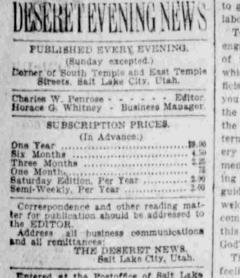
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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-seventh semi-annual general Conference of the Church of Jerus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, October 5, 1906, at 19 n. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested. By order of

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

ATTITUDE OF THE CHURCH.

The attitude of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, commonly called the "Mormon" Church, towards othe religious organizations is very much misunderstood. It is commonly regarded as hostile, bigeted and exclusive. This arises probably from the position taken by the Church as an establishment by divine immediate revelation, but in a greater degree from the misrepresentation of its adversaries. Truth is in itself naturally uncompromising. It does not affiliate with error. The twain cannot harmonize. One must eventually give way to the other.

This Church claims divine origin. If was not evolved from the opinions of human beings nor made up out of the books of the Bible. Neither was it concocted from the various sects of Christendom or the different theories of heathendom. It is suj generis. It was either set up by divine revelation and commandment in the nineteenth century, or it is fraudulent, deceptive and merely one more of the modern organizations that tend to confuse and divide the human family. If this Church is what it purports to be, it stands alone in the world as the only true Church of Christ, endowed with divine authority to administer the ordinances of the Gospel for the salvation of the living and the redemption of the dead. Any other position taken by it would be inconsistent with its claims, its doctrines and its purpose.

This of course places it in a peculiar stitutions, and arouses a feeling of opposition and resentment from those that do not believe in its declarations nor endorse its doctrines. This, however, need not and ought not excite such an- | to man." tagonism as has been directed against it by professing Christians and religious teachers. It is quite proper that those who dissent from it should endeavor to disprove its assertions and arguments and claims, by reason and by scripture. It is not right, however, that they should attempt to crush it by any forcible means, to place it in a false light, to distort its principles or to injure its advocates, The course that has been pursued against the Latter-day Saints in raising mobs against them, driving them from their homes, destroying their property, murdering their leaders and many of their members and perpetrating all kinds of indignities upon them, has not been justified in law or in religion or in common humanity. It has perhaps provoked the sufferers to feelings of animosity not in accordance with the true spirit of Christ's Gospel, and suggested that retaliation which is forbidden by Him who has declared "vengeance is mine, I will repay." But we are glad to say this feeling has not been permitted to break out into revengeful deeds, and has gradually been driven out of the hearts of the Latterday Saints by the true spirit of their divine faith. While standing firm on the foundation laid by Deity Himself, this Church submitute holidays for employes on has due regard for the good intents and tenets and endeavors of other religious societies. It regards all truth, whether called secular or religious, as coming from God. While believing that He is not the author of confusion but of order and harmony and concord and peace, this Church applauds all that is good and praiseworthy in every sect and society under the sun, whether Christian or Pagan. It believes that there is much of truth and goodness and purity and rightcousness in every tope of them. It does not ignore the self-sacrifice exhibited by ministers of religion throughout the centuries that have past, when the world was left without direct divine communication, nor that exhibited in the present day. "Mormonism" does not deny the fact that any of the Christian religions is better than none at all. It teaches that the sincere prayer and desire of every difficulty raised in the foregoing parahonest soul is acceptable to God, to the graph, by the adoption of the growing extent that it deserves, whether proceeding from a so-called Christian or a heathen suppliant. It recognizes the This affords opportunities to wagetruth to be found in the various conflicting organizations claiming to be evenings, so that they need not do so Christian, as the force which has en- on Sunday. The American movement abled them to exist in spite of the er- for an eight hours day of labor is also rors which they have each imbibed, and gaining favor in France, and the Socialit sees in their contentions the positive proof of their mistakes, because truth is always harmonious with itself and ligious associations to establish a comthere is no conflict in eternal principles. That there are good men and women in all the churches of the world. that there are able, conscientious and devoted ministers among them, that they 'are entitled to 'respect and' in' meny instances to admiration and re- | ward, that they have been the means of reforming society, reclaiming sinners. bath day holy," they embody the prinpromoting morality, aiding in the ad- ciple of the Sabbath rest in secular vancement of mankind and preparing | law. the way for the triumph of right, we

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to give due credit to them all for their labors of love.

