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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The seventy-sixth semi-annual con-
ference of the Church of Jesus Christ
of Latter-day Saints will commence
on Friday, October 6th, 1905, at 10 a.
m., in the Tabernacle at Salt Lake
City. All the officers and members of
the Church are invited and urged to
be present during the sessions of the
conference.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The semi-annual conference of the
Deseret Sunday school union will be
held in the Tabernacle Sunday even-
ing, Oct. 8, 1905, at 7:30 o'clock. Of-
ficers, teachers and pupils are request-
ed to be present, and the public is
cordially invited.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
JOSEPH M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

OH! WHAT A MISNOMER!

Have you read the so-called "plat-
form" of the so-called "American" party?
If not, you should do so, for you take
any interest in the present anti-
"Mormon" movement in this city. It is
little or nothing but a Tribune editorial.
It was published in the Deseret News
of Wednesday evening. Every charge
it contains is absolutely untrue, both
against the present municipal admin-
istration and the "Mormon hierarchy,"
who is the chief object of attack by the
faction that formulated the "platform"
and particularly of the hand that wrote
it. There is nothing truly American in
the whole furious harangue. The chief
purpose of it is contained in this para-
graph:"The American party commends the
course of the Salt Lake Tribune in this
struggle as being true to its own best
history and traditions, and in character
and feeling with the true American sen-
timent of this State."That is the nucleus of the whole nebu-
lous and airy formation. Every person
who stands for office upon that "plat-
form," or who votes in its support, en-
dorses and applauds all the vile slan-
ders, unrepentable blackguardism, and
libelous abuse that have been poured
forth daily for nearly a year through
the columns of that paper, until de-
cent gentlemen of every party and per-
suasion have been thoroughly disgust-
ed with it, and have openly expressed
their detestation of its course. Much
of it has been totally unfit to be taken
into respectable homes, and its lan-
guage has been too low and foul, even
for a burlesque, except one of the most
degraded type. And yet that is all
commended by the advocates of this so-
called "American" party.Every Republican and every Demo-
crat who deserts his own party to join
in this campaign of vilification, be-
comes himself, and makes the con-
fession that he has been owned by the
"Mormon hierarchy," subservient to the
"hierarchy's" will, and "relying on
Church help for success." How do the
gentlemen of the respective legitimate
political parties resist the charge, as
formulated in the so-called "American"
platform? Is it a fact, and are you
ready to acknowledge it, gentlemen
who have been elected to office, that
"an ecclesiastical hierarchy has named
both Republican and Democratic can-
didates and elected them at his whim?"
That is what is alleged against you,
and if you vote for it you confess to
your own slavery and your own shame.But who knows of any case in which
the "Mormon" President, who of course
is referred to as the "ecclesiastical
hierarchy," has named any candidates,
either Republican or Democratic, or
figured in their election or rejection?
Which of you, present incumbents of
political offices in this city or State, was
named and elected in the manner indi-
cated? In what way was the Repub-
lican party, or the Democratic party in
this city, "ruled in politics" by a "law-
breaking Priesthood," as charged? Com-
mendation of the document "adopted
without a dissenting voice" by the con-
vention at which it was read, means
an acknowledgment of serfdom and
submission to "Church dictation" by
every individual here holding polit-
ical office or belonging to either polit-
ical party.We suppose there are some people in
