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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Sixty-fifth 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, April 6th, 1895.

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

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

Special Conference Appointments.

Sunday, 7th—Sunday School Union, Tabernacle 7 p.m.

AS TO COUNTY BONDS—YES.

ON Monday next, March 18, the voters of Salt Lake county are invited to exercise the right of freemen, and say through the ballot box whether the bonds provided by the county court shall be issued or not. If at this late day the News could offer anything by way of inducing every qualified voter to turn out on that occasion, and vote one way or the other on the bonding proposition, we should be glad to do it. But for one we have been already abundantly at length, it has received ample discussion pro and con, and every intelligent citizen must have given the matter enough thought to enable him to reach a conclusion favorable or unfavorable to the county's proposal. Our chief hope, therefore, is that the polls shall neither win nor lose through the indifference and apathy of the people; we want to see a full vote cast, for the result, whatever it may be, will then include the element of, and the acceptance of responsibility by, the people themselves. It would those circumstances the majority shall decide adversely to the county's desires, the satisfaction will still remain that our citizens, not ignorance misinformed and jealous, and patronizers, not manipulators, have brought the people, who are the masters, to that way of thinking. We believe the county court would much prefer—and the News certainly would—to have the proposition defeated at an election falling out every legal ballot, than have it win with only ten or twenty or even fifty yes votes cast at the voting strength represented.

But while we hope for a full vote, we also hope a majority will support the ballot "Bonds—Yes." The reasons for this hope have already been given in these columns; they are further set forth in the address to the people by the county court. A careful examination of the case—the obligations, requirements and the conditions of the county—leaves no escape that we can see from the decision that the issue of bonds is the most bearable, the most economical and the best way out of our present difficulties. That these difficulties should exist is no fault of ours, or of the people, or of the present county court. They are most unfortunate and oppressive, and it is truly to be hoped an attempt may be made of those who created them, that will be a stern warning to others who may have similar opportunities and similar temptations. But they exist nevertheless, and they must be met. Different words accompany and always is repetition lend, and to jury would lower any point of evidence. Hence we say, as between warrants with 8 per cent interest and bonds with 4, interest cross can hardly hesitate. This is the main proposition it is associated with explanations as to the demands of the school districts and the correct expense of the county that are equally impossible to ignore. If the voters will calmly and intelligently take the whole case into consideration, there will undoubtedly be a timely interest taken in the proposition submitted to the county court, and the cause "Bonds—Yes" should win.

FOR ORIENTAL COLLEGE BUILDING.

Salt Lake City is again being visited by a Syrian or Christian emissary soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of building a college, to be situated in some part of his native country. He gives a name as Constantine, and according to endorsements, various letters of recommendation from his bishop and also from the American consul at Shanghai and Yokohama and from several clergymen.

About the middle of February gentlemen giving the name of John Constantine of Shimonoseki Tomoa appeared in San Francisco with credentials and endorsement soliciting subscriptions for the purpose of building a Presbyterian college in the province of Jesso, exhibiting a very many letters from bishops and other prominent men. An Associated Press despatch received at this office from the secretary of Mr. Constantine in San Francisco in the following manner:

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 25.—John Constantine, who formerly lived in Salt Lake City, and who is now in Japan, has been collecting funds for a Presbyterian church in the province of Jesso. He brought with him letters from Mr. Cleveland, the Japanese minister at Washington and the Japanese Minister of Japan. His credentials were like large sums were from Scotland to contribute to the work.

Mr. Foster the son of Rev. J. Scott Foster, who was formerly applied to him for assistance in the enterprise in the early period. Mr. Foster is the daughter of the late Dr. Dwight, a Presbyterian missionary in Japan. Dr. Dwight was the original from the Mikado's dominions, and was a man of great influence in the Japanese empire and respected by the Mikado himself. Mr. Foster said that Mr. Constantine was a man of great ability and energy and was well known in Japan and Corea. He was a Christian and was well known in Japan and Corea. He was a Christian and was well known in Japan and Corea. He was a Christian