

SUNDAY CLOSING NOT FAVORED.

Many Union Barbers Want to Return to the Old Custom.

Not only the patrons of the barber shops but the razor wielders themselves are becoming disgusted with the enforcement of the Sunday closing law. They find that they are compelled to work as many hours each week as when the shops remained open on Sunday, and under the new plan they suffer an average loss of \$2.50 a week in their wages. Many of the members of the Barbers' union are also dissatisfied with the operation of the law and are anxious for a change.

The case against one of the barbers who was arrested for shaving patrons on Sunday will come up before Justice Shannon next Friday, and it is predicted that whatever may be the decision in the case the shops will be open as of yore within a few weeks.

"The way to bring an obnoxious law into disfavor is to enforce it," said a barber this morning. "This Sunday closing law is a relic of unreasonable legislation and the way to kill it is to give the people and the barbers a taste of the discomforts attached to its enforcement. People can ride across the line into Kansas Sundays and get shaved at their leisure and I believe that if the Sunday closing law is to be enforced it should be made to apply to theaters, saloons, news stands, cigar stores, meat markets and grocery stores. A man can buy enough to eat or drink on Saturday to last him over Sunday but there is no way of preventing an unsightly crop of beard from growing on the Sabbath as well as week days. Cases have been known where an unshaved face was the foundation for a divorce suit and many a young man has lost his sweetheart because he called on her Sunday night with his face covered with a rough growth of beard. The razor is the greatest of all civilizizers, and its use cannot be dispensed with even on one day out of the seven with safety to society."

The shops will be closed next Sunday, but their reopening is confidently looked for within a few weeks.

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