

5750 Madison av
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Judge A. W. Furgess

Mayville N. Y.

My dear Sir or Comrade

Have just read with
pleasure your "Notes" in today's
Inter Ocean

Since May 1st my wife & I
have given our attention to
a Wall's Fair boarding house &
have had from 40 to 60 daily at
our house. Most of these people
stay a week to 10 days, some
for 2^{or 3} weeks & a few for 30 days.

I have inquired of most
of them regarding their atten-
dances at the Fair & have
found that hardly one tenth

~~of these~~ go to the Fair on Sundays
They go to various churches
to hear leading clergymen
or to see various parks &
boardwalks. ~~They want to rest on that day and also just~~
They want to see
Churchly want to see something
of things while they are here.
Most of
our visitors had made con-
tracts for their rooms before
the Judge Tyler's decision.

Many of these people would
not have come had they
not contracted to come.
Our people are mostly
farmers and accountants
lawyers, physicians
bankers, merchants, & occa-
sionally a farmer. They pay their
bills but are not ashamed
of being economical. They
take notes of what they
see & are methodical in
the course they pursue in
sightseeing & try to learn all they can.

It seems to me
that Sunday opening is a
great mistake. The people who
will stay away for conscience
sake will be those who would
have staid one or two ^{or three} weeks
& gone into the Fair 6 days
in a week. Not a few of my
people come out at 4 P.M.

on special illumination
nights to rest & get dinner
& then pay to go in again
at 8 P.M. to see the fireworks
&c. They are temperate
careful people trying to
get the most for their
money possible.

I am deeply ashamed
of the dishonorable course
of our W. Fair directors.
To receive over a million
dollars & agree to close on
Sunday, then get the money
& refuse to close.

It is dishonest & despicable,
Judge Fuller's decision
was, it seems to me, inspired
of the devil. I believe that
every bad man in Chicago
rejoiced when that decision
was made & nine tenths of
our good men sorrowed.

Rev. Swiny & Thomas by
no means represent the
religious people of this ~~city or~~
state.)

I am much pleased with
the course of the Inter Ocean
on the Sunday closing question.
While Mr. Nelson favored no open
Sunday he favored obedience
to law when Congress spoke.

I am an appreciative
reader of your articles. Right
in the ~~ends~~ ends ends. If politicians
would only believe in Truth & Right
they would stay on top longer
Yours Cordially
Jas. P. Adams