

SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

A SPECIAL CONFERENCE for the State of Zion will be held in the New Tabernacle in this city on Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th.

BRIGHAM YOUNG, JOHN W. YOUNG, DANIEL H. WELLS, First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

- Interview with the Turkish consul in New York. Hungarians and Poles want to fight for Turkey. Italian musicians for the U. S. Army. A large land litigation case in Philadelphia. Diamond and jewelry robbery in Baltimore. Oakley Hall's family to join him in London. Poll not yet bombarded. Bismarck's statue unveiled at Kissingen. Eastern war news. Feud and tragedy at Meridian, Miss. English proclamation of neutrality. London Times says keep cool. Gladstone thinks England may justly complain of the Porte. The Khedive will assist the Porte, but not to the injury of his creditors. The Porte will protest against Russian informality. News and ambulances sent by the International Society. Fatal railroad disaster near Chicago. Strike of coal miners in Ohio. Tweed wants John Strahan for counsel. San Francisco water question. School question in British Columbia. Excitement over the Montreal fire. Enthusiasm over the Czar's birthday. Russian rubles for the wounded. Russian residents must leave Constantinople, or submit to the Ottoman laws. Finney the defaulting clerk, in San Francisco, disguised. Dime Bank suspension in Pennsylvania. Crockery and glassware failure in Boston. Suspicious stoppage of New York and Erie Bank. Close of New York Gold Exchange. More government employees discharged. Change of public printer. Virginia and Maryland oyster war. Decision of the Supreme Court. Circulation of national banks. A murderer arrested in New Hampshire. Fire at Buffalo, \$30,000. Suicide at Little Rock. That body not of Mr. Bliss. South Carolina Democratic officials seated. The Porte holds to the right to search suspected vessels. Grecian resistance to the calling out of reserves. Gondar not captured. Part of another body found in the St. Louis Hotel ruins. Another defaulting bank cashier. English answer to the Russian manifesto. Hobart Pasha runs the blockade. Wreck of a schooner and supposed loss of life.

WEST DAY FOR MAY DAY.

To-day (May 1) is not a very encouraging day for the children, so far as their usual May-day excursions and pic-nics and cannon rambles and flower-gathering and outdoor games are concerned. But for the farmers and the gardeners, and through them for the public at large, it is one of the best of days. There could hardly be a better, hardly one more favorable for the young crops. The thorough soaking rain of the past night will help the young grain and vegetable seedlings, and this is just the time when they need help of that refreshing, invigorating kind. It gives them a good start in life, and enables them to acquire root and strength to endure the heat and drought of the summer that will soon be here. So far as we have learned, a large breadth of land has been sown in small grains this Spring. Go where you will, and there the harrowed fields betoken the fact, while in most of them the green blades show themselves regularly all over the field, an earnest of a fuller showing in a short time. Of course the Fall wheat looks the earliest, greenest, strongest and best, but there is not much of it. One great objection to the sowing of Fall wheat seems to be the absence of fence, and the impossibility of keeping the cattle off the fields which surround the fences. The Spring and Summer herding by day and corralling at night saves the Spring-sown crops. One notable thing in the country is the increasing cultivation of the bench lands, in some places where more or less water is accessible, and in others where there is none, except that which falls direct in snow and rain. Stretches of dry bench land which a few years ago nobody would look at, except as a stock range, are now being gradually brought into subjection to the plough, and are producing more or less for the maintenance of the rapidly increasing population of the territory. So far the present season the crop outlook is promising.

The London Telegraph says, "A man who claims the ground upon which Cleopatra's Needle, recently presented to the United Kingdom by the Khedive of Egypt, has fenced it round, and demands several thousands of pounds compensation before he will allow the monument to be removed."

Correspondence.

Two Days' Meetings - Organization of the Kanab Stake of Zion.

KANAB, Kanab, Utah, April 17, 1877.

Editor Deseret News. At half past twelve p.m. the following members of the Twelve Apostles, viz., John Taylor, Orson Pratt, Lorenzo Snow, and Erastus Snow, who were followed by the other Bishops of the Stake, viz., Samuel Rockwell, and Geo. W. Ward, arrived at this place to fill an appointment.

Arrangements had been made by Bishop Nuttall for distributing the members of the company, and there was no lack of attention on the part of the good people of this far settlement.

At two p.m. the new and commodious brick school-house was well filled by the Saints, including many from other and distant settlements.

After singing and prayer, Elder Orson Pratt addressed the Saints, referring to the early history of the Latter-day Saints in Utah, and plainly showed that the prediction of Isaiah was fulfilled by the Latter-day Saints in their city, being a "city low in a low place." "My people shall dwell in peaceable habitations," &c. The people in this southern country were enjoying peace. They had not the wicked influences to contend with which the Saints had in some of the northern settlements; and it was to be hoped that this people would so instruct their children that if wicked influences were introduced God would so overcome that the youth of the Saints might be preserved in the faith of the Gospel.

This people had raised the standard of Truth to all nations, and had been invited to embrace the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, which gave them liberty indeed.

Elder Lorenzo Snow was pleased to see so many improvements made since his visit to this place about eighteen months since, and thought the well-proportioned new school-house exhibited a liberality of soul worthy of commendation.

The last few days we have had beautiful rains, and the sturdy farmers and gardeners had assumed genial smiles as they think of the full bins, and ripe luscious fruit. Our prospect for fruit is splendid, never better.

Coats and suits are somewhat prevalent among children, and one or two deaths have occurred of late.

