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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle, Sait Lake City, on Sunday, April 3, Monday, April 4, and Wednesday, April 6, commencing each day at 10 a. m. A general attendance of the officers and members is requested and expected.

A general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Monday evening, April 4, at 7 o'clock.

A special Priesthood meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall, Tuesday, April 5, at 10 o'clock a. m.

A religion class convention will be held in the Barratt hall on Tuesday, April 5, at 2 o'clock p. m. JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency.

The general conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday evening, April 3, at 7 o'clock, and the attendance of all officers and teachers is desired. A general invitation is extended to all Sunday school workers and Saints to be present.

dies and gentlemen here, blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, who would contribute to this charitathe Pentateuch demonstrates the orig. ble purpose if the matter was brought Inal character of the Mosaic legislation. closely to their attention. Any amount, on account of its higher character and great or small, so donated would be. greater religious depth. But infidelity helpful and worthily bestowed. Who will swing from one extreme to anothwill come to the front and follow the er, and take any position, from which noble example set by the benefactor it supposes it can safely attack the now deceased, whose name appears in word of the Almighty, and thus incite the title of this splendid monument to men to rebellion against His authority. his kindness and his memory? Communications may be addressed to John

Wells at the Presiding Bishop's office, Salt Lake City.

A MUSICAL TREAT.

On Tuesday evening next there will be a grand and unique entertainment in the Tabernacle, in aid of the new meeting house for the Latter-day Saints in Stockholm, Sweden. In addition to the Tabernacle choir under Professor Evan Stephens, and the grand organ with Professor J. J. McClellan as performer, a large number of musical features will be presented by many of the most talented ladies and gentlemen of the State. Some of them will be from the Scandinavian countries, and all will be of the highest order of talent and attraction. Not only should conference visitors attend and aid in the purpose to be accomplished, but the people of this city will find a splendid entertainment prepared for them, in the great building in which so many pleasant musical memories are enshrined. The small amount charged for admission will be uniform for all parts of the

house, and while the sum obtained will be devoted to the object named, the worth of the treat provided will be much more than the price of admission. Just go and enjoy the evening and fill up the big Tabernacle!

PENDULUM OF INFIDELITY.

Archaeological research has brought to light a wealth of information relating to the times of the sacred Scriptures, Among the relies recently found in the ruins of Babylon are many dating, it is believed, from the reign of Belshazzar. the Babylonian ruler whose doom was written on the wall of the palace, in flaming letters, and who was slain after a night of revelry and sin.

The very spot where once stood the palace of Nebuchadnezzar and Belshazzar, is now being uncovered by German scientists. Among the relics found are the remnants of the throne, bits of statuary, silver vases, gold bracelets, earrings, necklaces, and ivory combs. All these relics show the high grade of civilization the Babylonians did preach it. It was a new thing and had attained. Among the highly inter- everybody was talking about it. I heard the Prophet preach scores of

ligion, but rather a degradation from move slowly. something originally good to something Consider the Easter lily, how it grows; worse. A comparison of the recently discovered codex of Hammurabi with and the price it commands; then ad-

mire if you cannot buy.

Vice Admiral Alexieff is making a tour of inspection. If it resembles a tour of inspection in the United States he has got a "cinch" and a joy forever.

Why couldn't Senators Clark and Patterson content themselves with saying to each other what the Governor of North Carolina said to the Governor of South Carolina?

The war correspondents have left Tokio for the front. If their correspondence is not too officially censored some real live news will come from the seat of war.

"Even his own wife" is said to have told Referee Graney that he "wasn't fair" in the Corbett-Britt fight. But he said that she was fairest of the fair and she was more than mollified.

Now that the Duchess of Marlborough has lost her hearing, New York society women, it is said, affect deafness and carry ear drums. Simply another illustration of the saying that when the king takes snuff the court sneezes.

Had Senator Patterson said to Senator Clark on the plains of Wyoming what he said in the Senate, and had Senator Clark said to Senator Patterson amid the mountains of Colorado what he said in the Senate, a very different story would have been told of the incident from that related in the Congressional Record, for senatorial courtesy, like charity, covers a multitude of sins,

