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The Sixty-fourth Semi-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 Friday morning, October 6th, 1893.

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

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First Presidency.

THE COMING ELECTIONS.

As the time for the municipal elections in the Territory draws near, it is advisable that the people put themselves regarding the officers to be voted for primarily and those whom they prefer for the places secondarily. In this city—the only one of the first class—there will be chosen by the electors as a whole—a mayor, a recorder, a treasurer, a marshal and a justice of the peace; each municipal ward will also, by itself, elect three members of the City Council. It is true observed that there are some changes besides that of city; the county assessor and collector performing the duties of their respective places for the city as well as the county, these are no longer elective by the city, and but one justice of the peace is chosen, he by the city at large.

The interest in the coming events is gradually increasing, although they are nearly two months ahead. As yet it is not known how the contending forces will be aligned here but it may be a triangular and possibly a quadrangular or even more momentarily aided contest. The citizens' primaries are called for this evening in their respective precincts; after they take action matters political may commence to take definite shape.

THE CATHOLIC PROBLEM.

The anti-Catholic agitation seems to be growing in this country. A Canadian, Mr. Coaf, is organizing "protective" associations in the East for the purpose—if he is quoted correctly—of fighting papacy with anything from ballots to bullets. Catholics are to be ousted from the schools and from public offices. The army and navy are to be "protestantized;" it need be by men who are ready to use the musket and who have sworn to be loyal until death. To justify the organization rumors are spread that the Catholics are forming secret military companies and that the pope has issued edicts to the effect that it is no sin to kill an American, and similar alarming and absurd representations, all of which indicates that the spirit of evil is abroad plotting mischief on a large scale in our midst.

The News has already plainly expressed its views on the Catholic problem and can only tolerate its darker elements. It is to be and only regretted—it is a crying sin—that instance there are who do not shrink from imputing bullets and muskets as proper aids to a warfare, which should be of a purely spiritual and intellectual nature. It is equally regrettable to find the name of a religious denomination used as a war cry by political demagogues. It is high time to protest against such proceedings. All who still revere the fundamental principles of the teachings of the great Nazarene, and all who love the Constitution of this free country should unite in frustrating in its inception so efforts to begin American citizens because they belong to a certain church.

If the Catholic faith structures institutions and, as is supposed, also at supremacy, they should be met by truth. The pulpit, the Sunday school, the press, theological institutes of learning, these are the fields where the battle should be fought. If Protestantism must dissect these as inefficient and fight Catholicism with brutal force and the tactics of Mohammedan, and this in a country like ours, where the liberty of speech and press is almost unlimited, then let Protestants hide their faces in shame and the spirits of Luther, Melanchthon, Calvin, Wesley and Roger Williams weep in sorrow. For one thing is sure: Error cannot be overcome by force, it can never be suppressed by force. That is to substitute error for error.

There were a time when similar tactics were adopted against the Mormon Church. In vain the persecuted Saints appealed to the country. Hardly a voice was raised in protest against the cruel proceedings or unmoved by unscrupulous agitators. Blind history is repeated, this time in the case of another religious body! The country's leading men may have erred in not restraining years ago when the Mormon problem presented itself, that to the United States authority shall be allowed to suffer on account of his religious belief, and errors are always likely to bear fruit. But wisdom would seem to cry out against the repetition of an error, the consequence of which, if the Catholics are invaded, no one can easily foretell.

UTAH PLUS NEVADA.

