into the residence of Mr. Frank Corlies. On their way to the station, the burglars simultaneously drew their revolvers and fired upon the officers, who returned the fire, but without effect. Over a dozen shots were exchanged, during which officer Viger was shot in the abdomen. Van Dyke received two wounds through the hip, but was not seriously injured. The burglars were taken to the police station, and the officers are upon their track. Governor Bedie has offered a reward of \$500 for their arrest. Officer Viger lies in a critical condition.

NEW SAFETY LANTERNS.—In Paris, night watchers at factories and warehouses carrying highly combustible materials are supplied, for safety, with a peculiar lantern. The lantern is made of glass, and is placed in a glass flask, which is then one-third filled with boiling olive oil, and closed airtight with a cork. When light is desired the cork is simply removed, and an instant spark is emitted from the empty space in the flask. The intensity of the light when it diminishes may be renewed by admitting air again. A lantern thus prepared, which may be used for about six months without the least trouble.

SUNDAY BEER SELLING IN NEW YORK.—The Tribune of Aug. 7th gives the following account of the arrest of the barkeepers of a beer saloon on the previous evening: Sergeant Kass, who is in command of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, in the absence of Capt. Steers, made a descent upon Gilmore's Garden, on a charge of violation of the Excise law. The sergeant took three second-hand beer kegs, which he carried in all, and marched to the Madison Avenue entrance to the gardens. They demanded admittance of the doorkeeper, Mr. Campbell, but it was refused unless they purchased tickets. The sergeant refused to pay for the tickets, and he also refused to permit the police to enter the garden unless they showed the proper tickets. Without waiting any more time, sergeant Kass, with his force, entered the bar room. They found everything in a state of confusion, and the barkeepers were taken to the Twenty-ninth Precinct Police Station, where their names were taken and they were locked up until the officers could be reached. The barkeepers were taken to the police station, and the sergeant and his force were taken to the Twenty-ninth Precinct Police Station, where their names were taken and they were locked up until the officers could be reached.

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