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WASHBURN MAN WINS HIS CASE

Jury Decides That Louis Latts
May Observe Hebrew Sabbath
and Open Theater.

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WASHBURN, Wis., Feb. 10.—Louis Latts, proprietor of the Bijou theater in this city who was arrested on a charge of violating the Sunday law by keeping his theater open, was today acquitted of the charge by a jury in the municipal court. The Latts case is a peculiar one and was based on whether or not a man could keep other than Sunday as his day of workship, thereby being allowed to work on the regular Sabbath. Latts, the man in this case, is a Hebrew, and he claimed that his Sabbath was from Friday to Saturday evening. He kept his theater here closed on the Jewish Sabbath and opened again Saturday night. On Sunday it was advertised that he would run his show and when he attempted to do so he was arrested by the Sheriff Max Happle, the complaint being made by a local member of the W. C. T. U. The jury after listening to the evidence decided that Latts had kept his Sabbath and was thereby entitled to run his show on the regular Sabbath, and he was discharged.

The W. C. T. U. now threatens to arrest anyone attending the show on the regular Sabbath. Latts says that he will run again next Sunday.