As a sample of the logic with which the law-making body of the nation is regaled concerning the proposed admission of Utah to statehood as a rib of the continental borough of Nevada, we take an extract from the Washington correspondent of a New York paper, who this quotes Representative Oates of Alabama on the bill introduced by him September 13th for such nonexistent:

"I have been thinking over the subject a long time, and before I have heard the true solution of a vexed question. The area is wholly within the power of Congress to carry out there is nothing in the constitution to prevent it. There is no way to destroy a state. That question is dead, and yet the people of Nevada is a serious question. The population increased from 62,266 in 1880 to 45,000 in 1890, and there is no prospect of its recovering any part of that. It has lost, on the other hand, if the silver mining industry is further discouraged, there would be no one people in the same 10 years. But it has two senators and a representative in Congress. Utah, just adjoining, has 150,000 people, and yet is not allowed admission at all, except by a compact with its sister. It is no right that Nevada should have such power in Congress, and it is fair that we should keep Utah out of the Union. The question has been made of admitting the Territory that a court that in the year a code of religion was in vogue there that did not meet with great approval. Well, now, I've provided in the bill that the constitutional laws of Nevada shall prevail until a new Utah constitutional convention and code of laws can be provided in the regular way. The passage of this bill will allay the question that is in with Utah, and at the same time put life and strength into the veins of a drooping state. Besides that," Mr. Oates said seriously, "prompt and favorable action may have an important bearing upon the silver school of the Senate. It is become a new thing since we adjourned and we talking and go home to see about their election."

A CHAPTER ON EVOLUTION.

The great French astronomer and philosopher Camille Flammarion has recently given to the world another of those abilities of profound but erratic genius for which he has achieved a world-wide celebrity. It seems almost out of the question for this remarkable man to reason by any other process than analogy or point a conclusion by other means than inference, and in his latest effort these peculiarities appear more strikingly than most if such a thing be possible. The article is entitled "The Beginning of the World," and relates the story of its origin and subsequent development from the standpoint of a great comet with a periodicity of 1500 years. The comet is traveled by the writer with a personality so that, through its eyes so to speak, we may be also been what was going on at that time of or shortly after our earth. We a wandering, nebulously mass that had just rolled forth from the vault of space and had taken a place in the grand procession of worlds about the orbits of light. Then we see it 1500 years later with some of the low a trace of life, principally shell animals and with one solitary member which the comet recognizes the prince of the world. The description of this beast is, for such a graphic word-painter as Flammarion, singularly unlikable and incomplete, and it seems to have been a pleasantry and a negative to one.

The misapprehension of Earth is contrasted with the grand and growing civilization that prevailed upon Saturn, where were splendid ships floating in vast seas, great cities with magnificent samples of art and science, and all the attributes of superior human advancement, even to a system of social life embracing the entire planet with a composite time. We are a land that the comet sees of a world from the cow indicates to a certainty the decline of its antiquity as relates to habitation, civilization and the general advancement of its people, the remnant being Utah. We are now where Rome was many ages ago and that permanence it has passed to point of an end, the time is now a corresponding the end's notice, as Greece and Egypt's must have become after a period of life and improvement, many millions of years before Saturn was modeled at all. The reader will agree with us that this is rather a roundabout way in which to make an argument in support of the doctrine of evolution, but that is exactly what it amounts to. It is very Flammarionic and to lose no incidents, at least so seem to us.

We presume that all the more advanced people intellectually require no lectures or sermons on evolution to make them believe or extend their belief in it, since nearly all accept it within certain limitations and with some express reservations, while a few grasp and retain the theory entire. To these latter Darwinism is a so much veiled complete, self-evident and irrefragable, and to this school so sought the eminent Frenchman appeal belongs. It is the materialistic which reasons from and to a materialistic standpoint but which, though the product of the profoundest mentality, cheerfully the very agency through which it takes shape—the light of inspiration, the source of agency through whose impact upon the brain to take is brought into existence and vouchsafed for the benefit of man. According to the evolutionist everything has a beginning in common and proceeds by stages to higher development, assuming out into different forms and forms of life in consonance with its surroundings, one species giving way to another higher in the scale until perfection is reached, those which cannot advance and keep pace with the upward tendency falling by the way and perishing.

