

NORTHWEST NEWS

TRIES TO EVADE THE SUNDAY LAW

Washburn Man Keeps Jewish
Sabbath and Opens Theater
On Lord's Day.

(News Tribune Special.)

WASHBURN, Wis., Feb. 8.—As a result of the Bijou theater in this city being open Sunday, an attempt may be made to have the blue laws rigidly enforced in this city again. Some time ago, Louis Latts, who is proprietor of the place, attempted to run a show on Sunday, taking a collection among the people in attendance, but he was arrested. The case never came up for trial, but the theater has since remained closed on the Sabbath. Latts, who is a Jew, then thought of another move and he consulted the attorneys. He proposed to keep the regular Jewish Sabbath, which is from Friday night at sundown to Saturday night, at sundown, and then open up and run for the balance of the week, which of course, would include the regular Sabbath. The Jewish Sabbath was accordingly observed, and when Sunday came, it was announced that the theater would be open for business.

When the first performance was started the sheriff appeared upon the scene and ordered the place closed and arrested the proprietor. Latts intends to fight the case to the very last. He holds that this being a country where every man is supposed to have his rights, that he ought to be allowed to keep whatever day he likes without the authorities interfering, and that if he keeps the regular Jewish Sabbath he ought to be allowed to run his place of business on the Sabbath. The move to close the theater was started by the W. C. T. U., and it is now announced that as a result, that every other place of business will have to be closed on that day.