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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-fifth Semi-annual Con-  
ference of the Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints will be held in  
the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, com-  
mencing on Thursday, October 6, 1904.  
A general attendance on that day of  
the officers and members is requested  
and expected.JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
JOHN R. WINDER,  
ANTHONY H. LUND,  
First Presidency.

A UNIVERSAL ALPHABET.

We notice that the Boston university,  
in a circular letter, invites opinions  
on the proposition to hold an inter-  
national conference for the purpose  
of discussing the practicability of adopting  
a universal alphabet.By all means, let the conference be  
held, for a gathering of that kind will  
result in good, even if the object aimed  
at is not immediately attained. A uni-  
versal alphabet would be a link in the  
chain that finally will bind humanity  
together in one brotherhood.The English language is more unfor-  
tunate than cognate tongues in its al-  
phabet. A perfect alphabet would con-  
sist of a number of letters correspond-  
ing exactly to the number of simple  
sounds of which the language is made  
up. But there is no such perfect al-  
phabet, and the English is both insuffi-  
cient and redundant. The spoken  
language has at least forty-one simple  
sounds, and for these it has but twenty-  
six letters, two of which are absolutely  
useless for phonetic purposes. This is  
the case, more or less, with all lan-  
guages, but ours is really worse off  
than many others. A reform of the al-  
phabet, giving to each sound its own  
symbol, would seem to be demanded by  
an advanced civilization.But the contemplated change is not  
easy. Arbitrary signs would not at  
first obtain general favor. Alphabets  
are the result of growth, of evolution,  
just as language itself. But even if  
the nations should accept, at the hands  
of scholars, an arbitrary set of letters,  
the difficulty would not be obviated.  
Languages change. The pronunciation  
of words undergoes changes; some  
sounds are lost, being merged into  
others, while others are more or less  
modified. A set of letters once agreed  
upon would therefore have to be mod-  
ified from time to time.That the written signs, as we now  
have them, are the result of evolution  
appears clear from what little is known  
about the origin of our letters. In the  
first instance, man, striving to en-  
courage from the uncivilized condition,  
appears to have drawn pictures, for  
the purpose of commemorating events,  
or communicating thoughts. But the in-  
convenience of picture writing soon  
suggested the necessity of abbreviating,  
and substituting for instance a sword  
for an armed man, a flag for an invad-  
ing enemy, a curved line for a ship, and  
so on. Such abbreviations, used in  
course of time, lose all resemblance  
to the objects they originally represent-  
ed, and become simply conventional  
marks. As yet, though, they are not  
"letters," but signs. They stand for  
words, not sounds.The transition from sign writing to  
letter writing is seen to have had its  
difficulties. The ancient Egyptian  
scholars, if they wished to record a  
name of a man, for instance, could  
think of no better device than draw-  
ing in a given space a number of ob-  
jects the united letters of which, when  
pronounced, would give the sounds re-  
quired, as if we, to write the word  
Utah, would draw, in a given space,  
a Unicorn, a Tree, an Ax, and a Hoe.  
This was a very inconvenient mode of  
writing, but from it was only a short  
step to letter-writing, proper. At first  
only sixteen letters were conveyed  
from Egypt to Greece. But this event  
was hailed as the dawn of an ad-  
vanced civilization in eastern Europe.In the Semitic languages, this grad-  
ual process from emblematic signs is  
still apparent in the alphabets. The  
letters Aleph, Beth, Ghimel, Jod, etc.,  
mean, respectively, ox, camel, camel,  
hand, and they were at first crude  
likenesses of those animals and objects.It is to be observed, too, that the  
adoption of letters did not at once  
supersede the picture writing. In  
Egypt the latter was for centuries pre-  
ferred for religious, and other solemn  
purposes. In fact, the Egyptians at  
one time found themselves using threedifferent kinds of writing—the hiero-  
glyphic, in which the sacred mysteries  
were recorded; the hieratic, which was  
used by the priests, and the demotic,  
used by the common people.Should an arbitrary universal alpha-  
bet be adopted today, we would also  
have at least two modes of writing, for  
no arbitrary alphabet could in a mo-  
ment supersede the letters that have  
developed with civilization.

