

THE SUNDAY CAR AGITATION.

THE PURITAN SUNDAY.

Historical Review of the Predecessors of the Puritan Sabbath—The Amos of Religious Intolerance.

This Sabbath observance controversy in an old, old issue. It has been agitated more or less violently for generations. The end of centuries of religious intolerance and persecution seems to have gravitated to this city. The story of the establishment of the so-called Puritan Sabbath consists of one of the most disgraceful chapters in the history of ecclesiastical dogmatism.

The Toronto Sunday is, thank goodness, a long way removed from its Puritanical predecessor, but a certain amount of theological gloom, that in the darkness of superstition's bats and owls might be more readily seen than the sun.

The most rigid observance of the Sabbath was enforced in Great Britain and her colonies. In England it was a crime to perform any labor whatever on that day. It was a religious question, and a husband was not permitted to kiss his wife, nor were parents permitted to kiss their children on the Sabbath. A little child strayed through the streets and was seized and thrown into a well of mire.

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LOOK ON THIS PICTURE AND ON THIS.

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This is the Day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. —Holy Writ, Exodus xxiii, 24.

The anti-Sunday car people have resorted to every species of subterfuge, they have practiced all the discreditable tactics of the campaign trickster during the present contest.

Yesterday the city was placarded with posters, which, as might be expected, were ornamented with a quotation from Scripture. Instead, however, of giving the whole of the verse quoted from the Antis took the first half only.

What do the people think of such discreditable tactics? The antis are distorting even the Bible, so desperate do they recognize their cause has become.

Why don't they complete the verse quoted from? Evidently they are afraid lest the people should learn how the day which the Lord hath made should be spent.

If the latter part of the verse read, "we will mourn and be gloomy in it," the antis would no doubt have quoted it in full. But the Lord commands us to spend the day in mirth and gladness.

This is the day the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Amen, say we. Let the day of the Lord be one of cheerfulness and mirth, not of austerity, gloom and sadness.

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SUNDAY CARS IN PHILADELPHIA.

The Quaker City Fought the Battle 27 Years Ago, When Intelligents Triumphed Over Superstition.

The Morning News of Wilmington, Del., devotes a column of its editorial space to the Toronto Sunday car campaign. The history of the agitation for Sunday cars in Philadelphia 27 years ago is reviewed in an extensive and interesting article.

The following is from a letter recently received from the pastor of a large church in Philadelphia:

Your letter of the 6th was received last night, and your reference to the proposed running of Sunday cars in Toronto recalls the agitation which you will remember in relation to the same matter in Philadelphia many years ago.

It is difficult to gather facts as to the effect upon attendance at church on any definite day, but I feel sure that our cars here are not to be charged with an increase in the number of worshippers. They have unquestionably been a

UNDERWRITERS COME DOWN.

Insurance Rates Go Back to the Old Figure. WERE LOSING BUSINESS.

And Found it Advisable to Restore the Former Rates. The Trucket Tobacco Factory Shut Down Because of Unpopularity Regarding the Tariff—Police Trying to Locate a School Girl of 13 Years Who Had Become a Mother—Canadian Club Gets an Addition to its Membership—Owner Wanted for a Purse—General News From Hamilton.

Hamilton, May 13.—(Special from The World's Correspondent.)—Hamilton business men will not move back to their offices with a lighter step than they have since April 15, when the Underwriters Association raised the fire rates 50 per cent. To-day telegrams poured in to the various agents here, announcing the fact that the lead office had decided to go back to the old rates.

The G. E. Trucket tobacco factory shut down at 6 o'clock this evening, on account of the unpopularity of the tariff on tobacco. The factory, which was owned by the G. E. Trucket Tobacco Company, had been in operation for some time.

A CHILD MOTHER. Police are looking for Lizzie Linton, who is said to have left for Toronto. Hamilton, May 13.—(Special.)—Inspector Hunter of the Children's Aid Society, and Detective Bleakly, are trying to locate a 13-year-old girl, named Lizzie Linton, who lived at 228 Kingston street north.

Who Was the Purse? The police are looking for an owner for a purse which was found on the street and is thought to have been stolen.

At the meeting of the Canadian Club to-night eight new members were received. Mr. F. McPherson was elected corresponding secretary, these officers being made vacant by resignations.

A Jubilee Entertainment. A jubilee entertainment was held in the First Methodist Church to-night to mark the eighth anniversary of the Christian Reunion Society of the Church.

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Rockville, May 13.—Capt. William O'Meara of Smith's Falls met his death at the Albion Hotel here this morning by asphyxiation, gas having escaped from a hot in the room which he occupied. Capt. O'Meara and his son William came here last February to build a set of ways for W. H. Conroy, at the old ship yard. Since completing that job he has been engaged in lengthening Major Wall's steam yacht, Echo. Last night he retired at the usual hour. It was his custom to rise first in the morning and wake his son, and then, finding that this course had not been taken this morning, got up shortly after 7 o'clock and went down stairs. Capt. O'Meara showed that his father had not been down, and on returning and going to his father's room a strong odor of gas was detected. He was discovered, the room being full of gas, which had no means of escape. There is a small window and the window and door were both closed, as was also the hot water tank. The gas, which was also in the kitchen, had been turned on by the father, but it was too late, as he had been dead some time. Investigation showed that the gas was turned on just before he retired, and this is so-called to have been done accidentally by the deceased when turning out the gas. He was about 70 years of age, was a native of Ontario, and had resided in this district since two years ago. His wife died some years ago, and the son here is a young man.

Right You Are, Dundas Banner. The Toronto World has put in a new press and is pushing ahead in great style. Its success is largely due to the fact that it is a newspaper, not a party organ. As for Sam Hunter's cartoons, there is nothing like them on earth, either in conception, humor or the political points they are designed to convey.

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