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"The Proposed Sunday Law - An Analysis"

Title of Campaign Document to Be Used Widely Throughout the State Now

Our people throughout California are opening a strong campaign of religious liberty education by distributing widely a tract containing the proposed Sunday bill, with a careful analysis of it by Elder W. M. Healey. As a result of action taken by a large representative committee early last week, this leaflet has been printed, and already large quantities are ordered by our churches. The churches in Oakland and vicinity have rlanned to use 60,000 copies or more. Southern California's first order by wire was for 10,000, and orders from other parts of the state are coming in rapidly.

The situation is this: The advocates of the Sunday measure have been earnestly at work throughout the state pushing their petitions and their literature, to secure the submission of the measure to the voters of California at the November, 1912, election. They have felt very hopeful of securing the required 31,000 signatures to petitions in the time allowed, which closes August 7. Until recently they have hoped that they could secure supplemental names during a period of forty days following that date; but the attorney-general has now rendered decision that initiative measures to be introduced at the November election must be filed with the secretary of state prior to August 7. However, he says that the work of securing names may go on for a period of forty days, which names, in case the full number are thus required, may apply at the next general election, or it is possible to call a special election for initiative measures.

Regardless of just how this will result, whether or not enough names shall have been secured by August 7 to submit the measure to the people, the agitation concerning it has brought it prominently before the people, and will do so even more during the next few weeks. The one who has so earnestly worked for the law now expresses fear that they shall not get the required number of names, but is urging his forces on, encouraging them, for future influence, to continue through the additional forty-day period if necessary to fill the petitions.

In view of the need of improving the time if the law is initiated, and in view of the opportunity given in any event to show the people what the bill really is, the whole question was carefully and prayerfully studied by a large council held at Mountain View, Tuesday, July 23.There were present Elder E. W. Farnsworth, president of the California

Conference, and his executive committee; C. H. Jones, manager of the Pacific Press, and a majority of the other members of the Pacific Press board; Elder W. M. Healey; J. F. Blunt, secretary Religious Liberty Department; Elder J. O. Corliss; Elder J. H. Behrens, president Central California Conference; and Elder W. C. White; together with other members of the religious liberty committee and of the circulation and editorial departments of the Pacific Press.

The brethren felt keenly that this is not a time for inaction. It was urged that at this juncture in the campaign a terse analysis of the bill, showing some of its absurdities and deceptions, would be read with interest by voters all through the state, and would have a telling general educational effect, and a direct influence against the bill in case it is initiated.

After careful study, it was voted to put into wide circulation at once an analysis of the proposed law, presented by Elder W. M. Healey, together with a copy of the law as proposed, and answers to leading arguments in its favor. This makes a sixteen-page tract, envelope size, entitled "The Proposed Sunday Law - Analysis of Its Provisions." It opens in an easy, winning way, and leads into the consideration of the subject so clearly and strongly as to appeal, it would seem, to every intelligent person.

Ordinarily a tract of this size would cost \$1.00 a hundred; but for this campaign, in California only, a special reduced rate of 50 cents a hundred, postpaid, is made.

There has been a demand for this matter in cheap sheet form, and this is being prepared. The same plates are used as for the tract, but the printing is on large sheets which may be folded and handed out. In this form, on quantities of 20,000, a rate of \$2.50 a thousand is made; on quantities of less than 20,000, the price is \$3.50 a thousand. This does not include charge for transportation.

Every believer in religious freedom should have a large part in this campaign. Our churches are already responding enthusiastically, and are planning to reach large sections with the leaflet. We expect the isolated believers will want quantities to use in their districts. Let us throw ourselves heartily into this special effort, as just now it will have an influence which will be far-reaching in behalf of the cause of liberty and the right.

J. R. Ferren, Secretary Religious Liberty Committee.



CENTRAL CALIFORNIA

News Items

Claude Conard is at the office this week, auditing the conference books.

Dr. Law Keem, of Hongkong, China, is on his vacation, and making good use of his time working among the Chinese of Fresno.

• A meeting was held Sabbath afternoon in the Fresno church to consider the religious liberty work. It was voted to raise a fund for the local work.

Sabbath, July 27, was a good day for the Fresno church. After the good readings, and an earnest appeal by Elder Behrens, the offering was taken, amounting to \$261.15.

Last week was the banner week for Miss Tressa Belvail. After spending Monday and a part of Tuesday delivering books, she canvassed thirty-eight hours, and secured orders for more than \$200 worth of ''Great Controversy.''

Brother S. G. White, secretary-treasurer of the Central California Conference from its organization until within the past week, leaves Fresno about the 6th of August for Séattle, from which place he and Mrs. White and their little son sail for China.

