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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, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, April 3, 1904, and continue until Wednesday, April 6. A general attendance of the officers and members is requested and expected.

> JOSEPH F. SMITH. JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND. First Presidency.

THE COURSE OF REVILERS.

The sensational headlines which some of the local papers are printing, for the purpose of inflaming the public mind over the senatorial investigation at Washington, are very misleading and intentionally so, because not warranted by the information that follows. That however is one of the tricks of the trade known as "yellow journalism."

The testimony of President Joseph F Smith has disclosed nothing in the shape of a "skeleton" nor anything in the nature of a "mystery." The facts as to the "Revelation on celestial mar-

of prominent "Mormons" who married plural wives before the Manifesto, it has argued repeatedly as to their position generally and their duties in the relations they had formed. Therefore there is nothing new in the declarations of President Smith, except as they apply to the individeals named in his answers to questions which, while they would not be permitted in any American court, have been frankly answered

without hesitation or equivocation. "Mormonism" is being held up before the nation in a way that could not

otherwise be obtained for it. Prominent men and earnest women will learn enough about it to be anxious for further light. There is nothing in it but will endure investigation, or that we are unwilling to expound and explain. But when untruths are told about plural

a "law-breaker," when he gave to the marriage, and we attempt to show the people the Word of God in the vernacutruth, we are accused of "teaching polar, and thus laid the foundation for lygamy" and are accounted as criminthe glorious English literature, that als. On that theory President Joseph F. has been a beacon light to the world, Smith is "teaching polygamy" to ever since. At least, his dead body United States Senators, and we hope he will be able before the inquiry is was dug up and burned to ashes, in 1428, by the authorities that had perclosed, to set forth all that we believe secuted him during his life-time. John concerning that doctrine, as well as to make clear the fact that there are less Huss, the eminent Bohemian scholar and admirer of Wycliffe, was a "lawcases of polygamous marriage in Utah, breaker." For he was condemned to today, than in many other States of the death and consigned to the flames in Union.

Of course the state of society outside of Mormondom will not be entered into in this investigation, but it would not be amiss for people who are holding up their hands in holy horror at men who have plural wives and will not cast them off in any particular, to take note of common relations in the Christian cities of this country, that are not only unlawful but frequently involve the desertion and repudiation of women and

children, and conduct that is both heartless and animal. The "lifting up of the curtain" that hides these practices would, disclose an array of "skeletons" that would be both startling and hideous and, mark it, one need not go very far from this city to find cases in point. How would some of the blatant howlers against "Mormons" who, in order to act justly and honorably with their families, find themselves in face of a misdemeanor, relish a retaliatory movement for the enforcement of statutes and ordinances

that would strike in unexpected quarters, and would mightily disturb many select social circles? Mind this! We make no comparison

between the evils that abound in this "Christian" land that are winked at and condoned, and the system of wedlock revealed through the "Mormon" prophet. God forbid! We simply give a hint to some of the corrupt and depraved gentlemen (?) who attack the Saints and are soaked themselves in debauchery or spattered with vice, that they are not "living within the law," and it ill becomes them to shout and point the finger at men who would

If Russia cannot float her sunk navy rather forfeit their lives than descend to the level of their revilers. But a she will try to float a loan. the Great Master advised to His followers, let the Saints possess their souls in patience!

zled over a quarter of a million dollars, LAW BREAKERS OF HISTORY. was the secretary of a surety company. Here is a case where the saying, "Physician, heal thyself' is applicable. law-breaker, does not count against

him in the enlightened public opinion. A Chicago bank has issued an order It all depends on circumstances. There that henceforth no clerk in its employ are law-breakers and law-breakers. shall marry without the bank's permis-Some are justly visited with the pension unless his salary is a thousand alties of divine and human laws. Others dollars or more a year. A most foolish are not only exonerated by history, order, on a par with that of the mother but honored as benefactors of the huwho told her darling son that he might man race. Had it not been for some go out to swim but not to go near the "law-breakers," civilization would not have advanced much. Most reformers water,

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Sacramento Bee. under the necessity of breaking some The question whether women preachers are desirable is being discussed by a number of religious papers in the east. The fact has been brought out that there are fifty-three women filling

Wycliffe, the English reformer, was pulpits in the United States, with eighteen others soon to be ordained. It appears that many of these women are the wives of ministers who have taken up preaching through a wish to help their husbands. The Congregationalist, in its discussion of the subject, expresses the opinion that the showing in some respects is more favorable for women than for men, and that women seem to be especially successful in missionary labor.

Boston Transcript.

