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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-seventh semi-annual general Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latier-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, October 5, 1906, at 10 a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

On account of the General conference being held on the first Sunday in October, it is suggested that the last Sunday in September be observed as fast day in the Salt Lake, Ensign, Liberty, Pioneer, Jordan and Granite stakes. By order of

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

### THE IDAHO AGITATION.

Some correspondence between H. W. Lockhart and Hon, John Hailey in reference to the anti-Mormon agitation which is being fomented in Idaho, has been published in several newspapers and a copy was forwarded to the Deseret News with a request for its reproduction. We do not wish to take part in any partisan controversy, particularly in another State, and therefore have not copied the correspondence referred to. But as it has a bearing on a matter in which our co-religionists everywhere are interested, we make this brief explanation:

Mr. Lockhart is chairman of the purported Democratic party in Idaho. He recently issued an address in that capacity, which was not worth space in any respectable paper under the sun. It was nothing but a frothy tirade against the "Mormons" and was so utterly void of principle, reason and sound sense that we did not notice it in any way. Mr. Hailey is the well known Democrat of Idaho who was once elected to Congress as "Honest John Hailey," and is a prosperous and respected citizen of that State.

Mr. Lockhart sent a letter to Mr. Hailey, asking his aid in the campaign now opened as one of the speakers for the party. Mr. Hailey answered by expressing the views of a large number of Democrats in Idaho who repudiate

country, and the extradition treaties could not be construed to impose upon the American government the duty to surrender foreigners subjected to charges of that kind abroad. Another important principle is also

recognized as governing in cases of extradition. It is this, that a prisoner who has been surrendered to a government which has demanded his extradition may not be tried or punished, afer his surrender, for any other crime han the one for which he was extraited. This is very important, beause, unless this rule is strictly oberved, a government might secure the arrest of a patriot on the charge of murder, and then try him for a purely political offense.

A writer who signs himself "Ex-Attache," tells the story of the surrender by the United States to the Spanish government, of a Spanish fugitive, although no extradition treaty existed between the two countries at the time. He says:

"President Lincoln in 1863, caused the arrest and the surrender to the Spanish authorities of a man of the name of Arguelles in the absence of any extradition treaty with Spain, Arguelles, sho had been the lieutenant governo a province in Cuba, was charged ith a number of atroclous crimes igainst common law, among the minor cusations being one to the effect that had sold into slavery several hun-ed negroes, illegally brought from

"On the authority of Secretary of State Seward he was arrested by a United States marshal and turned over to the Spanish police officers who took him back to Havana for trial. A motion was at once made in the United States Senate calling the President to account in the matter, arguing that in the ab-sence of a treaty of extradition and of congressional legislation touching the surrender of fugitive criminals to Spanish government he had exceeded is powers as chief magistrate.

To this Secretary of State Seward replied to the effect that the President had given up Arguelles under the rules of international comity, which prescribe as a matter of courtesy the compliance with demands of this kind addresed by one civilized power to another, and he added that Mr. Lincoln had likewise acted in the affair in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution of the United States, which is not in favor of the principle of affording asylum to, fugitive criminals from abroad, but distinctly averse thereto."

The return of Stensland from Morocco should be an object-lesson to all who may need it. There is no place of safety for evil-doers, but even if they should chance to get out of the reach of human justice, they cannot escape their own conscience, nor eternal retribution.

## FOR "GOOD CITIZENS."

At this time of political activity it may be well to remember that there is a great difference between the legitimate contest for victory on election day, and the illegitimate strife and contention that sometimes are carried on to the great detriment of the communitles thus afflicted. Citizens naturally form different opinions on questions of government, and one side has just as much right to attempt to obtain control as the other. In fact, if the conviction that certain principles are true, is honest, it becomes the patriotic duty of those who hold them to labor for their acceptance. And when two, or more, groups of citiat on how "good citizens" are taken in by political demagogues. We take the liberty of copying part of this article, because it proves that the subject is occupying the minds of thoughtful writers at the present time. The Century says:

"If one could detach himself from all interest in an election except a psychological one-could be indifferent to results, from a patriotic point of view-the study of character and of personal peculiarities would be vastly entertain. For instance, it would be amusing to behold the fatuity with which certain well-meaning souls manage to be made tools of by the most patent demagogues and charlatans As sure as an election approaches wherein some grotesque ad-venturer is to play his game, one sees certain of one's acquaintance preparing to walk straight into the trap prepared for them. Sometimes the dupe has a half-consciousness of his position. and puts forth explanations and

apologies which make his conduct only more ridiculous, or, rather, more piti. ful and mischievous, But detachment of criticism is im-ssible when one takes one's citizen. ship to heart. A voter little acquaint. ed with history, a man ignorant of the traits which have marked the demagogues of all ages-especially the demagogues who use money lavishlymay have ample excuse for being mis-led, finding the demagogue's money actually in hand and hearing the pro mise of a prompt change for the bet-ter in all the conditions of life. But for the man who has had the oppor tubity of learning from books and from life the traits which mark the brazen, seif-seeking, self-advertising, sensational, mischief-making dema. sogue-for such a man to ratiocinate himself into the position of an apolo-

gist and supporter of a charlatan there is no excuse. "One may well ask why sincere believers in a cause are often so reck-less in the choice of leaders; why they let the leaders, in fact, choose them-selves, then feebly acquiesce. After acquiescing, they soon become advocates, repeating by rote the phrases that the adventurer has put into their mouths, and lending their influence to the creation of standards which demoralize the community.

"For it is right standards, and these alone, which save the community. There were noble standards in the minds of the generation that created the new republic of the New World, and there were noble standards in the minds of the generation that brought us through the civil war. There were standards of high principle, and standards of high character, in the chief upholders of those principles. Doubt-less neither era was without its dema. gogues, but the leaders were not of

"Every citizen, every voter, a takes a part in advancing the selfish career of a charlatan is doing irreparable harm to the country in his day and generation. Let such a citizen not excuse himself on account of his devotion to some particular cause, which also the charlatan pledges him. self to support. The good citizen should think too highly of his cause to wish to see its sacred banners borne by impure hands. He ought to be aware that the charlatan's support of some cause or other is absolutely necessary to any sort of success at the polls. For the political adventurer most free-handed with his money. knows well enough that votes cannot be secured by the distribution of cash for 'expenses' on a large enough scale to carry elections over a wide territory, without adding to the influence of money the influence of a cause,

Home again-Paul Stensland.

There is no Midway Plaisance on Midway Island.

If the worst comes to the worst, send

of the west as unique as were the journeyings of the argonauts to California in forty-nine. To Americans they are what the Arthurian legends are to the English, the song of Poland to the French, the Nibelungenlied to the Germans,

Efforts are being made in many eduational institutions of the country to do away with the fraternal societies that are regarded as an evil. The following resolutions have been passed by educational experts on that subject:

"Resolved, That this department takes this occasion to express its sympathy with the efforts now being made in various parts of our country to combat the permicious influence upon our youth of the fraternities and sororities now found in some of our secondary schools. The resent decision of the superior court of Washington assuring the boards of education of that state of their right to fix reasonable regulations, and to attach reasonable penalties to enforce the regulations, necessary to control these fraternities and sororities, is a cause of heartfelt congratulation all friends of the common schools. These undemocratic organizations threaten to change the entire character of the public high school, and must be controlled or abolished."

## SOUNDS A WARNING.

#### Toronto Globe.

Is Canada threatened with a moral decline which will end in the utter loss of the sense of right in our business and political life? That questions is no remote or academic topic which practical patriots can afford to put by. It goes to the very foundations of our civiliza-tion, and it is raised into prominence by every day's report of dishonesties in trade, and defalcations in finance, and malfeasance in public trust, and infidel-ities in private life. The man is moleeyed or shallow-pated who sees no pro-found national significance in the al-most daily uncovering of callous and cynical breaches of trust in high places. And still more significant is the attitude of public opinion in honorable business circles, in social clubs, and oven in the church itself, toward the most glaring and most deliberate wrongdoing. Men hold their own in seciety and carry themselves with a lofty swagger who played the game of loot and graft and were caught. If they condescend to any expression of regret t is not that they did the wrong, but that they were found out. They laugh at the verdant and unsophisticated suggestion of moral distinctions in busi-ness enterprises. With them business is business, and that only is wrong which proves to be unprofitable.

# AN INCONSISTENCY.

Boston Herald. By means of the free pass privileges permitted under the new rate bill, the Standard Oil company officials can be given passes on all railroads, because their pipe line is a common carrier, and common carriers are permitted to give and accept free transportation among themselves. Presumably, in return, the pipe line can give nothing except a larger proportion of oil shipments. No railroad official would care for free transportation through the Standard pipe lines, smooth as might be the way. This is but another example of the many inconsistencies which exist in the rate bill as it became a law, clauses that must be changed at the next sesslon of Congress or they may defeat some of the very purposes for which the bill was framed.