G. A. Wheeler.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA-NEVADA

Conference Items

Miss Wilma Landis is now engaged in the Bible work in Sacramento.

Elder Fred Brown, of Hanford, spent a few days in Lodi the past week.

Elder N. W. Kauble met with the Hughson church Sabbath, July 20.

Brother B. E. Baldwin reports a good attendance at the tent meetings at Paradise Valley, Nevada.

Brethren A. A. Cone and R. H. Miller spent Wednesday in Sacramento in the interest of the canvassing work at that place.

The work of repairs on the Lodi Normal buildings is now well under way, and in a short time all will be in readiness for the opening of the school year.

Professor Haughey, of Michigan, is visiting his friend Elder C. L. Taggart. He is very favorably impressed with the western country, and will spend some time here in the canvassing work.

We are glad to report that the canvassing band from the Lodi Normal is meeting with good success in the field, and many orders are coming in, which show that the Lord is blessing the efforts of these faithful workers.

We are laying our plans for the Harvest Ingathering campaign, and hope to do a greater work this year than last. Let each and every one take hold of this work with a determination to scatter this gospel-filled literature to all parts of the conference.

Elder C. L. Taggart met with the Stockton church Sabbath, July 20. He reports the work advancing there. He also conducted a Bible study at one of the private homes Tuesday afternoon where an interest has been awakened by our faithful Bible worker, Miss Brayshaw.

Merl Horton,

CALIFORNIA

St. Helena Sanitarium Siftings

Elder C. L. Taylor was called to Mountain View this week.

Elder E. W. Farnsworth made a brief visit to the sanitarium this week.

Miss Winnifred Escott, who has since her graduation been connected with the San Francisco dispensary work, returned to the hillside this week.

A new twelve-passenger Stanley steamer automobile was recently purchased by the sanitarium to take the place of the stage between the sanitarium and St. Helena.

Thursday evening, July 25, the family had an outing on Oak Crest. The call boys' band rendered some fine selections while lunch was served, and later the young folks played games.

Mrs. L. M. Bowen and Mrs. L. B. Ragsdale are both recovering rapidly since their operations, and there is joy and thankfulness. Mrs. O'Neil, of Pacific Union College, is also doing well.

Brother J. N. Dennison has just purchased a ten-acre ranch near Hughson. He will take possession August 5. He will be missed on the hillside, as he has been connected with the work for twelve years.

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July 26, 1912.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA San Bernardino

"Five, all heads of families, recently

united with the church at San Bernardino. Three of them accepted the truth through Bible readings held with them, and two took their stand at the tent effort recently held at that place."

F. I. Richardson.

San Jacinto

May 27 I united with Brother D. D. Fitch in a tent effort in this place. A very desirable location on a corner lot opposite the post-office was placed at our disposal free of charge for the tent. During the first week of the effort we were favored with the valuable assistance of four nurses from the Loma Linda Sanitarium. In addition to distributing the announcements and doing personal

work in the homes, they gave two practical demonstrations in the tent, which, though the weather was very hot, were well attended. Owing to the fact that the Sabbath question had been brought out in the International Sunday-school lessons, and had been keenly agitated in their classes by some of their members, who presented the Adventist views of the Sabbath, it finally ended in a public discussion of the subject several weeks before our tent was pitched. The members of the various churches were well warned against us and our work by their pastors, and their stay-away argument proved a success for them, as only a few of their members attended our services. Soon after our meetings began, revival services were started in the M. E. church less than two blocks distant. Our congregations were made up largely of transient and non-Christian people. Our last service was held Sunday night, July 14, after which the tent was taken down and shipped to the camp ground.

As a result of the tent effort and the work previously done by Brother Fitch and wife, six dear souls, all adults, are rejoicing in the Sabbath truth, two of whom have united with the Hemet church, four miles distant. The work here is only well begun, and as there are several in the valley of decision, more work will be necessary in order to ripen off the effort fully.

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Book Work

Influence of the Canvasser

Sometimes we wonder if we do any good by calling at a house, if we do not make a sale. The following incident taken from one of the canvassers' letters is only one of the many experiences that show that we must answer this question in the affirmative:

"On July 9 I had a most encouraging experience. I called at a home where the mother had been lying on her back for three weeks, having had her knee dislocated. I canvassed her for 'Heralds,' and when I had finished she was erying. As soon as she could speak, she said: 'O, brother, I would like so much to have that book, but I am a widow and have a large doctor bill to pay now.' I knew that she really wanted the book; so as

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I had one at home, I promised to bring it to her to read. I talked with her for some time about the soon coming of Christ; and before leaving, she suggested that we have prayer together, which we did. The next day, when I took the book to her, she said that nothing had ever done her so much good as our talks and prayer together, and she said that as soon as she could, she would have one of the new books. She requested that I pray for her daughter, who was once a Christian, but had backslidden.''