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

A boy who could swim the Mississippi river, over a mile wide, which I did The Marconigram is the name of a many times, was apt to catch on to periodical devoted exclusively to wireanything new or novel. I used to play marbles, etc., many times with Joseph less telegraphy. The March number contains, among other interesting articles, one entitled "A Modern Mid-Ocean Newspaper to Be Printed."-25 Broad St., New York. Smith, the son of the Prophet, who was from two to three years older than my-self. And how it was that he did not know the general reports of the day, in

common with others of his age, I can-not imagine. I am as well satisfied Wayside Tales for April contains many short stories by well known writers, as well as poetry and short articles on in-teresting topics. In the latter class is a paper on "The Code of Hammurabi," thousands of years old.—The Sampson-Hodges Co., Chicago, Ill. ports of similar marriages of a later

foregoing sends us the accompanying Special articles in the April number of McClure's Magazine are, "Enemies of the Republic," by Lincoln Steffens; "The Breaking Up of the Standard Oll "At the suggestion of Thos. Charles-Trust," by Ida Tarbell, and "The Negro: worth we interviewed Harry Dalton, a veteran of the Nauvoo Legion, and the The Southern Problem." by Thomas Nelson Page. In addition to these. Mormon Battalion, now \$6 years of age, He has an excellent memory. He re-sided in Nauvoo for a number of years there are the following: "Miss Milly'a Creche," an illustrated paper on taking care of bables by the "rules;" "Andrea and was there in 1843. But he says, he del Sarto;" "One Hundred Masterpleces of Painting;" "A Modern Adam;" "Holding Up a Train;" "The Way It Was;" "The Little Fat Fiddler;" "The Unknown," and "The First Watch."-New York. did not hear the Prophet preach that particular sermion. Said he: "I was Business Woman's Magazine for April has the following list of contents: "Ore-gon and the Northwest," by W. J. Wise people' were denying that Joseph the "Message of the Lilies," by Adelaide Reynolds Haldeman; "Woman Suff-rage," by Aiva Adams; "A Trip to Arapahoe Peak," Francis H. Peck; "Club Notes, National Council," May Wright Sewall: "Women in Poultry Culture," Emma J. Mellette; "Living Thoughts by Leading Thinkers; torial;" "Odd Thoughts at Odd Mo-ments," Adelaide Reynolds Haldeman; 'Miss Chrysanthemum," by C. C. Coulter: "Colorado State Federation of Clubs," by Mary C. C. Bradford; "Tha Stage:" "Literary Review," by Ada B. Fay; and "Events in Brief."-Denver, Cassier's Magazine for April presents a fine portrait of Edison. An interest, ing account accompanies this picture in which incidents of the life of the great inventor are related. Other ar-ticles in the same issue are: "The ticles in the same issue are: "The Highest Railway of Europe," from Moritz, Switzerland Thusis to St. "The Modern Development of Docks," by Brysson Cunningham: "The Loca tion of Electric Water-Power Stations," by Alton D. Adams;" "The Industrial by Alton D. Adams;" "The Industrial Advance of Germany," as seen through British Eyes, by Joseph Horner; "Elec-tric Power in British Shipyards," by C. S. Versey Brown, M. Inst. C. E.; "Equitable Labor Compensation and Maximum Output," by H. L. Gantt; "New American Woodworking Indus-tries," by George E. Walsh; and "Cur-rent Topics," for the month.-New York.



A special meeting of Sunday school stake officers will be held in Barratt Hall, Tuesday afternoon, April 5, at 4:30 o'clock and a full attendance is desired.

JOSEPH F. SMITH. GEORGE REYNOLDS, JOS. M. TANNER, General Superintendency.

ALL IS PEACE!

If Salt Lake correspondents to the eastern press were to be believed, it would appear that the whole "Mormon" Church is in a ferment over the investigation opened in consequence of the protest against Senator Reed Smoot. The truth is, that while there has been some talk among the Latter-day Saints concerning the peculiar inquiry about their doctrines and affairs, under the pretext of the senatorial question, there is no excitement over it, and not the slightest fear that it will affect the Church to which they belong, in any other way than to draw such attention to it as will eventually result in the spread of its principles. If the people who are in a ferment because of the terrible tales told in public print about the "Mormons," could see them in their annual conference, which will be in ses. sion for the next three days, and note the instructions given to the Saints, the Spirit they enjoy, and the thorough and perfect confidence they have in the Divine origin and direction of the affairs of the Church, they would wonder why such stories as are sent from this city find a place in any respectable publication. It does not matter, "Mormon. ism," so-called, is the work of the Most High God, and it will accomplish the purpose that He has in view. It is founded in eternal truth and it will prevail over every fee. This conviction thrills the souls of the Saints, who meet in conference, and it imparts that peace and tranquility which rise superior to every disturbance and which passeth all common human understanding,

A HINT TO THE BENEVOLENT.

