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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Sixty-third Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning, April 4th, 1893.

The officers and members of the Church generally are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Conference.

WILFORD WOODRUFF,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
First Presidency.

A SUGGESTION.

Everybody does not fully comprehend what the destruction of the paper mill involves. No matter whether its product was used generally or not, the fact that it did produce most of the grades and in the quantities required by the community had the natural effect of keeping the prices down to a reasonable basis; and let those who doubt this examine the market closely for a short time and see if there is not an advance in the eastern paper schedule before long.

This makes the loss a public one; but it is nothing that they generally feel the weight of and they never will in the manner or to the extent that the proprietors of the enterprise do. The labor on their part has been largely one of love. While the remainder of the human family, not averse to realizing gains out of their business, they have still kept it going when the gains were at the minimum point. If indeed they existed at all. The object was primarily to follow in the footsteps of the originators and make the people as nearly independent regarding an important feature of commercial economy as could possibly be done. Certain it is, they have succeeded in accomplishing one phase of their mission—last Friday's run was the largest and best that had ever been made in the history of the mill, and that night the dream so apparently near realization was dispelled altogether by the hard destroyer.

This gives rise to a suggestion. This is the age of boards and bureaus for all kinds of purposes, but each (ostensibly at least) having some reference to public benefit, or improvement. The paper mill is shown to have been a matter at some consequence to the community at large; its proprietors are our own fellow-citizens, and known to be men of honor as well as of public spirit; their loss is well-nigh crushing, and the whole community is a loser also; why not aid them in rebuilding and restocking the mill in a public way? Do we hear a second?

READERS of the *News* will hardly need to be assured that everything that is appropriate for publication concerning the Salt Lake Temple and its dedicatory exercises will be published in these columns earlier than in any others. The reports, moreover, will be official. The dedicatory prayer in full and such other particulars of the opening services as are designed to appear in print, will be a feature of Thursday evening's paper.

THEY DON'T WANT US.

The natives of Hawaii have an organ which presumably voices their sentiments and purposes, and it is drawn to a considerable extent in the present situation of affairs. Commissioner Blount may as well end his investigation at once and return home. The paper is the *Holomua*, a daily, published at Honolulu, one-half in the English and the remainder in the Hawaiian language. In its issue of February 25th it launched out against the annexation scheme with some vigor, saying among other things:

> When the reform party and the annexationists and their followers have got through crying hurrah and singing the Te Deum over the supposed success of their conspiracy with the American Republican administration, it will be time for them to look closely into what they are again by the proposed change. They are well as anybody else, are to be deprived of all self-government and all voice in the affairs of the country, if the program of Messrs. Thurston & Co. is to be carried out. Have they any idea what Alaska and the government there is? We think it, because we believe that the interests in there would far them from courting the degradation involved by such a form of government, and by the compulsion necessary to be drawn because that is the condition of the district of Alaska.

The same paper in effect charges the provisional government with secretpatism, saying that it would not, if a vote were taken, find sufficient supporters to stay in office for one minute except through the protection of American bayonets. Then it continues:

> We, of course, know what they will and here. They will find a peaceful, intelligent, well-educated people, who are as well versed in their political history and principles as is any American citizen; man in his. They will find a contented, easily satisfied people, who only wish to be left alone, and allowed to do their own affairs. They will find a British subject, reserved and contented, and English, you know, talking and speaking their minds in a quiet, reasoning way, paying their taxes, without wishing or trying to interfere with the government of the people. They will find a large number of foreigners intermarried and allied with the Hawaiians, who, and slung in their different courses of life, and with disgust watch the course of the United States representatives here.

Our Hawaiian contemporary is displeased to be somewhat farther to the midst of what we can but consider a violent bilious attack, but the editor is not skillful enough with it all to observe the "milk in the coconut." The appreciating, almost fawning manner in which the English of the islands are spoken of fully prepares the mind for what follows so closely after, a distinct slur upon the representatives of this country. There will be no question as to the merits of the islanders when let alone, but the trying part of it is that if the United States keeps its hands off there is no assurance that John Bull will do likewise. The extract shows the decided preference for our trans-Atlantic cousins that prevails in the islands, if the paper does not misrepresent its people; and whether this is because of the natural penchant for the pomp, ceremony and gill lace of monarchies that pervades every indifferently educated people, or because the United States was the first to act and the disposition is that whoever succeeds must be opposed, is not known; certain it is that we are opposed and the reasons given therefor are ludicrous but insufficient.

The Hawaiian laundrery may possess its soul in peace. If the people it claims to represent do not want to come into our political household, it is not at all likely that they will be forced in; moreover, they will not be permitted to enter any other for a ... which have all been stated and must be obvious to all the parties in interest. Our contemporary should bear that in mind, and remember also that too much coddling of the British lion may encourage the animal to reach forth his paw and place it upon the islands, whereupon the United States would immediately proceed to remove it, and in the consequences the islanders themselves might be the principal sufferers.

THE POSITION OF THE "NEWS."

A gentleman of political proclivities recently made the assertion in a public place that the DESERET NEWS had become quite partisan in politics, and we have heard of similar statements being made in other places by other people. The following question, therefore, just received, is timely and appropriate, as the answer thereto will be an answer to all and, it is hoped, set the subject referred to at rest so far as this paper is concerned:

> To which of the great political parties does the News attach itself, by sympathy or otherwise, and if to neither, which does its conductors prefer?

Some people have ideas as peculiar to themselves that to answer one of their questions in a general way might not fit the case at all, and in order that what is herein said may cover every possible phase of the subject we will, at the risk of being considered "wordy" and tedious, state the case for ourselves in full.

