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 TONDAY, JANUARY ${ }^{22,1866 .}$
The Sunday Question. No Goon eitizen can regard with indi-
ference the controversy that fis now going on
in this community with reference to what is commonly termed the "Sonday Question."
The lesue els between those who would pre. The lasue is between those whio would pre-
serre the enarednes of the fars day of the
week, or the Christian Sabbath, as a "holy" day, of Divine appointment, for the physical
and apiritual welfare of mankind, and those Who would divest it of all religious import-
ance and obligation, and treat it only as a
ane In such a contest we can have no hesitation
as to which side all truly wise and virtuous ctitizens should choose, and it is our purpose
to stand squarely and firmly on that ground on which we should wish to be found in the
last day, and at the fudgment-seat of Him
who said that "the Son of man is Lord also of the Sabbath," In matters of purely
worldy concern, men are apt to form their
opinions and determine their course of action oplinions and determine their course of action
in obedience to motives of preju lice, passion,
or interest But when they are required to or interest. But when chey are requred to
make up their minds and regulate their con-
duct in reterence to things of God's ordination, which not only bear with vital effect on the temporal well-being of soclety, but imme-
diately concern every individual soul in its considerations which govern human opinion
and action should be allowed no influence
Whatever.
The "Sunday question" need not and should
not be complicated by the discussion of any particular violations of the Sabbatical law, or
assaults upon particular incividuals who may be regarded as violating the sanctity of the
Sabbath. Such a course only arouses opposition which otherwise would not exist, and
strengthens an essentially bad cause. by en-
listing in its defense all that numerous class of people who are ever ready to sink even
their moral convietions in order to help a man, or party of men, whom they are led
regard as the object of persecution. There is a higher and broader ground on
which the character of God's day, and the
duty of Christians in relation to it, may be and should be treated. The public mind must
be convinced that the day is consecrated by Divine law not only to rest from all unneces-
sary worldy labor, but to special religious
worship; that it was intended not simply to refresh the bods, but to refresh and edify the
soul; that men were not merely to cease
from manual toil on one day in seven, for the purpose of physical health, but to so release
their minds also irom temporal cares as to
allow them free and full contemplation of allow them free and ful contemplation of
ttoose affars and responsibilites which reach
beyond this life; that God kindly and mercifully appointed one day in every week in
which He relieved His fallen creatures from the curse of labor, in order that they might
theeeby better employ and qualify themselves, under and in virtue of His grace, through the
sacriflice and mediation of His only Son, to There is, therefore, a fatal heresy in the idea now preached by the advocates of a French
Sunday $-a$ Sunday that is devoted only and
altogether to sensualism. They suppose that the time was only meant for corporeal relaxa-
tion and repose, and that it magy be spent just as each person pleases to spend it, according
to his particular wishes and views to that end.
It that theory were adopted, every American Sabbath would be a saturnalia. We should
have our cities and rural districts converted into scenes of confusion and tamultuous dis-
sipation and debauchery, regulated only
by men's tastes and passions for what they might variously concelve to be the
best mode of recreating their bodies
and amusing their minds. If such libertinism were once sanctioned by law,
it certainly would not stop with the runnigg
of city passenger cars on Sunday, or any other like innovation on the usual and tlme-
honored observance of the day. Once edu-
cate the people of this soantry to believe that the Sabbath is a day for physical rest only,
for fun and for frolic, or any pastime what-
ever that individual inclination might prefer, and we would ineritably convert the Lor 1's
Day into a fibliee of the Devi. When a false doctrine is fairly planted in
the popular mind, there is no telling
what fruit it will bring forth. It may seem
very right or very innocent to make some very right or very innocent to make some
apparently slight innorations on our esta-
bishhed notions as respects the nature and
character of the Christian Sabbath. Those character of the Christian Sabbath. Those
who would invade its anclent sanctity talk
very glibly about enabling the laboring classes to go into the country and recreate themselves
every seventh day in the green fields, and all that. And in order to enforce the argument
which they address to the purely selfish and personal affections or men, they tell us that
Christ said the "Sabbath was made for
man, and not man for the Sabbath." But they grossly misinterpret the meaning of the
quotation. It was never intended to convey the Idea that mankind were to use the Sab-
bath immorally, much less irreligiously. Was never intended that the day reserved by
Supreme wisdom and love for saving the body Supreme wisdom and love for aaving the body
from exhausting tofl, should be used ior the
 Ce periectly assured that the turning of the
Cbristian Sabbath into a common hollday for
popular diversion and enjogment will not popular diversion and enjoyment will not
result in the moral depravation of the people,
and the and the consequent undermining of the very
foundations of government, our Legisiatare
should be careful how they make the least concesslon to those who are seeking to obtain a relaxation of the "Sunday law" of the State.
The smallest opening of the gate restraining
the flood of popular license might be fats the flood or popular forense might be fatil.
lengthe the tide to foresee that fearful lengths the tide, once loosed, would flow.
Firmly held in check, it can do no harm. But
grant it one inch of vent, grant it one inch of vent, and it may break
down all barriers, and inundate the whole It is not, therefore, in any particular inno-
vation on the usual observance of the Sabbath that datger lies, or against which the com-
munity is concerned to array itself. The sale of liquors, the publishing of papers, and the
running of city passenger cars on Sunday,
are one and all regarded by the munity as violations of the Sabbath. But it is not agnainst them specifically that objection and
opposition should be made. Those who defend
the sacredness of the the sacredness of the Lord's Day ought not
to assail particular violations or violators of
the Sabbath, but detert the Sabbath, but determine to maintain the
relligious character of the rellgious character of the day generaly, and
andon the broad principle of universal moral
duty and social policy. far more effectual than that which provokes
the selfish resentment of special classes and
ntere friends of the Sabbath to detend thoir cause on
its own broad intrinsic merits, gage in a direct warfire again
abuses and particular offenders. The Capital of the Southern steamsbip
Company.
If the investment of six hundred thousand
dollars in steamers to the South will be proft-
able,
ter. The investriment of a a million would be bet- the proposed capital of The company soon to be chartered, and is, we
have no doubt, sufficient to estabilik one ffst-
class line to the chief ports of the South
But it is not in proportion to the wealth of the city and her commercial interests. We
accept the present subseription as an evidence
of a renewed spirit of enterprise. It is a noble
beginning, but it would be folly to consider it beginning, but it would be folly to consider it
a satifactory conclusion of the great work our
merchants have begun One million of dollars, promptly subscribed,
will at once place Pbiladelphia on an equality with her commercial rivals. It will enable
the company to build passed for speed, strength, and size by any in
the country, and will give it the great advan-
tage of tage of a capital sufficient to meet any emer--
gency, and use any opportunity. Philadelphia, in undertaking such a work, should
employ all ber resources; and one million of
dollars is but a moderate price to pay for the immeasurable beneftts of direct communica-
tion with the Southern ports. We are in-
formed that the formed that the $\$ 600,000$ are nearly subscribed,
ond that the company will soon be and that the company will soon be ready to
begin active operations. This is not the time
for the committee to abandon their labors The success they have met should inspire
greater energy, for if six hundred thousand
dollars can be raised in a few weeks to estadollars can be raised in a few weeks to esta-
blish these lines, certainly four bundred
thouse their power and usefulness, It will be a proud
day when the first steamer leaves Pbliadel-