## RAILROAD ACCIDENTS. Portland Oregonian.

Twelve persons dead and seventeen

injured in a wreck at Grantham, Eng-

disaster to an express train near Lon-

land, following so closely on a





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the Dubois wing of the party, and take no stock in the attack made upon a class of citizens that forms a body of industrious, peaceable, law-abiding and progressive people of differing political faiths. He shows that there is no attempt by the Dubois faction to put forth political principles or policies, but only an assault upon a church. He therefore declines to speak on the lines indicated.

The gentleman suggests that there are laws on the statute books of Idaho sufficient for the vindication of morality, and that if there are cases of ylolation of the law such as are charged in the so-called "platform" of the Dubois faction, the proper way to proceed is to enforce those laws in the manner provided thereby. He considers that the managers of the campaign are making a great mistake, and that their course will be detrimental to the best interests of the people of the State.

We know that this opinion is entertained by many strong minds in both the great political parties in Idaho, and that they fully understand the motives behind the present onslaught to further the designs of a political trickster and contortionist, who has displayed chameleon colors so many times and is now making his final summersault. The idea of his "standing up for moral purity and the American home," evokes the laughter of posted people of all classes and parties. And the cry of "church influence," coming from that quarter is regarded as the very extreme of burlesque, for it is known that if that could be obtained in the direction desired, it would be accepted with the utmost and most obsequious giadness and abnegation.

There is not the slightest shadow of an excuse for raising that cry in the present campaign, and it is generally regarded as too silly to argue over. John Halley is to be honored for his frank and open position on this question, and he is backed by a host of stalwarts who will stand by their party principles, but will not wallow in the mire of factional vituperation to aid the accomplishment of personal ambition,

# RETURN OF STENSLAND.

If the idea has prevailed among defaulters that they are safe, as soon as they have reached a country which does not happen to have an extradition treaty with the United States, the fate of Siensland, the Chicago banker who has just been returned from Morocco. should undeceive them. The principle of extradition, the authorities say, is recognized by all governments, whether It is embodied in a treaty, or not. As a matter of courtesy, criminals who take refuge in a foreign country are nearly always returned, when their return is asked for.

There is, however, a common understanding that extradition must not be granted if the crime of which the fugitive is accused, is not a crime according to the laws of the country in which he has sought refuge. In accordance with this principle, political offenders are generally safe as soon as they cross the border of the country in which their alleged offenre is committed. There are offenses in monarchical states that would not be considered crimes in this

zens are deeply impressed with the truth of their respective opinions on matters pertaining to public affairs, and therefore engage in a competition for control, whereby their principles can be carried out for the benefit of the people, a legitimate party contest is on. It is conducive of good, as long as it is a struggle for principles and the outcome of a desire to benefit the people,

Unfortunately, all political contests are not of that nature. They sometimes are mere fights for personal advantages. There is no more patriotism in them than there is in the scramble of dogs for a handful of bones. Principles are set aside for the question of the money value of the coveted offices. When campaigns are lowered to the standard of brutes in the act of appeasing their hunger, they are no longer legitimate. They are not essentially different from the South American contests in which murder plays an important role. They have no room under the American Constitution. Those who engage in them as leaders are, politically considered, no better than highwaymen, and every

citizen who advances the cause of such selfish characters, is doing irreparable harm to the country. Usually this class of contests is conducted by means of false pretenses and misrepresentations. A person meet. wants an office. He wants it very much; not because his occupancy of the desired position would be of any particular benefit to the people, but to himself. If he had any solicitude for the welfare of the public he would wait for the expression of public sentiment as to the occupancy of this office or that. But he needs the position. What is he to do? If he is of a low, despicable character, he com-

mences a campaign of falsehoods. He assails those who already occupy the office in order to create prejudices against hem and their party. He pretends virtues he never had, and which he despises, in order to make a favor. able impression for himself. If he has money, he buys friends to promul. gate lies for him, and to work for him, and he spends his money with the understanding that he will reimhouse. burse himself out of the public funds, when he obtains the place for which he yearns. How can the public be served by characters of that kind in public positions? Can pretenders and falsehood-vendors be trusted in important offices? Is it probable that one who has reached his goal by char. latanry will turn out an honest, capable, and in every respect desirable trade. servant of the public? Is it not more probable that the character revealed during the campaign is the true one, and that he who obtains an office under faise pretenses, will continue to prove false to his trust? These ques-

tions are of special importance in this community, when office-seckers come before the citizens and ask for support on the false pretense that it is necessary to combine against evils. that do not exist, to correct wrongs that are no more real than the ghosts in uursery tales. Good citizens should be wide awake, in the interest of the community, lest they commit a mistake for which they must pay later on.

The October Century has an editori.

the Rough Riders to Cuba. Secretary Taft is striving for a peace victory no less renowned than war's.