To every man and woman sincerely engaged in working for the elevation them fail of enforcement. Thus some of the race and in promulging that French customs, including vices to which they believe to be true and beneficial, we can say heartily "God speed are invading American society, while you and be with you." We recognize American regulations are obtaining a the different agencies through which foothold in the French republic. It is a the divine spirit operates for the bet- time of great changes in both hemiterment of humanity. We regard ev- spheres, but it is to be hoped that out ery invention, discovery, and develop- of the agitation and experience that are ment of good in all the world, as com- in process, eventually "the greatest ing from that Divine Spirit which good for the greatest number" will be guides into all truth, and we are glad to kept in view as a principle, and that welcome them all as aids to the ap- law and religion and custom will tend complishment of the divine purpose in [to bring it about in universal practice. this great and last dispensation of

God's mercy to man, This Church does not entertain illfeelings towards opposing churches or Individuals because they differ in their the fact that the Book of Mormon has beliefs from ours, or on account of recently been published in the Arme-

their declining to accept or investigate | nian language, under the supervision the principles we regard as palpable of Eider F. F. Hintze, who spent sevtruth. We acknowledge the right of eral years in the Turkish mission and every human being to believe and not who, ever since, has taken great interupon that which appears to him 19 est in all that pertains to that part of be right, so that it does not lead him the field. A few copies of the book to interfere with equal rights in have now been received at the Deseret others. But we do not view with kind. Naws Book store, and can be had by finess the wilful endeavors of acctaries | those who may desire to add the volto injure and defame us, although we | ume to their libraries, or who may have ceasing attacks and misrepresenta- present it.

tions. We recognize the hand of the Lord | ing. One on account of its cheapness, in the movements among the nutions is suitable for general distribution, for the spread of light and liberty. while the other fills the requirements These are not yet developed in their of booklovers who may desire a more fullness either in "Christian" or in protentious cover. The quality of paheathen lands and systems. Such per and the preis work are the same measure of each as may be enjoyed in both, and the workmanship is exor advocated or contended for we re- cellent. The translation, we undergard as beneficial and tending towards stand, is faithful and as correct as the perfect day, and the coming Klug- | scholarship and careful revision can dom of righteousness and peace. Al- | make it. The book will be a great help though we do not admit the right to the Armenian mission, and we trust of any prelate or priest to officiate in the Armenian Saints will appreciate the name of Delty without actual Dithe efforts to give them, in their own vine authority, we give due credit to | language the remarkable records of sincere efforts by good men of every that part of the house of Israel located creed and society to benefit the world, temporally or spiritually. We lock up- the study of these records may result on the great talents exhibited by the in abundant blessings to them, and to bright, intelligent, forceful men and all who shall read with prayerful women in every department of thought | humble hearts. and action as divine gifts, and we stand ready to receive and rejoice in that which is brought forth from any most remarkable literary productions source that adds to the sum of hugiven to this generation. From the very man knowledge and increases the real first it has been the object of the most

happiness of mankind. Preachers, statesmen, scientists, philosophers, journalists, poets, artists, musicians, authors, dramatists, lawyers, physicians, surgeons, lecturers and all workers in the field of advancement and improvement, are regarded by this Church in their different spheres as instruments in the Hand of Providence been called a romance. Some have profor the uplifting of God's children in nounced it exceedingly clever and othmortality. Only the charlatan, the de. ers, a very clumsy effort at placeiver, the hypocrite, the pretender. giarism. But, notwithstanding all efthe wilful falsifier, the humbug and fusions by hostile critics, the Book of the fraud merit the despising and the Mormon, like the Bible, proves its aurejection of Latter-day Saints, who thenticity by the divine influence for wish to meet all people worthy of revirtue and truth that accompanies its spect whatever may be their religious acceptance and obedience to its prebeliefs, with a fraternal handclasp and cepts. Willingness to do the will of a hearty welcome. "We have no quarthe Father is a necessary condition of rel with any sect or society in the knowledge as to whether the doctrine spirit of anger or wrath, and in our is of God or of man." This is the prinstruggles to uphold the right our ciple enunciated by the Son of Man position as regards other religious in. motto has always been that of the British volunteers: "Defence, not de. fiance." Our aim is to promulgate our faith among the nations, but we seek to establish "peace on earth, good will