BY TELEGRAPH. PER WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE. TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES. EASTERN. An Extensive Claim. NEW YORK, 1.-The Times Philadelphia special says proceedings are about to be commenced for the recovery of one of the most valuable pieces of city property by the heirs of Col. Henry Becker, who died in 1801.

Italian Musicians for U. S. Army. By the Adriatic, which arrived on Sunday, were about a dozen Italian musicians, who have been enlisted in Italy to form a portion of a band for service in the United States Army. They were met at Castle Garden by two sergeants of the regular army, and escorted to Governor's Island.

The Turkish Consul Interviewed. Sherer, the Turkish consul, in this city, said yesterday, that dealers in all kinds of supplies called daily upon him asking for contracts to supply the Turkish Government, but he had no authority to purchase anything.

At West Jordan, April 30th, 1877, MR. EDMOND BACON, of Pleasant Grove to MESS MARY ANN GARDNER, of West Jordan, Bishop A. Gardner, father of the bride, officiating.

Elder Erastus Snow mentioned that James L. Bunting had sustained as Superintendent of the Sabbath Schools in this State of Zion. Carried by unanimous vote. He asked the Saints to plant mulberry trees and fill the mill-race, given them at the late conference, viz., to raise silk, and thus add another branch to our home industries in the south.

On Monday morning last, President E. Young and party left our quiet little city for Salt Lake. The people have enjoyed their teachings during the past winter, and no doubt will be benefited and improved from the effects of the teachings of those Elders.

President E. Snow has left us for a time to preach in the northern counties, where he will no doubt prove a blessing to the Saints, as he is a good counselor and a wise leader, the evidence of which can be seen in the building up of this southern country.

Several bishops and their counselors were appointed and sustained today as local bishops in St. George.

To-morrow night all the wood-workers and painters meet to consider the feasibility of uniting their labors. On Tuesday night we have a meeting of the same kind with the same object in view.

Mr. Welch's son, of Morgan City, whose accident was recorded a week ago in this paper, is again under surgical treatment. The wound in his wrist, which was sewed up, was severe, and he was instructed to keep it in a certain position. But through a fit of coughing and sneezing it was displaced, and though the stitches did not give way the wound commenced to bleed again.

Saturday night two young men, strangers, went to Mr. Goff Moore's boarding house on Fifth Street, and asked for lodgings, paying the bill in advance. Last night they went again, after being absent all day, and paid and staid again. This morning when Mr. Moore went to the room they had occupied he found the bedding - blankets, sheets and covers were all gone! The two bilks had baled it up and departed.

Once more the city jail is "lurching." At night some new men from the outside pried open the iron grating at the back of the cell in which Gray and Crowley were confined and they both escaped. We hope the officers will thoroughly investigate this matter and make discovery of the aiders and abettors of criminals.

It is stated that the patent on the "feed motion" in sewing machines expires forever on the 8th of this May.

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THE BEST THING YET FOR DOMESTIC USE! IS THE SCOURING SOAP! MANUFACTURED BY R. MATTHEWS & CO., SALT LAKE CITY.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN. Eastern War News.

LONDON, 1.-A Vienna correspondent says the Porte has now given official insurance that it does not intend to carry on the war on Servian territory.

A telegram from Tiflis states that a Russian administration has been established in the district of Schoumra, near Kara.

The colossal statue of Prince Bismarck which was exhibited at Philadelphia last year, was unveiled at Kissingen, yesterday, close to the spot where Kuhlmann attempted to assassinate the Prince.

CONSTANTINOPLE, 1.-The Porte reserves the right to search suspected vessels both on the coast and at sea.

ATHENS, 1.-The districts of Hermeio, Argolis and Proas resist the law calling out extraordinary reserves.

Our Country Contemporaries. Ogden Junction, April 30.- Mr. L. B. Stevens, the newly appointed postmaster for this city, arrived last evening and will enter upon the discharge of his duties to-morrow. Mr. S. is from Cincinnati, Ohio.

Elder Sanford Bingham, of Riverdale, has returned from his mission to the States, to which he was appointed last fall. We regret that ill health forbade his further labors in the outside ministry. His constitution could not endure the strain of travel and public speaking.

We regret to say that Mr. Horatio Hancock's little son, who had one of his eyes removed in consequence of cancer, is still afflicted with that terrible disease, notwithstanding the loss of the eye. The cancer has grown again since the operation, necessitating further surgical treatment. The poor little fellow is a great sufferer.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. NOTICE! JUST OPENED A FIRST-CLASS HOTEL AND BOARDING HOUSE (On cor. opposite St. George Co-op. Store.) If you are visiting Southern Utah will please call on them and they will be glad to accommodate you.

HAZARD POWDER. CONSTANTLY on hand a complete stock of this safe powder and justly celebrated GUNPOWDER.

NOTICE. THE ANNUAL SEMI-ANNUAL Meeting of the Stockholders of Zion's Cooperative Mercantile Institution will be held at the Old Tabernacle, in this city, on Saturday, May 25, 1877, at 8 o'clock p.m. for the transaction of such business as may be brought before it.

EAGLE EMPORIUM COLUMN.

Advertisement for Eagle Emporium Column, featuring various goods like boots, hats, caps, crockery, and dry goods. Includes the text: 'CROCKERY, HATS & CAPS, BOOTS & SHOES, IMPORTERS, JOBBERS, AND RETAIL DEALERS IN GENERAL MERCHANDISE.'

Large advertisement for Z. C. M. I. featuring 'ANOTHER TRAIN OF NEW GOODS', 'Fresh Novelties! Rare Bargains!', and 'Ladies' Dolmans, Ladies' Dolman Cloths'. Also includes 'SPRING GOODS' and 'BARGAINS!' sections.