this city who really believe that the
presiding authorities of the Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints dic-
tate the political course of Church
members. They have been led into
this false and foolish notion by schem-
ers for the control of city affairs.
There is not the slightest particle of
proof that their allegations are founded
in truth. If people would think a little
for themselves, instead of being car-
ried away by spread-eagle speechesand "hifalutin" paragraphs, they would
perceive easily how ridiculous is the
charge that is so frequently reiterated.
Every voter has the secret ballot. No
one can tell in what way or for whom
he casts it at the polls. No one is
able to produce either a written or ver-
bal dictation or advice from the Presi-
dent of the Church to its members con-
cerning political parties or candidates.
Nor can any one find a "Mormon" who
has been ordered or required to vote in
a certain way. The unreflecting crowd
that shout themselves hoarse about
"Church rule" and "hierarchy" and
the rest of it, exhibit the grossest
ignorance of the facts in the case, and
a blind willingness to join in the dis-
cordant noise started by individuals
who seek to bring them into a bondage
that will hold them in real political
fetters.This whole tempest that has been
raised by disappointed politicians who,
having failed in their ambitions now
seek to recoup their faded influence,
has for its culmination the control of
city affairs. If they could gain their
object by "Church influence," they
would be the first to crawl on their
hands and knees to the authorities
whom they call "hierarchs," to beg
for those coveted favors. But they know
by repeated and bitter experience that
such attempts would be vain. They
have tried it again and again to their
own discomfiture. The people who are
following them with a view to obtain-
ing office would jump at the chance
of obtaining "Church influence" if they
were sure of gaining it. The crowd
that is joining in the howl about "hier-
archy" and giving aid to the disreput-
able villifiers and libelers of men whom
they would how down to if such abuse-
ment would be available, exercise
about as much reason as do the mobs
that are aroused to fury at a lynching.We believe, however, there are some
among them who were carried away by
the furore of the moment, who did not
fully sense the import of the so-called
"platform," and who when they re-
consider what it implies, will re-
pudiate it and show their contempt
for it at the polls. It is so utterly
false in its accusations and so compromis-
ing to its supporters, that every sane
and well-informed citizen of Salt Lake
should see its villainy and its absurd-
ity.The invitation extended to "Mor-
mons" to unite with this vituperative,
frenzied and false-accusing combina-
tion, is enough to make a marble
statue smile. Every "Mormon" foolish
enough to accept it admits that he has
been a slave, bowing down to priestly
dictation in political matters, having
no mind or soul of his own, but moved
hither or thither according to the
whim of a monster having the awful
name of "Hierarchy." He therefore
confesses to a falsehood and joins with
the avowed foes of his religion, who
are endeavoring to arouse the country
for the destruction of that to which he
has devoted his life and interests, and
that relates to his eternal welfare. And
all non-Mormons who support this
so-called platform and so-called party,
identify themselves with the unwar-
ranted, untruthful, indecent and abom-
inable language and methods that have
been made upon gentlemen and a
Church that have never injured them,
interfered with their business or in-
truded upon their affairs in any man-
ner whatever.The movement is an avowed on-
slaught upon the "Mormon" Church,
and particularly its leaders, and it is
upon that account that we give to it
any attention. No gentleman, what-
ever may be his religion or his politics,
can conscientiously or decently be as-
sociated with or give countenance to a
faction with such a misnomer.