ABOUT SUGAR CITY.

The first number of the Sugar City  
Times has come to hand. It is pub-  
lished every Friday at Sugar City, Fre-  
mont county, Idaho. James H. Wals  
is its editor, which means that it will be  
a vigorous, outspoken, and well con-  
ducted public journal, also that, as an-  
nounced, it will be Republican in pol-  
itics, although its chief topic will be the  
sugar-beet and sugar-making indus-  
tries. These it will endeavor to pro-  
mote both as to the Fremont enterprise  
in particular and the subject in gen-  
eral. We learn from the Times that  
Sugar City is advancing rapidly, build-  
ings are being rushed both for resi-  
dence and for business, it will have  
electric lights and the telephone ser-  
vice. It has already a fine railroad  
depot, stores, banks, lumber yards, a  
band, a choir, a meetinghouse, a  
ward organization with all the neces-  
sary officers and auxiliaries, and a  
growing, energetic population. As to  
its principal industry, Manager Mark  
Austin, who has raised two crops of  
cane this season on the townsite lands,  
has the following to say, in the Times:"The beets throughout the entire dis-  
tricts of Fremont and Bingham counties  
are looking exceedingly fine, and grow-  
ing very rapidly. The tonnage will be  
far in excess of the most sanguine  
expectations of sixty days ago. Many  
farmers who have their beets on good  
lands, and where they have been prop-  
erly cared for, will go between 15 and  
20 tons per acre, while some will even  
go beyond that. Notwithstanding the  
fact that climatic conditions have been  
very unfavorable, not only to the beet  
crop, but to all other crops, the phenom-  
enal growth the beets have made and  
the results that have been attained  
for the best growers of Fremont and  
Bingham counties this year, has thor-  
oughly demonstrated beyond a question  
of a doubt that this section of Idaho  
ranks among the foremost districts, if  
not the best district, for the growing  
of sugar beets, in the United States.  
From the fact that we have an unlim-  
ited supply of water, with an abun-  
dant supply of good soil, adapted to beet  
culture.""There is certainly a great future for  
the beet industry, and of other lines  
of agriculture and also that of horti-  
culture in the counties of Fremont and  
Bingham, which cannot be surpassed any-  
where in the west."

WOUNDS FROM RUSTY NAILS.

Injuries from stepping upon rusty  
nails and wounds in the hands from the  
same cause, so frequently result in  
lockjaw and death, that the idea is  
prevalent that such accidents are neces-  
sarily fatal. No doubt the fear and  
nervousness thus created have much to  
do with the very serious results. We  
have received the following recipe which  
the writer asserts has proved success-  
ful, without fail, in a number of in-  
stances that might be cited. We pub-  
lish it by request without knowing any-  
thing of its virtues, but merely offer it  
for use and testing:"Spanish Fork, Sept. 11, 1904.  
"Take the yolk of eight, stir thick  
with table salt, spread on cloth and  
apply. It will draw out all the poison.  
It is also efficient in pitchfork wounds  
and many other such like accidents and  
hard, painful swellings."  
"COMMUNICATED."

ABOUT DAVID H. SMITH.