dinal Kopp. That marks a red letter opposite direction. Sunday labor and Sunday amusements are being encourday in Germany's relations with the aged and the laws enacted against Vatican.

which we will not now definitely refer,

BOOK OF MORMON.

Readers of the "News" are aware of

The book comes in two styles of bind-

upon the American continent, and that

The Book of Mormon is one of the

heated controversy. Thousands have

accepted it through the testimony of

the Holy Spirit in their souls; others,

have rejected it as something absurd.

By the enemies of the Latter-day

Saints it has been represented as a new

Bible written for the purpose of setting

the ancient Scriptures aside. It has

Professor Frye getting married the next day after being divorced looks like jumping out of the Frye-ing pan into the fire

Maxim Gorky is determined to treat America with silent contempt. The more silent it is the more acceptable It will be.

Mr. Compers does not propose that Representative Littlefield shall have the field all to himself. Both are looking out for the Maine chance.

One who knows says that the New York hotels are the easiest of all to "bilk." and that they need protection. What they lose in one way they make up in another.

Fugitive Stensland is to be brought back on the refrigerating ship Glacier. His banking methods were so rotten that he might spoil if he came on any other kind of a ship.

Despite the protests of the packers. Secretary Wilson says that the labels must state the contents. Only in Gath try to bear with patience their un- friends to whom they would like to shall it not be told, only in the streets of Askelon shall it not be published.

> Secretary Shaw has admonished banking houses that are government depositaries not to loan government funds in New York but to keep them at home. He expects it to act as a verb.

ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Boston Transcript.

The church, when it is true to its founder's ideal, knows nothing in its organization or in its proclamation of uth of any racial, class, or personal distinctions. Christianity's distinctive note is its universality and its democ-When it allies itself with autoc. racy. racy as in Russia today, or when it permits any distinct segregated group in an American community drawn together mainly by uniformity in mental attainments or size of income, it misses its place in society and in the divine economy and lends itself to embitterment rather than ameliora. tion of the life of society.

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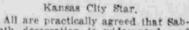
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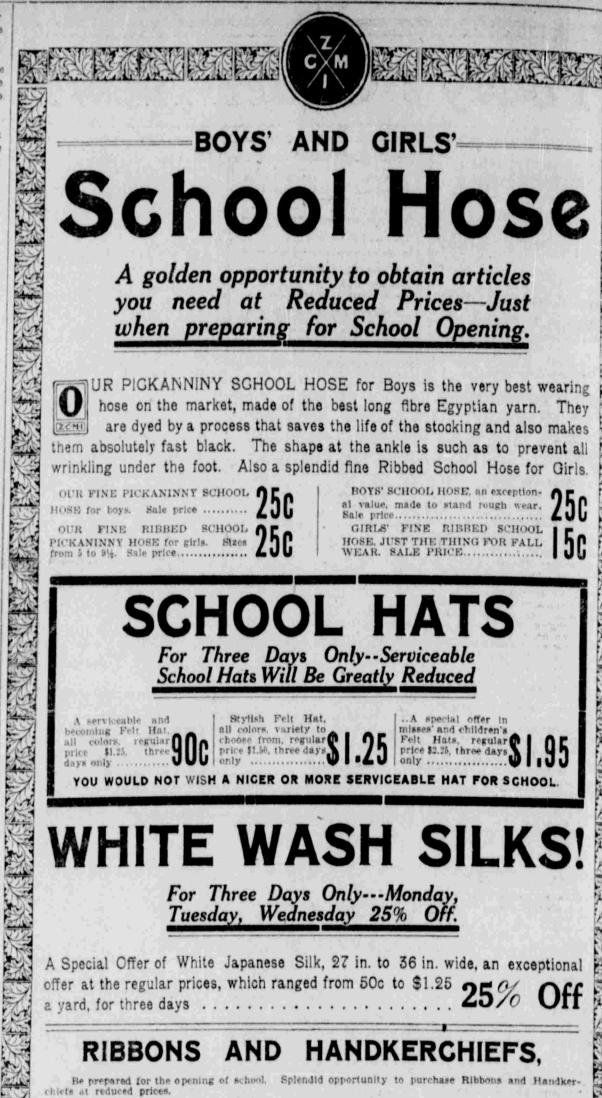
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Along the coast from Hopedale south to Cape Harrison, seventy miles in a straight line, but several hundred miles if the indentations of the shore followed, are a few scattered huts white settlers, some hundred and fifty souls in all. The missionaries make a point of ministering to these lonely exiles, and in winter one of the Moravians makes a trip by komitick, visiting the settlers, holding a service at each house, and devoting a few at each house, and treading, writing hours to instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic. Perhaps one of the older members of the settler's family will grasp a few rudiments even in this brief time, and will continue the instruction, until, with the mission-ary's visit from year to year, the fam-ily will become a little nucleus of knowledge—a light flickering through the darkness of this droary land. Often settlers living several days' journey inland will travel all the way to some but on the coast, in order not to miss the Moravian's visit. It is the only link which binds them to civilization.



