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Y. M. AND Y. L. CONFERENCE.

The thirteenth general annual conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Salt Lake City, on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 12, 13 and 14, 1908. All officers and members of the associations are requested to be present at all of the meetings of the conference, and a cordial invitation is hereby extended to the Saints generally to attend the meetings to be held in the Tabernacle on Sunday, June 14, at 2 and 7 o'clock.

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HASTY MARRIAGES.

If there is any problem in life on which young folks should feel it an inestimable privilege to consult their parents, it is the problem of marriage. It is not true that inexperienced boys and girls always understand what is best for themselves. The ancient precept, "honor thy father and mother," was given for the benefit of the children, as well as for the parents, and when it comes to a selection of a companion for life, children who do not honor their parents by seeking their advice, are likely to regret it some day. Parents are solicitous for the happiness and welfare of their children, and the young folks would do well to remember that if father and mother object to their choice of companion, there is, in all probability, good reason for it, even if this reason does not appear to the inexperienced eye. The land is full of broken marriage contracts entered into without due consideration, or against mature counsel.

Those who officiate at marriage ceremonies under unusual, or even, auspicious, circumstances are not without blame. They ought to know what they are doing before they consent to officiate on an occasion that ought to be most solemn. If an inquiry as to age and other circumstances would result in the necessary information, they should not neglect to make it, and then plead ignorance. A great deal is said about the divorce evil, but if that is to be remedied, marriage must be made a sacred covenant, not entered into lightly, but after due consideration and prayer for divine guidance. The wise man said: "He that refuseth instruction despiseth his own soul," and that is an eternal truth.

FIGHTING OPIUM.

The better element of the Chinese is working for the extermination of the opium habit, as strenuously as the Prohibitionists of this country are laboring for the closing of the saloon. And the anti-opium movement seems to be making good progress, notwithstanding the powerful financial interests arrayed against it.

In Shanghai a number of opium dens will be closed on the first of July. Here they manage things there is described in the North China Daily News. Owners of dens draw lot to determine who is to close. Such a drawing occurred recently. Owing to an impression among the Chinese that the European manner of drawing lots is untrustworthy, a drum holding the lots was taken to the Town Hall and the lots were drawn in the same way as is being done at the Kiangnan and other lotteries for prizes every month in the Chinese suburbs. This procedure apparently satisfied the Chinese opium divan proprietors as being "all straight." A Chinese orator made a few remarks to those present in which he reminded his hearers that this scheme for reducing the consumption of opium not only throughout the Chinese governed portions of the Empire, but also in the foreign settlements of China was one that emanated from their Imperial majesties and the government; hence those doing business in opium were really obeying the Imperial mandates in reducing opium smoking dens and shops. The result of the drawing showed that 359 opium establishments, among them many of the largest in Shanghai, are to close their business by July 1 next.

That such evils can be very materially restricted has been proved by the Japanese anti-opium crusade in the island of Formosa. The restriction there was gradual. Man is not helpless before a rising tide of immorality. Earnest effort will prove successful.

DENIALS AND THE RECORD.

The organ of the obstructionists no longer relies on its own denials of facts and perversion of records, and therefore procures the assistance of others, to give its columns an air of respectability. But that is impossible.

As for the recent water decision the organ itself announced it as a victory of the City, and as far as it was a victory of the City it was a defeat of the obstructionists that tried all in their power to make null and void the efforts of the City to obtain more water, by claiming that the contract made secured no water rights. We have not said or insinuated anything about the Progress company. We have stated, and now reiterate, that the City's victory was the defeat of the obstructionists.

Our position has been made perfectly clear before, but we remind our readers again that when the bond issue for more water was authorized, the organ of obstruction took the view that that bond issue was not authorized by the vote, and this report it sent out to frighten capital away. Special representatives of the City had to be sent east, to correct the false impressions created by that organ.

Further, when the negotiations for water had been concluded, friends of that organ tried to defeat the scheme by law suits. They declared the City had acquired no rights by the negotiations. Obstructionist tactics were used to the very last, with a well understood purpose in view, which became clear when \$75,000 or more was spent on the useless work of whitewashing the conduit.

Denials cannot change the record.

COMPLIMENT RETURNED.

We are indebted to the Inter-Mountain Republican for the congratulatory and complimentary editorial reproduced elsewhere in this print. We are pleased to return the compliment. The Inter-Mountain is a clean, ably edited newspaper, that has done a good work for the people of this state. May it live long and prosper!

