

Mass meeting called to rehabilitate Sunday

Rehabilitating the Sabbath was the subject of another mass meeting in Bloomington during the first half of 1887. What prompted the city fathers to get together at the courthouse late in June was the fact that the Indiana Sunday closing statute was being ignored by some city businessmen.

After the usual election of officers — different from the ones chosen at the "Boom Bloomington" meeting in April — the chairman, Maj. J.B. Mulky, reminded all present that the laws required "all persons to cease from their daily or ordinary avocations on the Sabbath."

Perhaps most of the readers of the Bloomington *Telephone* already knew who the persistent offenders were. That would, perhaps, explain why the reporter



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who covered the meeting didn't get around to mentioning which businesses were open on Sunday.

But a resolution at the meeting clarified the point. It said that the "owners of meat shops, drug stores, eating houses (restaurants), bakeries and all who have been doing business on the Sabbath contrary to the statutes of the state of Indiana, be requested to close their houses of business on this day hereafter."

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