Every canvasser who has his heart and soul in this work will have such experiences. Reader, if you are in doubt as to whether this work pays or not, doubt no longer, but "taste and see" that it is good to serve the Lord in this way.

We are glad to note that our faithful workers are meeting with better success each week. The workers here in the city of Los Angeles are doing good, faithful work, and this is shown by the good time they are putting in. The reports are going above the forty hour mark, and certainly what is done here in the city can be done any place as far as putting in time is concerned. We trust that all the workers will endeavor to bring their time reports up to the forty hour mark every week.

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One girl who has never canvassed for books before, began work he e in the city last week, and in 15½ hours took \$38 worth of orders. This girl is another one who believes in putting in good time, and will no doubt practise it as soon as she gets started in the work. The matter of putting in time is more important than many have thought. Some one has said: "God, who is

REPORT OF BOOK WORK FOR WEEK ENDING JULY 19, 1912

liberal in all of His other gifts, shows us, by the wise economy of His providence, how circumspect we ought to be in the management of our time, for He never gives us two moments together."

Let us all remember these faithful workers at the throne of grace.

C. C. Morlan, Field Agent So. Cal.

Overcoming Difficulties

Reports of the book work in the California Conference have not been very numerous, but there has been an encouraging increase in the number of canvassers and the report of sales since our student canvassers have entered the field. We shall hope to see this continued by others who will take their places when school opens again.

Our reports are not large, but they represent faithful work in the field. We have been forced to admit that the work goes hard, but for these conditions we seem to have a force of workers that are equal to the emergency. With a fixed purpose, all seem to be determined to win. Letters that accompany sales reports have the ring of true metal.

Besides meeting difficulties courageously, nearly all are reporting good experiences during the week. One worker who is in the field for the first time, and only sixteen years old, told how he got his first order. The first man he canvassed said he did not want the book. When he was told of the events that are to take place just before the Lord's second coming, and the importance of knowing about them, the man said, "I don't want to know anything about it." He was told that ignorance of these things would neither excuse nor save him, and he would not say this about any other important event that was to take place. These words from a young man seemed to reach his heart, for he gave his order for a book in the best binding.

 take it.' I answered that the other man had told me he had given a canvass out this way, but could not tell me just where. Then I finished the canvass and got the order. This is a good work, and I thank God for the success He gives."

Another says: "I have not taken as many orders this week as I had hoped to, but the Lord has blessed me. In my work I met a woman who had at one time been a Sabbath-keeper, but had given up her hope. I talked with her about the necessity of living a true Christian life at this time, and read to her from the Bible. She was at church last Sabbath. I called there again, studied the Bible with her, had a season of prayer, and as a result she told me she would come back, and, by the Lord's help, do what she knows is right."

In Richmond Brother and Sister Bonde are breaking down prejudice and finding a way into the homes of the people by treating the sick. The Lord has given us a message that reaches all men. Through the work of the printed page we shall see many saved in the kingdom, and the reward will more than compensate for the difficulties encountered.

J. T. Thompson.



An Interesting Missionary Effort

The following letter to the Signs circulation department, from the president of a conference in the Central Union, contains excellent missionary suggestions: "Dear Brethren:

"Just a line to explain the enclosure of forty Signs subscriptions to New Boston and vicinity. I have just had a debate there with a Christian minister, which elicited a good interest. Hundreds came from all directions each evening to attend. Inasmuch as circumstances seemed to forbid immediately following up the interest with a series of meetings, I decided to ask our near-by church (Goldsberry), with a little other help, to send the Signs for six months to interested parties, hence this order at this time.

"The Goldsberry church took hold of the proposition with interest and enthusiasm. We will hope to somewhat enlarge this present order, as we would like to place the *Signs* in at least fifty of the most interested families. I am sure that this will reap fruitage. It will be my plan to follow this up with a series of meetings before the *Signs* list expires. The sentiment of the entire community was largely with us in the debate, which won many friends to the truth. (I am sending you a copy of the *Record* with condensed report.)