The criticism of the American Bible oclety by Rev. Dr. Moxom of Springfield, and other prominent clergymen. the year 1415. Savonarola, the celebrathas called out a vigorous reply those at whom it was directed, and the controversy is likely to continue as long ed patriot, priest, and statesman, one of Italy's noblest sons, suffered a simias the columns of the public press re lar faith in 1498. And these men, with main open to the contestants, for each hosts of other "law-breakers" were but side carries heavy batteries and the guns are not easily silenced. The soguns are not easily silenced. the pioneets of that reformation, of clety has undertaken to answer the latwhich Martin Luther became the est strictures from the Springfield elergyman. One of the principagreat leader. And Luther himself was charges against it is that it persistently excludes all versions of the Bible in forced to become a "law-breaker." He was forced to defy priests, councils and English but the St. James version. The princes, and he crowned his work when, reply made to this is that a special committee of the society has been at In 1535, he-the priest, sworn to celibacy work for some time considering the complications connected with the issu--married the young and noble Saxon nun, Catherine von Bora, also commiting of the revised version, "which has, however, been requested only ted to a single life. All these were by a small, though a distinguished, portion "law-breakers," but who can say how Doubtless its constituency." much civilization is indebted to them? this portion of its constituency What were the fathers of the American

of its however, and which howeversion, growing. the revised supposed to represent scriptural inter pretation through more advanced schol-arship, must make its way through that class, if at all, all students of the Bible ought to have the privilege of getting what they call for.

E. C. Cogswell.

The Bible is replete with poetry. The Hebrew poets rouse, warm, and trans. points with pride as the vanguard in port the mind in strains the sweetest the battle of civilization against the and boldest that bard ever sung; in forces of evil, ignorance and prejudices, numbers, the loftiest that imagination The true martyrs of Christianity are ever dictated. No poetry extant equanthat which comes to us from the rapt patriarch of Idumea and the inspired prophets of Salem; from the schools

Comedy.

of Bethel an Jericho. The Bible is the Murderer Rose surely has a thorny prototype; the unrivalled model and in-spirer of all that is elevated in poetry. It has been a fountain from which later poets have drawn their richest thoughts. Past day tomorrow. No meeting in their boldest figures, their grandest imagery. The Psalms of David are an elegant specimen of poetic literature. The character of their diction and ex-pression is vivid, the thoughts animat-There is no doubt about this being passionate. They communicate truths which philosophy could never in-

vestigate, in a style which uninspired poetry can never equal. The Hebrew



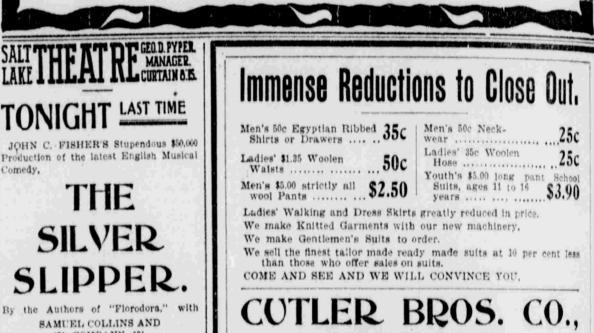
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rlage including the plurality of wives, have been published to the world for more than half a century. The adoption of the counsel of President Wilford Woodruff in what is commonly known as the manifesto of September 26, 1890 did not in any way deny or change the truth concerning that revelation, which vested the keys of authority in relation to the eternal marriage covenant in the one man, who is the earthly head of the Church. That man ceased to permit the performance of plural marriages, and his successors have followed his example.

But, as the Deseret News has explained over and over again for many years, a number of people had contracted such marriages and their covenants were for time and eternity. In most instances they would not repudiate their sacred obligations, no matter who or what earthly authority demanded it. President Smith has clearly defined his position, individually and as President of the Church. He has lived with his families as husband and father, but has not performed, authorized or entered into any plural marriages since the manifesto was adopted by the General Conference October 6, 1890.

This has been no secret to the people of Utah. Its declaration is nothing new in principle. There need be no sensation or excitement about it. There is not, in the minds of wellinformed people be they "Mormons" or "Gentiles." The very papers that are making so much fuss over it as though it was something astounding, in the same columns declare that they have known about it and published it all along. So much for their consistency,

But they attempt, by juggling with language and downright falsehood, to make it appear that the Deseret News has denied the truth of their charges in this particular. This paper has never disputed either of the propositions or declarations presented by President Joseph F. Smith. It has denied the charge that plural marriages have been solemnized by the "Mormon" Church since they were prohibited by manifesto. It has maintained the position taken by men who had plural wives when that document was promulgated, It has affirmed that there was a tacit understanding that such families were not to be disturbed if plural marriages were stopped. It has been taken to task for saying so, by the same papers that now want to put it in a false light, and by the ministers who have formulated charges against our leaders that were untrue in many respects, and who have commented savagely upon our utterances concerning that "tacit understanding."