The DESERET NEWS is not a neutral paper in politics in the sense that neutrality is commonly understood, that is, having no opinions and no preference on any occasion. Quite otherwise. It can be, as it has often been, something of a partisan in its tendencies, but it differs from most of its contemporaries in that its partisanship is not defined for it by others, nor does it see fit at all times, if at any time, to acknowledge the boundaries set by party leaders. Even if we had the disposition to do so it would be a difficult if not an absurd position to place the paper in, since the two great parties have changed their meetings, shifted their ballots and taken on new surgeon constantly. In but one grand feature of national policy have they preserved anything like their respective attitudes, and this is that of the aggregation and diffusion of power, the Republicans tending to strength at Washington and all other parts of the country being subsidiary, while the Democrats would have all the parts co-ordinate each in its sphere. Both of these doctrines are right when not carried to extremes, which in the former case would mean monarchy in the guise of republicanism and in the latter democracy mob or less restrained by the forms of law. As to this feature, then, the NEWS is so decidedly Republican that it believes the President and Congress are the head of the nation, not so many atoms so much more conspicuous than any others in the fabric, and it is so decidedly Democratic that it believes one citizen who upholds the honor and integrity of his country to all proper ways is the equal socially of any other citizen, even the President himself. It is undeniable that one party is a check on the other, permeating the very existence spoken of, and the fact that they are so nearly equal in numbers is the best guarantee that excesses or abuses cannot be successfully practiced for any great length of time. It is then the patriotic duty of the citizen to be ready to go to the opposition when such abuses or excesses are practiced or even proposed by the party he prefers, otherwise it would continue in power and complete the mischief designed. Whenever, therefore, the Democratic party is manifestly in the wrong, or the Republican party is distinctly in the right, this paper is Republican, and vice versa; it is not Republican or Democratic at any other times, the statements of friends or enemies to the contrary notwithstanding.

It ought to be recognized by even the disinterested partisans that kind feeling to any political organization is as old-fashioned as it is objectionable and unpatriotic. We do not say "old-fashioned" in order to convey the idea that all old-fashioned things are objectionable, but to show that they feel greater away than now at a time when there were fewer power passes, fewer telegraph lines, steamships, lightning express trains and less of the various means of conveying information and those who impart it than now. The age is not only more enlightened and progressive than that in which big cabins were carted about the country as campaign mottoes and candidates resorted to personal vilification of each other, but the means whereby improved methods and thoughts are disseminated have wonderfully increased and are still increasing. It only requires commingling, interchanges of ideas, being in touch with each other, so to speak, to smooth out the acerbities more or less natural to our race, and this applies to politics as well as to anything else. Look at the last Presidential campaign and compare—or rather contrast—it with any of those of the country's history prior to a dozen or a score ago! The difference is something to think over, to reflect upon. Issues, not candidates, principles, not men, were more nearly the plan of attack and defense than ever before—all going to show that bitterness is falling out of politics and the parties have got so close together that the change from one to another is not so conspicuous nor so difficult a performance as it used to be; while partisan sheets have kind words for public men on the other side and words of censure for those of their own side whenever it is considered such are deserved. All this means one thing very plainly—that the press of the land has found out that it is too powerful an agency to be made a mere vehicle for party hacks, hence it speaks for itself—for the country—not for itself in a word it has grown so near to the point of actual independence that the line between them is thin and faint indeed. In the case of the DESERET NEWS the line does not exist at all; in politics this paper is absolutely and entirely independent at all times and under all circumstances.

As to the personal preferences of those who conduct the paper, that may be and probably is a different matter. That is something with which it as a business institution has nothing to do. The presumption is that the men who are employed in the editorial or reportorial department of a newspaper entertain political principles not greatly at variance with its own, but this is not always the case; in fact we have known it to be radically otherwise, not only here but elsewhere. No interference is made with any one's political views or preferences in the office or out of it, the only requirement as to that being that no one take or assume to take upon himself to commit the paper even by implication to the support of any party or faction as such.

THE ROLL OF HONOR.

Early in November last the NEWS published a list of the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who had died away from home in the missionary field, or going to or returning from the same. The list was republished from time to time, as alterations and additions were made; and we deem the present an opportune time, now that so many Saints from all parts of Zion will be in the city, to give it again in its corrected and, as far as known, complete form. It will be of much interest to the people, and should be preserved by them. The NEWS is indebted, and herewith expresses thanks, to Elder Franklin D. Richards, Church Historian, for his kindness in causing the information to be supplied, and to his able assistant, Elder John Jaques, who has given to the preparation and repeated correction of the list much care, patience and labor.

THE WOMAN'S CONGRESS.

The World's Congress of Representative Women, an adjunct of the World's Fair, has been provided for in excellent style. Near the center of Chicago, and conveniently close to the principal hotels, the structure has been erected and is to remain one of the permanent art memorials of the city. The building comprises two large halls, each with a seating capacity of twenty-five hundred, and twenty smaller halls, seating from two hundred to seven hundred each, which together furnish perfect appointments for the conduct of the various congresses and conferences to be convened between May 15th and November 1st.

The NEWS has already given the names of several illustrious women who are to participate in the proceedings of this congress. They represent nearly all parts of the civilized world and embrace most of the names with which Americans are familiar. The list is too long for publication, but in it we note such names as Julia Ward Howe, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Susan B. Anthony, Frances E. Willard, Annie Jenness Miller and Lillie Devereux Blake. Utah has capable representative in the person of Emmeline B. Wells.

The NEWS is in receipt of a splendidly printed and an elegantly bound and illustrated guide to Salt Lake City, entitled "The City of the Saints." Nothing better or more complete within a limited compass has ever been issued here or elsewhere, and those who are disposed to question Utah's ability to cope with the world in the matter of elegant printing and binding should obtain a copy of this publication and be undeceived at once. George Q. Cannon & Sons Co. are the publishers.

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