bath desecration is widespread, and most people who discuss it in all its



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to buy an Ax-

minster, while

REMARKABLE CHANGES.

France has been noted for centuries as a country where Sunday has been regarded as a general holiday devoted to pleasure-seeking, and where there was no embargo on business or labor. All kinds of occupations were carried on the first day of the week, as well as on other days, only the people generally endeavoring to make of Sunday a time for diversion, recreation and general jollity. Amusements were conducted and sports were in full force. The religious people attended early mass or divine worship in the forenoon, and then came the gayities of French life to the fullest extent.

These customs have been the rule down to the present time without let or hindrance. But it appears that through the influence of Socialism in that country, a compulsory Sunday law has been enacted, making that day a legal Sabbath. With a few exceptions, Sunday labor is expressly forbidden. Among these exceptions are hotels, liquor saloons, drug stores, hospitals, water, gas, and electric works, transportation companles and newspaper offices. These are regarded as necessary to the pub-

other days instead of Sundays. The Boston Transcript prints a translation from the Figaro, giving some particulars of the law, and of the objections that were valsed against it by the small shop-keepers and others. among which were these:

lic welfare and they are permitted to

"A portion of the population of Parts frequents the shops only on Sunday. A workman or a clerk, busy all the week, finds that day the sole time when can be at leisure to purchase the cipthing or household utensils he heads The big stores can close without doing themselves harm, for their patrons are rich, or at least well to do, and can get time to make purchases on week days, With the small retail dealers, however, and especially with those in poor districts. Sunday is usually the day when the most business is done; so much so, ne; so much so indeed, that many of those houses are doomed to certain ruin if they must be closed on that day.

A remedy has been proposed for the American custom of givingworkingmen half holidays on Saturday afternoon. carners to do their shopping on Saturists are pushing it with some degree. of vigor. Every effort made by repulsory Sabbath observance in France has signally failed, and it is a little singular that the secular society which is supposed to be devoid of the religious sentiment, has effected that which the religious elements have vainly endcavored to accomplish. While they do not protend to "keep the Sak.