The trouble with anti-"Mormon" papers and preachers is, that they will not abstain from falschood. They know very well when they proclaim that "Mormon" leaders are practising polygamy that they are deceiving the general public. They know that polygamy is defined by law to mean the practice of contracting plural marriages. They shelter themselves, when accused of bearing false witness, by creeping behind a subterfuge and pointing to the present marital relations of men who have not entered into polygamy for decades. They know that they do this to deceive the American people, and that they are without excuse before God and before honorable

While the Descret News has not referred, personally, to the marital cours

THE CASE OF SENATOR SMOOT.

In the investigation before the Senate committee concerning the "Mortion. mon" Church, the case of the right of Senator Smoot of Utah to retain his seat in the United States Senate is almost lost sight of. The tenets, discieither. pline and ceremonies of the Church, and the family relations of its President, have formed subjects of such great interest to the Senators on the committee and others, that the question referred to the Committee on privileges and elections seems to have been relegated to the rear, for the time being. The effort will possibly be made before the inquiry is finished, to make the Senator responsible in some way for the acts and beliefs of other persons, but just now he does not appear to be 'in it" even a little bit. Therefore the following well considered editorial

in the Butte Inter Mountain of March , is quite timely and takes us out of the irrelevant matter made all-important just now, and brings us face to face with the legititmate object of inquiry before that committee. The Inter Mountain says:

"Renewal of the official investigation of the right of Mr. Smoot of Utah to a seat in the United States senate is made in Washington today. Witnesser have been summoned from Utah to testify as to Smoot's connection with the Mormon Church, which is fully admitted by Smoot, and regarding the requirements of the faith of the Mormons, which is nobody's business so far as Smoot's right to a seat in the senate is concerned.

"Religious prejudice is at the bottom of the business, with political ambitions supplying the structural material of the opposition to Smoot. Utah is entitled to the representation in the senate. There is no dispute of the proposition that Smoot was regularly and lawfully elected. His alleged lack of right to his seat hinges wholly upon the assertion that his Church connection and obligations disqualify him to perform: the duties of his position. He takes his oath of office as other senators are required to do and asserts that he is at liberty to respect it. He declares that he is not a polygamist and even his opponents admit that he is a man of ex-emplary character and conduct, apart from his faith and responsibilities in

the Church. Truth is that a number of conscientious people who believe in a different religious creed are attempting to convict Smoot of a political offense and punish him in anticipation that his religious obligations will compel him to commit the offense. It is as if some of the cititzens who combine business and politics should undertake the im peachment of President Roosevelt because his readiness for battle convinces them that he will exceed his official authority and plunge the country into disastrous war.

"It is easy to understand why a Gentile in Utah might be opposed to the influence of the Mormon Church in politics. It is not difficult to compre-hend why politicians in Washington who owe their prominence more fre-quently to prejudice than to patriotism are willing to respect long petitions or remonstrances from their constituents It is incomprehensible why citizens who are not interested in Utah politics and who believe in religious as well as political freedom, should encourage a lot of well meaning women to concen trate their opposition to polygamy in a political attack upon a man who never practiced polygamy, simply because he is an influential member of a church organization which is being divorced from polygamous influences as rapidly as common decency and humanity will permit, with regard to long established

The pfunny pfolks continue to poke pfun at General Pflug's name. Listen and you will soon hear something drop around Port Arthur.

According to Herr Bebel, German army administration is maladministra-

revolution, if judged by the then ex-

isting laws and obligations? And yet,

history places all these men upon high

pedestals, as reformers, benefactors,

Most law-breakers deserve the chas-

tisement of the law, but history has

some "law-breakers," to whom

martyrs, saints, and heroes.

among these law-breakers.

path.

Tabernacle.

the month of March.

That New York hotel that totally collapsed was not built upon the sand,

The Czar says he wants to go to the front. Considering the distance it is a long felt want.

The question is asked, What is the name of the Hobson of Japan? Jap Hobson, of course.

Peru has been shaken by an earthquake. Better that than to be shaken by a revolution.

Just as soon as the harbor of Vladivostock is clear of ice it will be filled with Japanese warships,

Might doesn't make right, but it often makes success, which many people think is always right.