FOR A REPUBLIC.

The next question for the Norwegians
to decide is what form of government
they want, and they must settle that
problem before they will obtain gen-
eral recognition among foreign powers.
They need not, as Mr. Lovland seems
to think, apply for recognition of their
status as a sovereign state, for this
they have had since 1814. It only re-
mains, the recognized government be-
ing overthrown, to establish another,
acceptable to the powers with which
diplomatic relations are to be main-
tained. But what form of government
will it be? If the people are consulted,
it will be a republic. The people for
many years have had republican lean-
ings, a tendency due in large part to
the example of their leading men—
Hjorson, Ibsen, Nansen and above all,
old Jaabak—and this change would in-
volve no abrupt transition. They have
long enjoyed the right of self-govern-
ment and by character, tradition and
experience are fitted for republican re-
sponsibilities. A republican form of
government is, we may say, original in
the Scandinavian countries, where the
will of the free citizens, as expressed in
their assemblies, or "ting" was law, and
the kings chiefly their leaders in mili-
tary exploits. Scandinavians, there-
fore, as naturally take to republican
institutions, as Asiatics do to despotism.

CUBAN CONDITIONS.

They have had some excitement in
Cuba, on account of the election. At
Cienfuegos the mob indulged in riots
and murder, and twice some patriots
have thrown filth on the escutcheon
bearing the arms of this country, which
is over the entrance to the United
States consulate. But for this incident,
the disorders might be overlooked as of
a mere local nature, but the evident in-
sult to this country gives countenance
to the impression that some Cubans are
not worthy of the liberty bestowed upon
them, with unparalleled magnanimity,
by this country.Americans in Cuba claim that both
parties are jealous of this country. The
liberals denounce in their platform the
Platt amendment which was attached to
the constitution, and the conserva-
tives are also said to regard it as hu-
miliating.As an illustration of the sentiment a
proposed treaty with Great Britain is
referred to. The Cuban government
last year negotiated a treaty with Great
Britain which many persons here re-
gard as in defiance of the Platt amend-ment in its concession to the British
government. Minister Squiers was fur-
nished with a copy of this treaty only
after the most urgent demands on his
part, and was then instructed by the
government at Washington to protest
against its ratification by the Cuban
senate. Nevertheless, the treaty still
remains before the Cuban senate, and
President Palma shows no disposition
to withdraw it. It is asserted that only
by an implied threat of immediate in-
tervention was the Cuban senate re-
strained from ratifying this instrument.
A copy of it is now in the hands of the
state department.We hope wisdom will prevail in the
Cuban councils. This country will not
tolerate disorder and turbulence that
might bring chaos to the industries of
the island, and revive the conditions of
former misrule. It was to prevent this
that the Platt amendment was adopted.
If the Cubans are adverse to that
amendment they need only avoid taking
the course marked as adverse to the
interests of the United States. If they
will do so, they will never know, ex-
cept by hearsay, that such an amend-
ment exists. In the meantime, the riots
at Cienfuegos prove the necessity of it.
Cuba has done well so far, and we be-
lieve she will continue to prove herself
worthy of independence.It takes a boy with a top to make
things hum.Godspeed the delegates to the Good
Roads convention!In this mayoralty race candidates will
be careful not to exceed the speed limit.The "stand patters" are on top in
Massachusetts, and they propose to
stand there.They are talking of Mr. Cronwell for
mayor of New York. New York needs
a protector.General Stoessel is suffering from
paralysis. His experience in Port Ar-
thur was enough to paralyze anyone.No wonder John D. Rockefeller feels
to be thankful and sing praises. See
how the price of oil is advanced almost
every day.How much M. Witte did for his coun-
try at Portsmouth is evidenced by the
hearty and enthusiastic reception that
was given him on his arrival in St.
Petersburg. And he deserved it all.At last Guam has got a court of final
jurisdiction. It should take up Com-
mander Schroeder's pigs and prosper-
ity flat and see if it is in harmony
with the Constitution and the facts in
the case.Hall Caine says that he would not
give up being a novelist to become
President of the United States. A very
wise resolve, seeing that, being a
foreigner, under the Constitution he is
not eligible to the presidency.For a year and more the President
has been demanding publicity in rail-
way matters. How does he like the
publicity that is being given him in
insurance transactions through the Ar-
mstrong committee? That publicity would
seem to be all that the most exacting
could demand.In order to "study both sides" of a
case, it is not necessary to read the in-
famous lies that are invented and cir-
culated every day about it. Those
falsehoods are not one side of the case
at all, and are not entitled to a hearing.
Nor are they given any attention ex-
cept by the inmates and frequenters of
vile dens, for which they, of course, are
intended.Kansas proposes to have a celebra-
tion on the fiftieth anniversary of its
admission to the Union. It is a
very proper thing, and if too much
is not undertaken doubtless will be a
success. From the time of its organ-
ization as a territory, it has been very
prominent in the eyes of the nation,
and aside from some vagaries it is a
great state.The trouble between Greece and Rou-
mania is probably not serious, although
diplomatic relations have been inter-
rupted. The cause of the trouble is the
refusal by Roumania of the demand of
Greece for compensation to those who
suffered by the pillaging of Greek subjects,
and the maltreatment of Greek subjects
during the recent demonstrations at
Bucharest, and for satisfaction for the
burning of the Greek flag by demon-
strators at Giurgiu.The German Socialists, at their con-
gress at Jena, virtually threatened to
refuse to perform military service, in
certain emergencies. That would mean
much to German militarism, for the
Socialists in the empire number over
three million voters. In France similar
suggestions have been made. Professor
Herve has contended that it might be
the duty of artisans in the army to de-
cline to attack their brother-proletarians
of Germany or Austria. It might be
just as well for the war lords of the
world to notice the direction of the
tide, so as not to be overtaken by it, in
an unguarded moment.The congressional delegation that has
just returned from the Philippines has
come home convinced of one thing—
that there is a great problem in gov-
ernment in the islands and that no
one can at the moment say just what
its solution is. Undoubtedly their visit
will be of profit to the whole country
through the more accurate and first-
hand information they have obtained.
Heretofore in Congress debates on the
Philippine question have, as a rule,
been so bitter and partisan that little
or no light was shed upon the question
in issue. It should be different in fu-
ture. Those who have been in the is-
lands will not change their fundamen-
tal views as to the relation of the is-
lands to this government, but they will
doubtless modify them as regards the
situation there. There is no more seri-
ous and intricate problem than that of
the control of colonies by a free gov-
ernment.

