

Phoenix A. T. July

A. W. Tourgee

Dear Sir,

I have just read an article from your pen in the Inter Ocean of July Fourth, on "The Development of Individualism."

I would be glad to see another article from you on the subject of religious liberty, or the entire separation of Church and State.

Considering the opening of the fair on Sunday do you not regard legislation of that subject as a union of church and state?

Sunday is a day substituted by man for the Seventh Day Sabbath of the Fourth commandment.

There are those who do not look upon it as a sacred day, and who as a matter of individual conscience worship and rest on the Seventh day.

These can not give up the Seventh day without violating their conscience, neither can they make a Sabbath of the Sunday; for the same commandment that says rest on the Seventh day, says "Six days shall thou labor."

It has been at the instigation of the churches,
W. C. T. U. and similar orders that Congress
has taken up the Sunday subject.

Threatened boycotts from the same to the
Congressmen, figures largely in producing the
stand that was made in congress on this
subject.

You know the result in other countries
when the state enforces the laws of the church.

Do you not think we, as a nation are violating
the Constitution and our long enjoyed religious
liberty, in laboring to enact Sunday laws?

Respectfully Yours

Wm. L. Sturges.

I do not think legislation
making a particular day
discuss for all secular
purposes and prohibiting
certain acts on that day
has anything or worth to
do with the sabbath. It

is purely a regulation
for the bodily comfort
for the soul &
A. W. S.