Strange to say, on the other hand, the most certainly believe, and are willing | tendency in American cities is in the

himself, and there is no other way to that knowledge. Students of the Book of Mormon who bring to it the light of scholarly

achievements, are struck with many evidences of its authenticity, that are not so evident to the common reader. A great many of the proper nouns show their affinity to the Semitic languages. Others are almost identical with names found in Indian legends. The historical part of the volume is to a remarkable extent corroborated by archeologists. This is so strikingly true that an eminent scientist who has spent years of his life in research in Yucatan and other places, in a private letter some years ago stated, that nothing in the Book of Mormon is at variance with anything certainly known by scientists about the past history of America. Then, the prophetic part of the Book has received literal fulfilment. We will refer to just one prophecy, that no one who would try to establish a king in these continents should prosper. (2 Nephi x: 14). Napoleon III. at a time when he was practically the

most potent sovereign of Europe, tried to raise up a "king" in Mexico. He endeavored to establish an Austrian duke in a Mexican empire, but he came to grief. Maximilian was shot to death. Napoleon died in exile, and his heir was ignominiously massacred by African savages. The Book of Mormon abounds with

testimonles to its authenticity. To suppose that the Prophet Joseph, at the time he was chosen as the instrument of God to bring those records to light, wrote that book himself with or without the aid of friends, is to admit a greater miracle than the translation of ancient records by the power and inspiration of the divine spirit.

"Dictated" on a typewritten letter always means "reformed spelling."

It is hard to unite the United Railroads and its striking employes.

Speaker Cannon's boom, like the voice of the turtle, is heard in our land.

King Edward has completed the cure at Marlenbad. But is the cure complete?

Of course Yale feels that it would have been entirely different had she met Cambridge.

The Goldfield Sun shines for all, but the Industrial Workers of the World

object to its light. Guerry announces that he is ready to take the offensive. To Palma he is exceedingly offensive.

A butcher has been named for county attorney by the Socialists of Omaha. They steak their hopes on him.

At Trinidad, Cole., a prisoner refused to accept a pardon because it was of-

fered on Friday. Bad luck to him! Hipple said that Segal was "the dev-Il's partner." He should have known,

having been in partnership with him. The Cuben Liberals who are at war with the government say that they are not insurgents. Then they are nonde-

uripte. Emperor William has decorated Car-

phases regard it as a menacing evil in the social system. How to check this evil and regulate the occupations and pleasures of the "day of rest" is more or less of a problem. Many states have enacted laws regulating the con-duct of citicens on the Sabbath. There are laws prohibiting fishing and hunt. ing and ball playing and games of chance and anythnig and everything on that day. Some of these laws are enforced, . there are "dead letters." Mfssouri has Sunday closing and anti-gambling laws that are enforced to the letter. Gov. Folk, by compelling the observance of these laws has occasion. No. ed wide comment and approval.

Northwestern Christian Advocate,

The truth of Jesus' saying, "A man's consisteth not in the abundance life of the things that he possesseth," is exemplified daily in the experience of the rich, some of whom resort to the most absurd and ofttimes wicked means to give themselves pleasure, often to the destruction of their health, and always of their character. Even those whose conduct is exemplary find the saying of Jesus to be true. The late Alfred Belt was the richest man in England, had the finest house and a priceless art gallery in London, could secure anything that money might buy, yet he was neither healthy nor happy. and wore upon his face constantly a look of care and ennul. The most valuable things in life-peace. joy, happiness, contentment are not bought with meney. They come through simple trust in God and the exercise of a Christlike spirit in service for others.

ng machine.

home to help .- Somerville Journal.

Marry the Best Man.

stern-visaged woman, "to hear that you were married. I wouldn't marry

the best man on earth." "He never gave you a chance!" re-

torted Mrs. Bridey, "because he as-

sured me I was the only girl he ever proposed to."-Catholic Standard.

He Was Exempt.

Well, here's one fact at least you must

He-Aren't you ever afraid to be in he house alone?"

She-Not at all. I own a loaded re-

He-But aren't you afraid of that?

She-Mercy, no! I keep it locked in a trunk where it can't possibly go off!

Unappreciative.

Fond Mother-We are undecided now

whether to have Dolly take lessons in painting or in singing. Which would you advise?

Painting, by all means-Somerville

Bachelor Uncle (who loves quiet)-

answered Farmer

-Detroit Free Press.

-Indianapolis Star.

Have noticed at this stage-No chorus girl has yet put in A claim on Russell Sage.

olver.

Journal.

"I certainly was shocked," said the

waiter .- Puck.



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