The billet-doux that King Edward and Czar Nicholas are exchanging are just "too sweet for anything."

After a close study of the evidence

adduced we are compelled to ask, Where does Senator Smoot come in?" Professor Triggs, late of the University of Chicago, is learning that there

is no place for the assertively eccentric.

The Whitney racing stable is to be kept intact. This shows that Harry Payne Whitney is a tracktable young man.

The editor of the Royal Oak (Md.) Banner announces "we have hog cholera in our midst." Circo must have touched him.

Dr. Harper of the University of Chicago has been operated on for appendicitis. There are others there who should also be operated on.

The Latter-day Saints will assemble in the various wards in fast meeting to-morrow. They should bear their testimony and avoid other topics.

Mayor McClellan of New York is making his enemies very mad by proving himself an excellent executive who has the interests of the city at heart.

The London Spectator thinks the prospects for a great European war are rather good. It should change its name to the Spectacular.

up in good shape the falsehood of the Tribune in reference to the work of our Senators, attributing to Kearns that which was done by Smoot.

The little pleasantry that passed bethe whole world kin.

Ham, the Boston man who embez-

iterature itself contains nothing more lovely.

Boston Herald. Dowie, the Zionite, whose move upon New York was so pronounced a fall-ure, is having a very uncomfortable time in Australia, where he went expecting to make a host of converts and obtain an abundant supply of money for the upbuilding of Zion City, near Chi-cago, and his personal enrichment. In Sydney he was mobbed whenever he appeared in public. His meetings had to be suspended because his disciples, in spite of the assistance of a large police force, were unable to prevent suppress disorder. Indignant mobs fol-lowed him to his hotel, and made so threatening demonstrations that on one occasion he escaped through the back door to avoid violence, and spent the night riding about the city in a carriage. Finally, he took refuge in a sub-urban retreat. He declares that in Syd-ney he experienced the worst treatment of his life, and lately he left the place to go to Melbourne, where, it was said,

to go to Melbourne, where, it was said, a still more hostile reception would be given to him. The Australian people appear to take very little stock in the pretensions of this self-styled prophet. They regard him as a fakir, and are more intolerant toward him than the people of the cities of America have been

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The National Geographic Magazine for March has a splendid war map of Manchuria and Korea. It is published supplement, and was prepared in the military information division of the war department from the latest ex-plorations and surveys. Through the courtesy of the war department the National Geographic society is able to publish a large edition of the map. A key to the supplement is published in the magazine. Charts of the harbor of Port Arthur and Vladivostok are also given. The number also has an illus-trated article on the Philippine islands. by Henry Gannett.-Hubbard Memor-ial Hall, Washington, D. C.

The Black Cat for March has two prize stories. One is "The Backsliding of Miss Mirelly," by Mrs. Clark Dooley, and the other is "Reasons of State," by Arthur Chamberlain. The other stories are entitled: "The Spirit of the Fan," "A Spiritual Affinity," and "The Black Roses," The stories are all drawn with master hand. Nothing but first class, in the shape of short stories. finds its way into this little magazine,-

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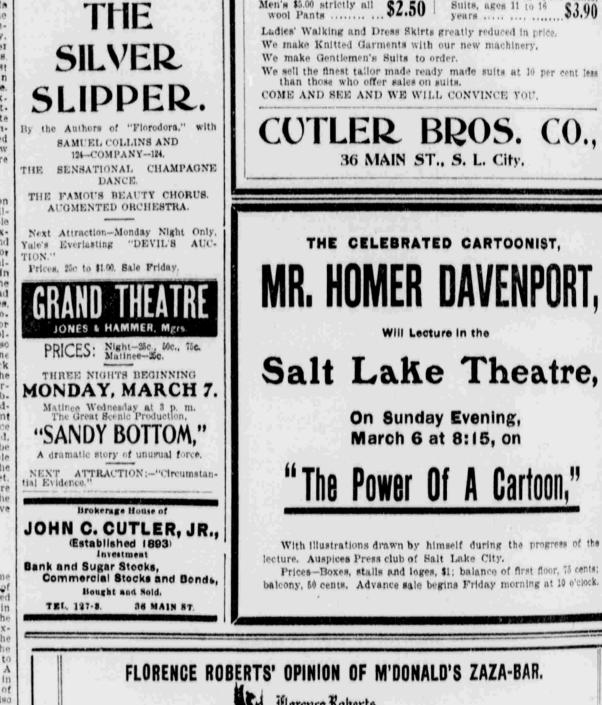
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tween President Smith and Senator Hoar about the bishop's wife was one of those touches of nature that make



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