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NOT A "NEW" DECLARATION.

The local forger of falsehoods designates the Address of the Church to the world, adopted at the Conference on Friday, as a "new" declaration by the Latter-day Saints.

The reason why it calls this Address a "new" declaration, is plain enough. It hopes to give its dupes the impression that the Church is retreating, or shifting ground, compelled to do so, of course, by its silly and mendacious misrepresentations.

The Address declares nothing "new." It does not advance any new doctrine or originate any new practice. It states what the position of the Church is now, and always has been, at a declaration of the truth, as it is, in contrast to the falsehoods that have been circulated for the purpose of arousing prejudices against the Church.

That the Church believes in its divine origin and in continuous revelation, is not new. That church and state should be completely separated and neither dominate the other are principles as old as the Church itself.

WAR IN VAIN.

For some years past a peculiar combination of conspirators has been at work against the Church. In this combination can be seen the most incongruous elements.

Only a few years ago it was predicted by some of the prophets of evil that "Mormonism" would be doomed. The Church was going to split up in factions, and the government would, perhaps, send an army for the second time to these valleys, to destroy the remnant.

Looking at the multitudes assembled at the present annual conference of the Saints, one is impressed with the marvelous growth of the work. President Joseph F. Smith said in his opening address, that perfect unity and harmony prevail among the leaders of the Church as well as the officers of the various divisions thereof.

President Smith, in his opening address, also met the accusation that the leaders of the Church are deriving personal benefits from the tithing funds. He made the statement that there is not one of the general authorities of the Church, or the presiding quorums, who draws a dollar from those funds.

Every rumor spread by the conspirators about the Church is investigated, it is found to be false. False rumors serve the purpose of their circulation only as long as they can be kept in the dark.

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The Senate would take their words for truth. But the Senate preferred to investigate, and the result was that the allegations made against the Church were found to be without foundation in fact.

COAL LANDS SURRENDER.

Most important and far reaching in its effects will be the surrender of the Union Pacific Coal company, as reported in the Washington dispatches. It means that the government, which conducted preliminary inquiries in Salt Lake, Pueblo, Denver and Omaha, last fall, has made good its contention that vast coal deposits in the west had been illegally acquired by the "dummy" system, which was worked after such wholesale fashion.

CHANGE OF NAME.

For the benefit of those interested in the missionary work in Colorado and other western states, we call attention to the fact that the name of the Colorado mission has been changed to the Western States mission.

There are now, we understand 45 missionaries in that mission, which is presided over by Elder J.A. McRae, and they are doing a good work. The people generally receive the Elders with kindness, though indifference to all religious subjects is very much in evidence.

LOVEY AND DUTTON.

They did sleep together. Rose at same instant, worked. Laughed, sang and ate together. And who were they?

Thus are we led to paraphrase the friendship of two Salt Lake artists, the one dead and gone, the other living and disconsolate. A philosopher who had suffered much and who knew the meaning of human heart throbs, in sunshine and in shadow, once wrote that "he who has a thousand friends has not one to spare."

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THE ROUT OF NUTTING.

That was a most complete and effective rout to which the Rev. Mr. Nutting, the sheep wagon colporter, was put in Philadelphia the other day, as told by Mr. J. Lloyd Woodruff, in a letter in today's "News."

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wore; possible light. Entirely ignorant of the fact that any Utahns were in attendance, he pursued his course with the utmost recklessness and abandon. Suddenly a redoubtable traveling cycloped of western information arose and asked a respectful question, then other respectful but pointed questions, all to the manifest discomfort of the Rev. defamer, who soon discovered that he had plunged headlong into a thicket from which he could not easily escape.

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ARMENIA QUAKING.

The earth continues to quake. According to advices from Armenia, a number of lives were lost in the recent upheaval at Bitlis, and it is feared that the suffering of the population is great.

THE REFORMED SPELLERS ARE A BAND OF HOPE.

"What is a Democrat?" asks the New York World. A memory.

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A Pittsburg dispatch says that John Ellmore, the Altoona cobbler who invented the process by which he can burn ashes, has accidentally stumbled upon the fact that his compound for making ashes burn also almost wholly goes away with smoke as well.

Responsibility President Willcox of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad company makes the interesting statement in his annual report that his road has killed only three passengers in the last ten years, out of about 75,000,000 carried.

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The Influence A pastor not long ago was sorrowing over the fact that some of his people had been led astray into an acceptance of the fantasies of Mary Eddy, and that they were lost to the church and the cause of Evangelical religion.

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