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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Sixty-fourth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 o'clock on *Friday* morning, April 6th, 1894.

The officers and members of the Church generally are cordially invited to attend the meeting of the Conference.

Wilford Woodruff,
George Q. Cannon,
Joseph F. Smith,
First Presidency.

TWO OBJECT LESSONS.

The Germans have an expressive way of describing those who are particularly shiftless and destitute of snap and energy and resource, yet not especially lazy: "Such people sit around with their mouths open waiting for roasted pigeons to fly in."

We wonder if there are not a good many of that kind of folks in Salt Lake City at the present time, men who would perhaps like to work, but who, because some one does not come along and hire them, stand in the sun on the street corners and rail at hard times and listlessly inquire of each other and of passing acquaintances when they can expect "something to turn up." The idea of taking off their coats and turning up something, not only their shirtsleeves but the hundreds of idle opportunities that are lying around us, apparently has never entered their minds.

At the risk of wounding their feelings, we advise them to stroll out northward a few blocks,—say into that section once known as the Nineteenth ward pasture—and take a lesson from the Chinese. The heathen out there are turning things up—the sod and soil. They are also turning things down—weeds and manure; and into the land as thus prepared they are dropping the little dull, hard seeds, that in the warm breast of mother earth are nourished and made to grow and yield fruit and food for man. A month hence these Chinamen will be getting cash for the work they are now doing; for nature never neglects to smile upon those who woo and conquer her. And some of these men who are now and at that time may still be standing on the street corners, will crave the succulent wares the heathen's basket contains; all the while perhaps complaining that this not a Chinaman's country anyhow, and clamoring for the expulsion of the quiet, industrious gardener.

That ought to be one object lesson. There is perhaps another. East and south and west of this city, within its limits and outside of them but within walking distance of it, are broad fertile acres capable of sustaining hundreds of families. Their last year's crop was, and their present year's crop according to every visible prospect will be, a goodly growth of rank weeds and a great assortment of big board signs giving the name of the "addition" and the real estate agent, and the price per piece of 25 feet of "these choice residence lots."

Weeds and board signs do not support anybody. The lands bearing them would support hundreds, and be all the better and the more inviting because of the cultivation received. The owners or agents of the lands would if sensible be ready to let any willing, industrious man have the season's use of an acre or two at a low rate or even free, rather than have the face of nature marred through the neglected growth of unsightly and useless vegetation; nay, they would probably be willing to supply such a man with the necessary seeds, taking their pay for the outlay in the produce itself.

Now, then, are there none among those at present standing around idle waiting for something to turn up, who can be spurred on to go and turn something up, even as the Chinese in the north fields are doing? Are there none upon whom the suggestion of these two object lessons are not wasted? Or, are they going to continue to wait, as the Germans say, with open mouths for roasted pigeons to come fluttering along and drop in?

HISTORICAL CORRECTIONS.

The News is pleased to give space to the following communication:

Salt Lake City, March 21, 1894.—Mr. [illegible] ... H. W. Bigler ... [illegible]

H. W. Bigler was, as you stated, the first to make the record of that important event. [illegible]

Herewith I forward to you my pamphlet on the first discovery of gold ... California ... Society of California Pioneers ... [illegible]

Feeling that you will be pleased to correct the mistake, I am, yours truly,

James S. Brown.

The pamphlet received from Mr. Brown is entitled "California Gold: an Authentic History of the First Find," and contains sixteen pages of interesting reading matter. It has been recently issued from the press at Oakland, California, the date of its authorship being January 24 of this year. The narrative covers from June 1, 1847, to the latter part of June, 1848.

The error which Mr. Brown calls attention to was made in a passage that has been much quoted in local publications, and the substance of which appeared in a widely-read series of articles of a few years ago in the *Century Magazine* on the Gold discovery: "Henry W. Bigler, of St. George, Azariah Smith, of Manti, in Utah, and Peter L. Wimmer, of San Diego, California, are today the three survivors of the party of workmen whose peasant shovels first brought to light the auriferous wealth of California." A few months ago Wm. Johnston, of New Mexico, wrote that he was still living, and his letter was published in the News; as he is not residing in Utah, he was not named in our article on the [illegible]. Now Mr. Brown comes forward with the information that Mr. Stephens is yet residing in Weber county and himself in this city. It is with more than ordinary satisfaction that we announce these additional facts to the public, and let the courtesy of speaking as to these Mr. Brown has our thanks.