"To-day I received a letter from a sister (stranger) from California, asking me to look after an interest with her brother living here in Missouri. She sends me a letter from him in which he says: 'The Signs of the Times is a welcome visitor. I am deeply interested in its fine sermons. I have learned more from its pages than from all the preaching I ever heard.' Thus another good testimony of the work of 'our pioneer.' I agree with your slogan, 'The Signs does bring people into the truth.' May the Lord ever bless its mission, and help us as workers in the field to do more for its circulation."

Answer to Prayer

A recent experience of Elder E. H. Adams and his tent company at Reedley shows how the Lord overrules in difficult situations. Although this was passed on in a personal letter, we are taking the liberty to tell the story. Following the Reedley camp-meeting, the gospel tent was pitched on a vacant lot in the middle of the block across the street from the home of the priest and the Catholic church. Two days after the meetings opened, the owner of the lot came and ordered that they should move the tent at once, but would give no reason why they should, and did not want them to investigate the reason. A real estate man who had the sale of the lot next to this one, and nearer to the street, offered Elder Adams this lot. To make it absolutely safe, Brother White, in Fresno, went to the owner of the lot and gained his permission and promise that except the lot were sold they might have the use of it for the meetings. This information was telephoned to Reedley, and the move was made. During it, however, the Catholic priest showed much nervousness, and went and interviewed the realty man, but the latter assured Elder Adams that it was all right, and to go ahead. However, at 6 P.M. he came and informed them that they were to hold no services that night. Elder Adams remonstrated, and told him that such a

change of mind was unreasonable, that the meetings were advertised, the people were coming in from country places, and that the meeting would have to go on. The meeting was held. In the meantime the realty man had telephoned to the owner in Fresno, and furthermore the priest and a number of his members waited upon the owner in person in Fresno, charging the minister at the tent with having maligned the Catholics and their faith.

The owner of the lot was in a perplexing position when Elder Adams and Brother S. G. White called on him at his home the next morning at 9:30. He said that out of the goodness of his heart he had given permission for them to use the lot, as he would to any good people: that he hadn't invited any such controversy. and didn't know what to do. Elder Adams explained the situation in all truth, assuring him that they had not maligned the Catholics, but that in preaching God's word they were in duty bound to tell the truth, and that the Word pointed out the institution of the papacy and its work of changing the law, etc. He also referred to the aggressiveness of the church in this country at the present time, and its significance. He stated further, however, that if desired, they would move off the land, and would have no hard feelings, but wished the privilege of explaining the situation as it was. It appealed strongly to the owner. He saw the principles involved, realized that injustice had been done, but did not know what it would mean to him were he to decide for them to continue the meetings there. He asked for time, and invited the brethren back to his office at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. In the meantime they had an earnest season of prayer at the conference office. At 2 o'clock they returned to the gentleman's office, and after a few moments he told them that he did not wish to cause trouble, and did not want them to compromise their message, and felt willing that they should go on until they could find another place. The meetings have continued there for over a week since that time. The attendance is reported to be between seventy and eightyfive, and a number are showing a deep interest in the truth.

J. R. F.

The midsummer offering taken last Sabbath at the Mountain View church amounted to \$130.



Dedication of Portland Branch, Pacific Press Publishing Association

A striking indication of the advancement of the publishing work in the North Pacific Union Conference was given by the dedication of the branch office of the Pacific Press Publishing Association, Sunday, July 21. In January of 1904 this office was opened in rented quarters on Second Street. The demand of the business called for a larger building, and quarters were secured, at 285 Salmon Street. In 1906, when the main office of the association was destroyed by fire, the directors felt it would be necessary to discontinue the Portland branch: but the various conferences in that union contributed \$500 to its support, and it was therefore continued at 61 Park Street North, where still larger space was occupied. The business has continued to increase, until early in the spring of this year a lot was purchased at Twenty-first and East Flanders, and a beautiful concrete building 28 x 45 feet was erected.

The dedication service was a very pleasant one, coming as it did during the educational council held at Erroll Heights, in the suburbs of Portland. More than a hundred teachers, together with the union conference committee, representatives of the various churches in Portland, and other visitors, were present.

Elder H. W. Cottrell, formerly president of the association, presided. Elder C. W. Flaiz told of the advancement of our publishing work in his union, and expressed his appreciation of the fact that it had become necessary to build such a depository, and said he hoped it would speedily be found too small to accommodate the growing business. Brother J. F. Beatty, manager of the office, Prof. H. R. Salisbury, educational secretary of the General Conference, H. G. Childs, treasurer of the association, and H. H. Hall, also spoke briefly. Elder S. W. Nellis offered the dedicatory prayer. Sisters W. F. Martin, Adeline Chapman, and W. S. Boynton presided over the refreshments, and added greatly to the pleasure and sociability of the occasion.