We are pleased to say that the "News" has lately been the recipient of compliments from many sources. Even some of its opponents have expressed their appreciation of the fairness, impartiality, and reliability of this paper. "Truth and Liberty" has ever been the motto of the "News," and whatever success has been achieved is due to the earnest effort of all concerned to make the paper true to that standard, even in the heat of controversy. The majority of the people of Utah appreciate truth and liberty. The State itself is a monument to the devotion of its founders to those immortal principles.

THE M. I. A. CONFERENCE.

The Mutual Improvement Association Conference, scheduled for June 12, 13, and 14, opened with an informal reception Friday, at 2 p. m., in the Tabernacle, to welcome visitors, to assist them in obtaining suitable accommodations, and to become better acquainted.

Friday evening the reception and social, tendered by the General Boards to the visiting Stake officers, or authorized delegates, will be given in Whitney hall, corner of Second avenue and A street (Sixth avenue car). Stake Presidents should apply to the General Secretaries for tickets of admission for their delegates.

Saturday, June 13, there will be separate officers' meetings, at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m., the Young Ladies' in the Eighteenth ward chapel (near corner of Second avenue and A street), and the Young Men's in Barratt hall.

Sunday, June 14, conjoint meetings will be held in the Tabernacle. The meeting at 10 a. m., will be an officers' testimony meeting, the ones at 2 and 7 p. m. are public sessions.

BATTLE AGAINST DISEASES.

A report from Cleveland has it that the dread disease cancer may be overcome by a new treatment. Dr. Crile of that city is said to have made repeated experiments on animals and found that the principle of immunizing the cancer victim against a recurrence of the malady, once the active tumor is excised, is practicable. Dr. Crile does not make definite promises. He says that sixteen months have elapsed since the operations were performed on the immunized patients, and while there is no sign of a return of the malady he is not willing to go on record as having accomplished a success until three years shall have passed.

Hope is also held out to sufferers from tuberculosis, in a report from Vienna. A Swiss scientist announces that inoculation of animals for that disease has proved successful. The process, as given in the dispatches, is this: One milligram of tuberculosis bacilli is placed in a laced sack, the cover of which is made of a reed. The whole is then inclosed in a gelatin capsule and sewn under the skin of the animal. It acts on the membrane and absorbs the fluids of the body, which cause the bacilli to multiply at first, but to perish later. In from ten to eighteen months the reed cover can be withdrawn, when the bacilli will be found to have perished. The animal is then, it is said, perfectly immune from tuberculosis. The conclusion is that some such method may be found efficient as a protection of man from the same disease.

A great fall has been taken out of the Kaw river.

The self-made man always insists on "improving his mind."

Steel prices have been cut and gradually prosperity will steal in.

When a man knows his place he should get a reserved seat.

It has been on such a rampage that it is called the last Kaw's.

All this discussion about repaving Main street is not very deep, being on the surface.

How could Colonel Watterson have gone to the mountain when there are no mountains in Nebraska?

It is possible that the race for the presidential nomination at Chicago may take several heats to decide.

The stealing of that registered mail bag containing fifty thousand dollars in currency bids fair to become a haul of fame.

The pen is mightier than the sword. Governor Hughes signed the anti-race track gambling bills almost as soon as received.

Many a candidate at Chicago will learn to his sorrow that it is the first step that costs him every chance of a nomination.

Let all the marsupials between Los Angeles and Kansas City be searched for that missing mail pouch; for they all have pouches.

The latest photographs of Secretary

Taft resemble Mr. Cleveland of twenty years ago. It isn't a bad thing for a presidential candidate to resemble that gentleman.

Joe Letter smashed the camera of a man who wanted to photograph him and his bride. He seems to have had more success in this than he did when he was smashed in the Chicago grain markets.

The Knox managers announce that hundreds of strong voiced "shooters" will be at Chicago to create echoes for the cause of the Pennsylvania candidate. Echoes never yet won anything in a national convention.

Governor Hughes is entitled to wear a great big feather in his cap because of his victory in winning the fight for the anti-race track gambling bills. What a gallant fight he made, and how gallantly these twenty-six senators stood by him!

John Hays Hammond, who is a candidate for the Republican vice presidential nomination, has registered as a voter at Gloucester, Mass., answering formal questions and proving his ability to read a selection from the United States Constitution. Now he who reads may run, even for the vice presidency.

Governor Buchtel of Colorado has issued an official order to the Attorney General, directing him to proceed against gambling, prize fighting, and Sunday and after-midnight saloons, in cases where the local authorities neglect or refuse to perform their official duties. This order is issued in pursuance of the policy announced by the governor in a former letter bearing date of December 28.