That we have so many direct proofs of the correctness of much of the doctrine seems to cause some men of great talent to consider these only. For instance, everything amounting to evidence that we now have goes to show that the present generation of man is larger in body and brain, has a more acute intellect and a more humane disposition than those of a thousand years or more ago, and that our civilization is on a vastly grander and more comprehensive scale, while in education no comparison is made at all. If this process of elimination continued back to the commencement of history—which it does not—it would still be inconclusive as an argument by the extreme evolutionist, for there are other ways now just as conclusive, just as persuasive, that there was a previous civilization superior to some if not most respects to that of the present day, thus showing on that the progress of mankind upon this sphere has been a series of cycles each having its special features and peculiar characteristics, and that in some of them too a land ever evolved into a turtle, a dog into a flame or a monkey into a man. Even in the case for civilization improved and retrograded then improved again, but it is a matter in opposition to profane science so to speak, except to say that they have intermingled or could not, and without intermingling the coals not grow out of or even be related to another.

FORGIVE HER FREELY.

They have a compassionate city council at Phoenix, Arizona. On Tuesday, September 19, the municipal fathers met and elected a city marshal and chief of police to succeed W. J. Hinkle, who was out on serious charges made against him. The city had determined to purge the marshal for his wrongdoing, which consisted of all business and illegally taking and retaining fees from various parties of ready cash. An investigation was ordered and the whole of a vigorous prosecution set in motion.

When the accused was brought before the council he informed that body that he was exceedingly sorry to be compelled to acknowledge the truth of the charges, and said: "I have been weighed down with sorrow and trouble of the loss of my child, and I drank very hard. I have not been myself of my mind, and whatever I have done wrong was unintentional. I have never meant to do anything like this, but in my condition I am unable to account for it. I assure you that it will never happen again, for after this I will be myself. I took an oath today never to take another drop of liquor, and have made arrangements to take the Keeley cure next Monday."

Then the city councillors held a private session, and in their delibera- ations a feeling of pity and forgiveness for the accused overbid all thoughts of inflicting punishment. The result of their conference is laid in the following:

Resolved, That we, the City Council of Phoenix, after having a thorough investigation of the charges against City Marshal W. J. Hinkle, do hereby forgive the said Hinkle for the same.

What shall we say for the sake of the Arizonians was lawless? If the solution of any here should prove a dark or unmingling genuine tears upon the part of an honest fellow man who, they might have sent to jail, how much pulses will we then to have collected a parliament that would have had no better result. Mr. Hinkelmay is now in the position, by endeavoring the sorrow of a community to be the recipient of a warm hand of sympathy and a fellow-feeling.

THE GREAT Confederate Tribune announces that "The Republicans Utah are almost unanimously Democratic, and at the same time they are considerably divided because they cannot all agree than 21.50 a head for their splendid sheep." Which reminds a one of the Mormons of Utah who are too Democratic to observe that there are other things for which even 21.50 a head is too low.

AS EXPLAINED some time ago the Salvation Army Officers who arrested the other evening in Juarez City, have a Mexican minister, one Rev. M. L. Gates, to thank for their imprisonment as disturbers of the peace. The army barracks was only two doors distant from Mr. Gates's church, and, to his notions, the place was a nuisance. It is not the first time that the believers in an unknown Jesus form of religion have been threatened by pistols, whether, religious, professional followers of the meek and gentle Nazarene!

THE SECRET DIES HONOR on the Lake Shore railroad ought to be effectively on one point, and never slow stress is it necessary to put it double money back and forth across the country. The books that are so anxious that public confidence should be restored in their own company actuate this result by showing a little confidence not only in each other, but in themselves.

WHAT ABOUT the immigration bugaboo that used to create such spasms in the Know-nothing power where and platform-thumpers a few months since? Latest statistics show that there are more emigrants going out of the country than there are immigrants coming in. Can even the disembodied and most extreme American regard that process as cheering?

NEW YORK is the only city producing such rock and stone as—New York Herald.

It is not much to boast of, perhaps, but Utah also produces rocks, and can discount New York in either.

A FASHION paper tells us that Jane Cakebread has been up before London magistrates over the issue for intoxication. This would seem to give Jane the lie, in fact the whole bakery.

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