As will be seen from statements on another page of this issue of the "News," the new hospital which was started with funds bequeathed by the late Dr. W. H. Groves, is nearing completion. Although it is called the Latter-day Saints Hospital, it is not expected to be for the exclusive benefit of members of the Church. It will be used for the afflicted of all classes and creeds, though it will be conducted under Church auspices and has been aid. ed largely by Church funds. It is a modern building, with all the modern improvements and facilities obtainable, It is desired that it shall be first-class in every particular.

We touch on the matter in these columns, for the purpose of drawing the attention of benevolent persons to the opportunity this institution affords, for the exercise of that generosity and sympathy for sick and suffering humanity, that is exhibited by philan. thropic men and women throughout Christendom, in those endowments that make such establishments successful, Are there not some comparatively wealthy people in this city and state,

esting objects found are, what are supposed to be Belshazzar's seal, his drinking cup, bronze mirrors used by his wives, lamps and articles of furniture. What is still more interesting, it is thought probable that, as the work of excavation goes on, some of the golden vessels, carried away by the army of Nebuchadnezzar from the temple of Solomon, may be found. For it will be remembered that Belshazzar ordered these once sacred vessels brought to the banquet hall, that he and his guests might drink off them, and undoubtedly they were left when the revelers had to flee in panic from the burning palace. It is interesting to notice the swing of the pendulum of scientific opinion as regards the value of archaeology as evidence for the authenticity of the Scriptures. At one time it was contended that the Scriptures were not worthy of credence, because they were not corroborated by secular records, That was before archaeologists had uncovered the testimony of antiquity. Then the research commenced, and was well rewarded. As the sites of the

ancient cities of Palestine, Egypt, and Babylonia were uncovered, the Bible was confirmed. It was even found that in many instances the Bible writers were more reliable than the later profane authors, who were under the necessity of relying largely on tradition. For a time it appeared as if skepticism and unbeilef, had been silenced for ever, by the witnesses brought forth from the very dust of the earth.

But not so. Today the contention of infidelity is that the Pible is but plagiarized from ancient records. It is no longer possible to deny the corroboration of the Bible by contemporary records and monuments, but it is still possible to say that it is but an "evolution" of preceding lower forms of religious literature. Infidelity can still maintain that it contains no "revelation," but that its ethics, its rites, it prophecies, are but adaptations from the ages that preceded it. That is virtually the position which Delitzsch and others appear to take. Believers, it will be noticed, were once challenged to prove their claims by the testimony of archaeology. They accepted that challenge; the proofs were given. Then they were told that the proofs demanded, instead of sustaining the Bible, rob it of all its divine splendor.

Archaeology, they now say, is not the friend but the foe of the divine claims of the Scriptures. Can there be any greater inconsistency? The fact is, that when the Bible is compared with contemporary records, it is found to be in every es. sential different from them. As Las been lately pointed out by a writer on this subject, the Babylonian accounts of the work of creation and of the deluge are saturated with heathen notions about gods, and their relations to the are. world and to mankind, which stand out How many reputations will be sullied in bold contrast to the lofty conception of God embodied in Genesis. This very fact shows that Genesis is the older and the more original report, although it may not have been set down in written form by, or under the direction of

Moses, until after the Babylonian account had been impressed on the tab. lets of Babylon. The claim that the religious contents of the Old Testament

The old gentleman was surprised to learn that 'Young Joseph's

Prophet taught and practiced plural marriage. "Elsinore, Sevier Co., March 30, 1904.

FURTHER EVIDENCE.

The following testimony elicited by

the previous statements concerning

the sermon preached by Joseph Smith

the Prophet, is from a member of the

Church who never had but one wife

himself, and who lived in Nauvoo for

six years before the expulsion of the

Saints from that place, he being one of

"I, Thomas Charlesworth, Sen., here-

by solemnly testify, that I myself heard

the Prophet Joseph Smith preach the sermon upon polygamy, or plural mar-

riage, in Nauvoo in the year 1843, re-ferred to by N. T. Silcock and others.

It was a new and strange doctrine to

me, but the influence that accommanied

the Prophet's words convinced me of

THOMAS CHARLESWORTH. SEN.

"Reported by George Crane, Corres-

Here is another bit of evidence in

"I went to Nauvoo with my parents,

was seven years old, and I well remem-ber the talks of the day, about the plural wife doctrine being taught by

the Prophet Joseph Smith, for it was a subject which then caused much agi-

tation. I also remember two of the reputed wives of the Prophet. I knew where they lived, and I have often seen

the Prophet make visits to their homes.

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Our correspondent, in addition to the

"Testimony of B. H. Watts:

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"Kanosh, March 30, 1904.