We regard the pamphlet referred to as worthy the importance which the subject-matter has long attained to. It is [illegible] the California Pioneers' society. Its author was on the ground at the time and therefore speaks from personal knowledge. It bears evidence of being a more authentic and accurate account of the discovery of gold in California than is contained in the histories of that state now extant, including that of H. H. Bancroft, and is therefore a [illegible] of their statements. For this reason we give a brief summary of the narrative and some extracts therefrom.

Mr. Brown relates how the Mormon Battalion members decided to stay in California and seek employment for the winter of 1847-8, and narrates that a number of them were hired by Sutter and Marshall. Six of the Battalion—Alex. Stephens, H. W. Bigler, James [illegible], Az. [illegible] Smith, Wm. Johnston and James S. Brown—built a mill near the saw mill at Coloma, and did their own cooking. Mr. Brown tells how, on the day before the discovery was made, Mr. Marshall communicated to him his views that a bed of rock in the mill race contained gold. They got a pan and washed some of the sand, gravel and bedrock (the latter scaled off with a pick), but their search was unsuccessful. Mr. Marshall was not satisfied, however, and said he would turn in the water to run all night, and would shut it off in the morning to look for the metal. Thus it appears that the discovery was not accidentally made while examining some crevice in the tail race, but was the result of deliberate search. When Mr. Marshall shut the water off in the morning Mr. Brown remarked to his companions, "Oh, he is going to find a gold mine this morning." Mr. Brown's narrative then says:

[illegible]

Mr. Brown then details how he tested the metal by hammering it and by heating, and again declared that it was gold. He says:

[illegible]

The pamphlet goes on to relate how H. W. Bigler found gold in [illegible] ... Mormon Island ... [illegible]

[illegible]

Then we would find ... was Mormon Island, in which the first find was made ... [illegible]

[illegible]

A BUDDHIST [?] GOSPEL.

According to advices from London, a Russian traveler in Thibet, Nicolas Notovitch, has discovered an account of the life of Christ in the Pali language. The gentleman happened to meet with an accident and was temporarily laid up in a monastery. During that time the precious record was read to him and he took down a translation thereof. The following synopsis of the Pali gospel has been published by various papers:

[illegible]

A few more details about the discovery of this document would have been of great interest, if it really exists. It may help to throw light upon a subject much obscured, viz., the relation of the eastern religions to Christianity. There is nothing improbable in the statement that such a manuscript has been preserved ... [illegible]

[illegible]

... biographers of the New Testament. Luke, who had diligently inquired into the facts he recorded, states that Jesus from the age of twelve years, instead of fleeing from His parents as the Pali story has it, went with them to Nazareth and "was subject" to them, increasing in "wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man." And when at last He appeared as a public teacher, His opponents were amazed at His eloquence and knowledge, knowing that He had no education, as they understood it. These facts contradict both the Pali story and the many futile attempts of modern rationalists to account for our Saviour's wisdom by supposing that He had spent some time in His youth in Egypt or elsewhere. A circumstance of such importance would scarcely have escaped His countrymen, and they would have been glad to account for His influence by that fact. But they were not, and were unwilling to admit that the power of the Almighty operated through One whom everybody knew as the son of the carpenter from Nazareth.

Should the genuineness of the Pali manuscript be established and its date ascertained, it will, notwithstanding its deviations in some parts from the historical facts, be of immense importance, particularly because it may lead to further research in the orient and the discovery of more valuable evidence for the truth of Christianity.

Things Worth Remembering.

When you feel a kind of goneness about the stomach it is a sign that your food does not sit well and that you are about to have a fit of indigestion.

When you begin to feel nervous and are unable to sit still ... [illegible]

[illegible]

Coughs, Hoarseness, Sore Throat, etc. ... [illegible]

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