And now the coal companies are having coals of fire heaped upon their heads.

Whom will General Funston capture when he reaches Cuba, Palma or Guerra or both?

It is not necessary to put Cuba under bonds to keep the peace so long as it is under Taft.

They are talking of a world's fair to be held in San Francisco in the year 1911. The object is to boom San Francisco.

Alexander sighed when there were no more worlds to conquer. Will Taft do the same when there are no more lids to sit upon?

Speaker Cannon says that he has no presidential bee in his head. For some reason and from some source there has been a lot of buzzing about him.

Bernard Shaw positively declines to come to this country. If Mahomet won't go to the mountain the mountain must go to Mahomet, if they are to

That high collars tend to produce nervous headaches among both men and women is the most recent discovery of a well known Viennese physician. So do "highballs."

In the coal investigation now being carried on by a member of the interstate commerce commission there is one word that expresses what it should be, and that word is "thorough."

Cornelius Vanderbilt, his friends say, has always hankered to go to Congress. He is a Republican. "But I can't be elected," remarked Mr. Vanderbilt the other day when the matter came up in desultory conversation. "Why?" "Fm too rich," he rejoined. His wealth points the way to the senate, not to the

President Roosevelt has contributed a hundred dollars towards defraying the expenses of a sult to determine whether or not a man may be excluded from a public place of entertainment because he wears the uniform of a United States sailor. The President is for "sailors' rights" if not for "free

It is announced that "Dutch Jake" Goetz one of the original owners of the Bunker Hill and Sullivan mine at Wardner, Ida., will build a monument to "Bill," the jackass, which first disclosed the famous Bunker Hill ledge in 1885 by pawing up the earth. There are monuments galors to asses, all of whom are not so worthy of one as BILL

After a lapse of more than a decade steamboat service has been resumed on the Missouri. This is glorious news but it is hardly likely that the river service there and on the Mississippi will ever again be what it was. It was a phase of development in the history

don a few weeks earlier, has a tendency to mar the bright record which English railroad men have always held up for the rest of the world to admire. The English are unquestionably more careful in the management of their rail-roads than are the Americans, but it must be remembered that conditions in that country are vasily different from those prevailing here. The roads are short compared with those in this coun-try, and, with their limited trackage, there is much less liability of some weak link giving way in the human chain of trackwalkers or other employes. The abundance of labor in Europe is also a factor. Over there a po-sition is guarded a liftle more closely than it is here, where dismissal for carelessness in one position does not bar the culprit from securing another.

# TAUGHT TO TRIM HATS.

Pittsburg Dispatch. The word has gone forth that hereafter in the schools of Pittsburg hat trimming and fancy millinery shall be taught to the girls of the higher classes. The system was first started in the Minersville school, and proved a great success. All the girls are greatly interested in their new branch of study. Last year the same school started a cooking class, and 530 girls took instruction in cooking, until the stomach of the aver-age Minersville parent is said to be near bullet-proof. Regarding the hat-trimming class, Professor John M. Golden of the school said: 'It is no joke. I have it figured out that a knowledge of hat trimming will prove most economical to many families, and for this reason we have an expert millinery justruct the girls one hour



each week.'

#### Vindication. "What do you think of this idea of spelling reform?

"It's all right," answered Farmer Corntossel. "I'm glad to see it. A allus did want something to happen to take the conceit out of the school teacher that used to lick me for not doin things his way."-Washington Star.

Bread on the Waters. "De sayin' is." said Brother Dickey,

dhat what you gives ter de poor you lends ter de Lawd, but you musin't spend all yo' time figgerin' how much interest will be comin' to you!"-Atlanta Constitution.

A Slander Nailed. We air lookin' fer a certain flossy guy that has been circulating a lie about us. He has been telling it around that we was drunk on wood alcohol on last Monday. It's a despicable slander. We was drunk on wood alcohol, but it was on Chewsday.-Hardeman Free Press.

#### Hardly Worth the Expense.

It is still a question even with the enthusiastic chauffeurs whether the prestige accruing from being ar-rested for violating the speed limit is really worth the fine that is imposed. Indianapolis News,

A sarcastic lawyer, during the trial of a case made the use of the expression, Cast not your pearls before swine." Subsequently, as he arose to make the argument, the judge face-tiously remarked. "Be careful, Mr. not to cast your pearls before swine." "Don't be alarmed, m'lud; I am

about to address the jury, not the court," was the reply of the barrister. -Tit-Bits.

"And now," said the friend of other days, "you are rich and independent." "Well," answered Mr. Cumrox, 'I am rich all right. But when mother and the girls are around I don't take chances on being too independent."-Vashington Star.