phia for Wilmington or New Orleans, for from | eity. $\quad \begin{array}{l}\text { Governor Worth. } \\ \text { The message of Governor Worrh, of North } \\ \text { Carolina, is one of those plain, practical, com- }\end{array}$ |
| :--- | Carolina, is one of those plain, practical, com-

mon sense documente which can be understod by everybody, and is not an attempt by
unmeaning verbiage o cover up a want o o
idea and a total lack of valuable suggestion. The Governor plainly states that the time has
come when every State must prove come when every state must prove its un-
questionable loyalty, and the sooner measures
are taken for this object the better it will be for all concerned. The best policy for the
States lately in insurrection is to make the
beats of their hergin best of their bargain, and submit to the
decrees of tate. The rebellious citizens of the
South are hopelessly overthrown, and pro dence dictates that they should succumb a
gracefally as circumstances will permit. Go gracetally as circumstances win permit. Gov-
ernor Wormn's advice is most opportune, and We hope it will be
possibly grow
possibly qrow out of a conflict with the
national authorites, and perhaps much harm
may accrue to individuals if a contumacious spinit is exhibited by those lately in rebellion.
The whole of Pres:dent Jouvs The whole of Pres:dent Jousson's course
shows a determination on his part to see that shows a determination on
the Federal authority shall be In this a loyal people will always sustain him.
His closing sentence is one that may be proftably pondered by all who still indiulge the vain bope of a fature Southern Confederacy
He says:He says:-
"I pray
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 property qualification, necessary before the
African could be allowed to vote, Ia order African could be allowed to vote, In order
that such an amendment be made, it was
essental that it abould be recommitted to the esatental an thmenament it recommitted to the
Judiciary Committee. When, however, the
ent House met and the motion to refer was made, the Radicals-so says conservative RA YmosD
-voted with the Democrate, and defeated its -voted with the Depmocrate, and defeated its mitted eitl.er to oppose the extension
or else to vote for the unmodifled bill. The members of the party preferred the
tormer, and hence the bill passed in its most radical form. The Raymond faction are evi-
dently sore over the result, and design to kill the bill by secaring the veto of the Executive. in that direction when it says:-
It it well enough to bear min moreover,
that Prein



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 perfect, the utterances of the Times, there-
fore, have a value which they would not under FINANCE AND COMMERCE



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