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Editor Deseret News: "I feel it a duty I owe to the people of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to publish some experience of mine which relates to the con-troversy existing between the true Church of Christ and the "Reorganized" or "Josephite" church, as it is some-timess designated. I well remember happenings of the years 1843-4-5. My father and mother joined the Church along in the '30's, but can't reember exact dates. In 1843 we lived

in Hopkins county, Ky. "There was a school teacher by the name of Hughit teaching school in the county whose capital is Paducha. His school was located about 15 miles from our home, and as we and Hughit were of the same faith, he almost invariably made us a visit during vacation. One he came and to our surprise told us that as it was vacation he had determined to visit Nauvoo and the rophet of God. To shorten my story, he went and was gone about two weeks. This was along in the summer of 1843. He came to our home first on turn, as it was not far out of the way to his home. After compliments, etc., the following colloquy ensued between him and my mother: "Hughit-Well, Sister Kenner, I have

had quite an interesting visit with the Prophet and the Saints in Nauvoo, and what would you think if I should tell you that the Prophet had taken two oung wives to his home and heart? "Mrs. Kenner-What would I think" I would not only think, but I would know that there right in Nauvoo is a true Prophet of the living God. I would know that there was a man practising the principles practised by the friend of God, i. e. Abraham, also Jacob, Da-

vid and Solomon, the great leaders of the ancient followers of God. "Hughit-Well, Mrs. Kenner, you will do for a Mormon, but as for me I want no more of Mormonism

"S. T. KENNER." All these communications corroborate the testimonies previously published on this matter, and with the evidences already collected, from a "cloud witnesses" that cannot be wafted away by the breath of incredulity from the mouth of persons who "prefer to believe" the contrary.

General Conference tomorrow.

Meetings in the Tabernacle, Sunday, at 10 a. m., and 2 p. m. Sunday School Union conference in the Tabernacle tomorrow at 7 o'clock

p. m Surveyor Greenewald has become confirmed office seeker.

It is fitting that Major Young should be made president of the Ensign stake.

California train bandits are not so expert as California lone highway men

by the inquiry into who were Sully's partners' As yet mone of the local band wagons

have displayed the sign,"Standing room only."

This kind of weather shows what a nice man the weather bureau clerk can when he wants to.

The following is the contents of Les-lie's Monthly for April: "Song," Ethel M. Kelly: "Hotel Society," frontispiece; "Our Melancholy Pastimes," James L, Ford; "In Time of Storm," a story, Sara Cone Bryant; "The Divine Phyllidia," a story, Jeffery Farnol; "De Lawd 'll See story, Jeffery Farnol; "De Lawd 'll See Yo' Froo," verse, Maurice Smiley; "The Intrusion of the Personal," a story, Su-san Keating Glaspel; "The Chance for the American Singer," Arthur Goodrich; "Without Rehearsal," a story, Harrison Rhodes; "The Adventure of the Fifth Street Church," a story, Ellis Parker Butler; "A Trio of Tricksters," a story, F. Harris Deems: "Jimson of Many Ser-F. Harris Deems; "Jimson of Many Set "The Real Discoverer of the North-west," Agnes C. Laut; "A Wayside Shrine in Canada," verse, George Bux. ton Going: "Earning a Living at Coney Island:" "The Case for Japan." D. W. Stevens: "The Nuptials of Scotty Williams, a story, Maitland LeRoy Os-borne: "Editorials;" "The Freedom of Life," Annie Payson Call; "His Com-ing," verse, Alice Corbin; "Marginalia," and "Men, Women and Boeks."-Fifth Avenue, New York.

York.

The April World's Work is a special war number. The cover is in colors showing the imperial Russian and Japanese flags and Russian and Japanese soldiers in war kit. Japan's case is stated by His Excellency K. Takahira. the Japanese minister to the United States, under the title of "What Japan is Fighting For." A first hand study of. the minister in war time is presented by Isaac F. Marcosson. Henry Norman, the well-known traveler and member of the Britsh parliament, contributes a comprehensive article "The War and After" showing how England is involved in the war, and giving in-teresting views on the probable results, The Cost of the War to Russia and Jaran" is explained by Frank A. Van-derlip, former assistant secretary of the treasury.—There are several other war articles. In "The Rebound on Russia" Gilson Willets shows how the war effects all Russian classes. Frederick James Gregg interprets "The Danger of the War to Europe," while Capt. Edwin Winthrop Dayton tells "What Russia Fights For." The editorial portraits include John Hay, Admiral Alex-ieff, Rear Admiral John C. Walker, K. Takanira and Dr. Manuel Ammador.--Doubleday, Page & Co., New York,