Following is the record of sales by years from the Portland branch of the Pacific Press:

1904	\$ 14,987.50
1905	15,556.82
1906	20,114.16
1907	24,241.92
1908	36,990.24
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1910	40,416.21
1911	$40,\!551.93$
	\$235,048.81

For sale at a sacrifice, on easy terms, or will exchange for acreage, a fourroom modern house in Walla Walla, Washington. 5 cent ear fare to Walla Walla College. Address C. H. Castle, 327 McIntyre Bldg., Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Elder M. C. Wilcox is leaving Mountain View this week for the East, to assist in the camp-meetings to be held during the next two months in the Lake Union Conference.

Brother Clarence C. Crisler spent the first part of this week in Mountain View. He brought to the Pacific Press a portion of the manuscript for a new book on Old Testament history, by Mrs. E. G. White, to be studied with a view to its illustrations.

Word recently received is to the effect that the large camp prepared for the Southern California camp-meeting is nearing completion, and will be ready in good time. Four hundred fifty family tents have been pitched. It is expected that this will be the largest camp-meeting held in our union this year, and doubtless the largest in the United States. We earnestly trust that the blessings of God may be richly extended to all who are present.

Utah Conference Corporation Notice

The eighth annual meeting of the Utah Conference Corporation of Seventh-day Adventists is appointed to convene in connection with the twelfth annual session of the Utah Conference of Seventhday Adventists, in the Seventh-day Adventist church at Salt Lake City, Utah, September 3-8, 1912, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. The first meeting is hereby called for Friday, September 6, 1912, at 2:30 P.M. All accredited delegates to the conference are members of this association.

C. E. Ford, President.C. H. Castle, Secretary.

Constitutional Safeguards

(The following quotations from an article written by Brother J. F. Blunt, pointing out in a strong manner wherein the proposed Sunday law for California is against the liberties guaranteed by the Constitution, will be appreciated by our people. These, with others, together with strong arguments which should appeal to every intelligent citizen, have been printed in leaflet form. Those desiring copies, or a quantity to distribute, should communicate with J. F. Blunt, 149 No. Kern Street, Los Angeles, California.—ED.)

As the law now offered to California is almost identical with that framed by the same author now on the statutes of Idaho, it will be of interest to learn what the governor of that state says in a message to the legislature regarding its workings there.

"While perhaps a worthy object was sought by its passage," says Governor Hawley, "the provisions of the act itself are in many respects both absurd and contradictory, and the matter has twice been before the supreme court, requiring construction at the hands of that tribunal, while many other of its provisions still remain in grave doubt. . . . The reasons for many of these prohibitions are simply incomprehensible to the average mind. Personally I do not believe it proper to legislate upon matters of this kind. . . . As a result of its experience in construing this law, the supreme court has proposed, in its report to the governor, that it be so amended as to make it intelligible. Undoubtedly the act needs amendment, if it is continued in force; but I would suggest, as a still better remedy, that the entire act be repealed."

Religious Liberty Guaranteed

"The free exercise and enjoyment of religious profession and worship, without discrimination or preference, shall forever be guaranteed in this state," says the Constitution of California — section 4, article 1. How can this effective barrier be broken down by bigotry or for persecution?

The supreme court of California says:

"The enforced observance of a day, held sacred by one of the sects, is a discrimination in favor of that sect, and a violation of the freedom of the others. . . . The legislature has no right to forbid or enjoin the lawful pursuit of a lawful occupation on one day of the week, any more than it can forbid it altogether."— Volume 9, page 503, California Reports.

Church and State Separate

The Declaration of Independence, antedating the organization of the national government, declares these truths to be self-evident: "That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

To indicate the complete separation of church and state, the Constitution provides that "no religious test shall ever be required as a qualification to any office or public trust under the United States."—Section 3, article 6, United States Constitution. It further declares that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."—First Amendment United States Constitution.

Freedom Can Not Be Abridged

Some have urged that this does not enjoin the respective states from the enactment of laws more drastic than those possible in Congress. This erroneous conclusion is removed by the fourteenth amendment to the United States Constitution, which says: "No state shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States."

Would It Help Labor?

"It is a curious law for the protection of labor which punishes the laborer for working," says Justice Henshaw, of the supreme court of California. "Such protection of labor, carried a little further, would send him from the jail to the poorhouse."— Volume 112, page 468, California Reports.

While California has no general Sunday law, the interests of labor have not been forgotten. An act still operative provides a respite from labor "one day in seven," and makes it unlawful for an employer of labor to cause his employees to work more than six days consecutively without a day of rest.