EDUCATING CHINESE BOYS.

San Francisco Chronicle.

It is stated in a dispatch from Peking that the Chinese government is framing a plan for the education of a number of Chinese boys in America, but the precaution is to be taken to ground them thoroughly in Confucianism. Confucius is chiefly devoted to extolling the merits and wisdom of the ancients. It does not seem like a very useful foundation upon which to rear a superstructure of modern learning, but the latter has qualities which can successfully cope even with "the dead hand of the past," and if the youthful Chinese are thoroughly drilled in it the useless parts of the teachings of Confucius will be completely eliminated from their minds.

CHEAPER POSTAGE.

New York World.

Postmaster-General Meyer's announcement that an agreement has been reached with Great Britain for two-cent postage after Oct. 1 is most welcome. As certain Continental powers still retain three-cent postage on domestic letters, the new rate will not affect other nations in the postal treaty class; but sensible relief has recently been granted by the raising of the weight unit on foreign letters to one ounce and the reduction of the rate on each ounce after that to three cents. The cost of carrying letters between England and the United States is smaller than that of delivering domestic letters in this country. The new rate will prove highly remunerative. No arrangement with Great Britain is necessary to secure for the people of the United States cheaper domestic postage and a parcel-post service such as the rest of the civilized world already enjoys.

GREAT POSSIBILITIES.

Minneapolis News.

The man who is elected President of the United States in November is going to have a stupendous opportunity before him. If he is in approximate accord with Congress and if he is equipped with the requisite foresight, resolution and diplomacy, he is likely to leave behind him a record for constructive undertakings more enviable than has fallen to the lot of any President in recent times.

LAWYERS' CODE OF ETHICS.

New York Tribune.

The bar should not only have its code of ethics, but it should set its face determinedly against violations of that code. If the men who discredit the profession are viewed with professional ostracism, and those who bring into reproach are upon its initiative promptly disbarred, a wholesome improvement in the character of the bar will result. Let positive and persistent action be needed even more than codes of ethics.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Revolution.

For three weeks a husband had borne all the horrors of spring cleaning without a murmur. Then his patience gave way and he became violent in his language.

"Ah, this is dreadful!" said his wife, sobbingly. "You used to tell me I was your queen."

"Yes," rejoined her spouse, "but when a man finds that his queen has used his best tobacco jar for pale oak varnish and his marching pipe for a tack hammer he begins to grasp the advantages of a republic!"—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Close Figuring.

"I never see Kloseman take Miss Springs out for a walk now."

"No, they're engaged now and they're economizing."

"Why, it doesn't cost him anything to take her walking."

"Well, it wears out shoe leather, you know."—Philadelphia Press.

Eccentricities of Genius.

"Genius is freakish. It is claimed that the brilliant Dr. Johnson used to touch every post in his pathway."

"I know one of them geniuses."

"And does he touch every post he comes across?"

"No; he touches every friend he comes across, or everlastingly tries to."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Need to be Careful.

"Ma."

"Well, dear?"

"Does th' Bible honestly say that we gotta love our enemies?"

"Yes."

"What's the matter?"

"I—I wish I'd picked some different enemies."—Cleveland Leader.

Dr. Aked's Soul Kick.

A leading member of the Fifth Avenue Baptist church from which the Rev. Charles F. Aked declared last month he would resign if its finances were not more equably conducted, said of the famous clergyman the other day:

"Dr. Aked believed in the generous conduct of church affairs. The small salaries paid to ministers, especially those paid in England, made his blood boil. I heard him tell, at a dinner one night, a story on this head."

"An English minister with a large family and a small income went to one of his deacons to see if he could not have his salary raised."

"Salary!" said the deacon—he was

one of those grim, cold, close men. "Salary? I thought you worked for souls?"

"Yes I do," said the minister, flushing, but I can't eat souls, and if I could it would take many of your size to make a dish!"—Philadelphia Press.

Evolution.

Mary had a little hat,
Not bigger than a stopper.
Mary soon got rid of that—
Her present hat's a whooper.
—New York Sun.

A Team.

The Suffragette—I'm weary of being a bachelor-girl.
The Sufferer—Well, don't you know any fellow who's tired of being a spinster-man?—Exchange.

His Wish.

Husband (of sarcastic wife)—Oh, I wish I was dead.
Wife—Yes, I dare say it would just suit a lazy fellow like you to be lying in your coffin all day with nothing to do.—Exchange.

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