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## The Senate And The Cabinet

If, as it is reported, the Senate is trying to influence President-elect Harding to appoint Elihu Root secretary of state instead of Charles Evans Hughes, there will never be a better time than now for Mr. Harding to declare his independence of the "Senate oligarchy" of which so much was heard at the time of the Chicago convention. There is no question of the ability of Elihu Root to act as secretary of state. His whole career has been characterized by activities that have fitted him to serve in this important post. But there is equal, though different, ability in Mr. Hughes, equal reason for his appointment to that office.

The unofficial announcement of the choice that Mr. Harding had made for secretary of state was, no doubt, made with the knowledge of the president-elect. It may quite possibly be that he had not fully determined to confer upon Mr. Hughes the honor and the responsibility of the office which, next to that of the presidency, is the most important in the government circle. However, the public will believe that the appointment had been all but made permanent and would approve the evidence that Mr. Harding is to be President, not the puppet of the senate ring that has so antagonized the portion of the American people that does not believe the chief end of the office holder to be the playing of politics in such a way as to insure his continuance in office.

Mr. Harding has now his opportunity to show that he is definitely determined to make his own selections for the posts in his cabinet, an opportunity of which it is to be hoped he will make full use.

## PASS TRUCK RULES FOR CONNECTICUT VEHICLE TRAVELING

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## LUKE GRANT TAKES RAP AT "BLUE LAWS"

Editor of North Shore Bulletin Gives Views on Proposed Legislation

Luke Grant, editor of the North Shore Bulletin, pauses for a moment in his pageant of praise for the beauties and comforts of the North Shore line which he represents, to discourse amiably though somewhat disapprovingly, of the so-called "blue laws."

He traces the history of such legislation from its incubation in the minds of the Puritans to the present day, drawing, however, a strict and distinct line between the Puritans and Pilgrims, whom, he claims, many people confuse.

### A Common Mistake

"It is a very common mistake," he writes. "The Pilgrims left England and went to Holland, whose laws at that time permitted a religious freedom which the laws of England did not. From Holland they emigrated to the United States and we have just been celebrating the tercentenary of their arrival. The Pilgrims wished only to be let alone to worship in their own way. It was to obtain that freedom that they came over in the Mayflower. They didn't seek to impose their views on others. Now that is exactly what most of us wish in this twentieth century, that is, to be let alone to spend our Sundays in our own way. That being the case we have only respect for the memory of the original Pilgrims."

"The Puritans arrived in this country at a later date. They were a different sect. The Pilgrims left the orthodox church and were known as Separatists. The Puritans stayed within the church and sought to reform it. As we read the history of England for a half century following the arrival of the Pilgrims in this country, we cannot say we approve of the reform methods of the Puritans. They drenched Great Britain in blood to compel people to worship according to prescribed formulas. They instituted blue laws with a vengeance. No wonder that the mere suggestion of a recurrence of those laws is arousing the people of this country today. Perhaps their fears are not altogether groundless, either, for the liberties of nations, whether religious or civil, have always been taken from them by insidious methods rather than openly. Our modern Puritans have prepared a bill for Sunday blue laws in the District of Columbia, hoping that if it is enacted the various states will follow suit. We cannot believe that they will succeed, but if they should we wish personally to shuffle this mortal coil before that day arrives."

"The Puritan idea of Sunday observance gives us a pain. No theaters, no amusement of any kind, no baseball, no golf, swimming, boating, or any healthful recreation of that kind because, according to their narrow conception, such pastimes are a desecration of the Sabbath. Even the play and laughter of little children would be hushed and stilled by the Puritan. Just think what that means! Stop the sweetest music on earth, for there is more music in the laughter of a little child at play than ever was heard in the finest cathedral in the world. Let them laugh and shout

to their heart's content. Send them out to the parks and playgrounds, to the green places, to the streets if there is no better place, but send them out in the sunlight and let them shout and play. It will do them more good than going to church and please them infinitely more. Does that sound irreligious? Not according to our notion of religion. So many confound religion with theology. So many blindly adhere to forms and dogmas, most of them of pagan origin, and think they are religious. If that is religion we personally haven't

any and don't want any. And no Sunday blue laws will make us think differently, either.

### DISTRIBUTION COMPANY

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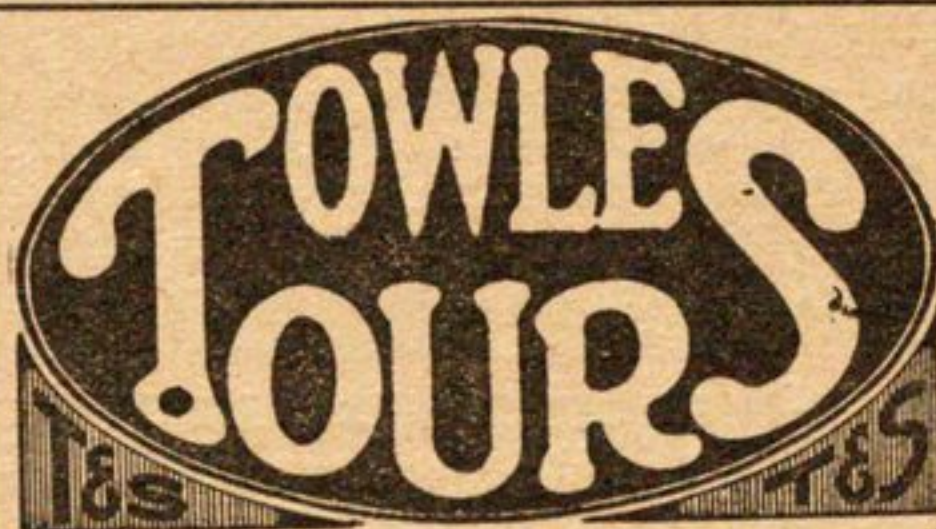
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