A JOB OF PRESIDENTIAL SIZE.

Springfield Republican.
Mountain lions have so multiplied inYellowstone Park as to seriously
threaten the deer, elk and other wild
animals in that great reservation. The
United States authorities, upon the
recommendation of President Roose-
velt have given to John and Homer
Goff of Meeker, Col., the contract to
clear the park of lions. John Goff has
won fame as the guide of President
Roosevelt in his Colorado hunting
trips. The Goff brothers will engage
several assistants, and are to receive a
bounty of \$5 on each mountain lion
killed, in addition to a salary of \$75 a
month each for their work.

STERN MEASURES WITH IDOLS.

Shanghai North China Herald.
Officials concerned about the long
drought in the Taiyuan district, have
visited every shrine and prayed at
every temple known to be efficacious;
they have further lashed some of the
images for negligence, and others have
been put out in the sun to make them
feel how dry it is.

WHERE ROOSEVELT BLUNDERED.

London Chronicle.
If President Roosevelt had been as
punctilious a stylist as he has proved
himself to be potent as a peace-maker,
he would not have addressed a tele-
gram of thanks to "His Majesty Wil-
helm II, Emperor of Germany." For,
to begin with, it is not strictly correct
to add the Roman numeral to a sov-
ereign's name during his lifetime, just
as the sovereign himself never does so.
Our own King, for example, simply
says himself "Edward," leaving it to
the drafters of bills to put in the
numeral which distinguishes him from
others of the same name. On the other
hand, William II is not "Emperor
of Germany," but only "Deutscher
Kaiser"—a very different thing. The
former title implies imperial sover-
eignty—which is not an attribute of
the Kaiser, who is only an imperial
president, and Mr. Roosevelt is a Re-
publican one.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Black Cat for October has five
stories, all said to be prize stories. They
are: "For Love of the Hills," "The
Flagstaff of Ecstasy," "The Adven-
tures of Lias," "The Farm that For-
got," and "A Modern Martyr." The
Black Cat has a high standing among
journals devoted to that class of litera-
ture.—144 High Street, Boston.The first number of the Panama
Mail has appeared. The object of this
publication is to give reliable infor-
mation concerning the progress of the
canal, the resources of the republic
and its people. The publishers an-
nounce that they will have no personal
or political bias. They will discuss and
criticize the conditions, as they see
fit, but above will, above all, give re-
liable information and present it in an
attractive form. The first issue of the
Panama Mail is handsomely illustrat-
ed and contains much information of
interest.—41 Broadway, New York.A good introduction to the personal
side of Thomas P. Ryan, who controls
the Equitable Life Assurance society
is given by Harry Harrison Lewis in
his new book, "The Great Trusts of
America," published by Doubleday, &
Company. The book is a collection of
articles by Samuel Merwin. How a mag-
nificent train like the "Twentieth Cen-
tury Limited" is shot like a cannon ball
through all the tangle of traffic between
New York and Chicago, is one of the
most gripping stories of the day. In
"The Yankee Drummer Abroad" H. D.
Varnum contributes an account of some
of the trials that confront a salesman
trying to push American goods in for-
eign countries. Montrose J. Moses, in
"How Their First Books Were Written,"
describes the struggles of modern
authors with their first productions.
"Roosevelt's German Days," by Louis
Viereck, presents a hitherto unwritten
chapter of the time which the president
spent as a boy in Dresden while seeking
relief from asthmatic troubles. In "The
Bankrupt Institutions of Royalty,"
Vance Thompson describes the tendency
of modern industrial progress to under-
mine some of the deepest foundation
stones of the ancient monarchies of
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