The Deseret News has announced the  
death of David H. Smith, son of Joseph  
Smith the prophet, and the following  
further particulars are taken from the  
Saints' Herald, organ of the "Reorgan-  
ized church." The deceased was known  
to many of our people here, in conse-  
quence of two visits paid by him to  
Utah. The editor of the Deseret News  
met and conversed with him on his  
visit to Ogden in 1872. David was also  
met in this city by several of the wives  
who were sealed to his father in Nau-  
voo under the ordinance revealed  
through the prophet, and who solemnly  
testified to David as to the fact of their  
union. This had a very powerful ef-  
fect upon his mind, and probably caused  
a conflict of thought which unsettled  
him, because of the belief that he  
had entertained through erroneous  
training, that his father had never en-  
tered into or taught the practice of  
plural marriage. His subsequent aberra-  
tion and some particulars of his  
career are given in the sketch which  
we take from the paper already named.  
We deeply regret the untimely end of  
a man who was highly esteemed, not  
only by his co-religionists but by many  
of the Saints in Utah, and we sincerely  
sympathize with his bereaved family  
and relatives. The Herald says:"David H. Smith was born November  
17, 1844, at Nauvoo, Illinois, and died  
at Elgin, Illinois, August 29, 1904, aged  
fifty-nine years, nine months, and  
twelve days.  
"He was baptized at Montrose, Iowa,  
October 27, 1861, by Elder John Shippy.  
He was ordained to the office of Priest  
March 21, 1863, at Nauvoo, by Joseph  
Smith, A. H. Smith, and Benjamin Aus-  
tin; and on October 8, 1863, was or-  
dained an elder, by Joseph Smith and  
W. W. Blair. In 1871 he was chosen  
president of the second quorum of Eld-  
ers with Phileas Cadwell as counselor.  
He was chosen second counselor to the  
president of the church, and was or-  
dained as such at Plano, Illinois, April  
10, 1873, by J. W. Briggs, L. L. Rogers,  
Isaac Sheen and E. C. Briggs. He was  
released from the responsibility of this  
office by command of God and action  
of the church April 11, 1885.  
"He was sent by the church on a  
mission to Utah and the Pacific slope  
twice: the first time in 1869, when he  
and his brother Alexander H. Smith  
went together; and the second time in  
1872. Upon his return from the last  
named mission he was taken sick, re-  
covered partially, so far as bodily  
health was concerned, but gave evi-  
dence of disturbed mentality. He made  
his home for a time with his brother  
Alexander, who owns large dairy mills  
in the fall of 1873 was taken to Plano,  
Illinois, by his brother Joseph, and was  
cared for by him until his mental de-  
rangement became so marked that it  
was deemed dangerous to the family,  
and by notification of the citizens mak-  
ing demand that he be restrained, his  
brother Joseph was compelled to take  
him to the hospital for the insane locat-  
ed at Elgin, Illinois. This he did Janu-  
ary 13, 1877, upon an inquiry at York-  
ville, the county seat of Kendall Coun-  
ty, by a proper jury and by order ofcommitment from the county authori-  
ties.""From the date of his being taken to  
the hospital up to his death there was  
no marked improvement in his mental  
condition, but so far as the work in this  
life was concerned, he has during the  
years of his confinement been as one  
removed from its activities by a fate  
more cruel than death. What were the  
causes leading to such a condition will  
probably not be known until the great  
judgment day.""He was joined in marriage to Clara  
C., daughter of William Hartshorn, at  
Sandwich, Illinois, May 10, 1870. He  
lived for a time at Plano and at Nau-  
voo, Illinois. At the last-named place  
a son, Elbert A., was born March 8,  
1871, and with his mother survives him.""Bro. David's body was brought from  
Elgin by his son and Bro. R. S. Sal-  
vatore, reaching Nauvoo on Wednesday,  
August 31, and was buried from the  
Saints' church September 1, services in  
charge of Bro. John Smith, prayer by  
Bro. R. S. Salvatore. The attendance  
was large, the ceremonies peaceful and  
beautiful. The spirit attending seemed  
to indicate that whatever the life of our  
brother had been for thirty years, he  
was accepted by the Master."Most platforms are novels that point  
a moral.Money makes the campaign go, and  
campaigns make the money go.New York City is getting to be a po-  
litical and physical storm center.To speak of dum-dum bullets always  
sounds like euphuistic profanity.The November and not the September  
states will decide the presidential elec-  
tion.Speakers and writers would do well  
to remember that the less said the bet-  
ter said.People who live in glass houses and  
candidates for office shouldn't throw  
stones.The Japanese and Russian armies are  
resting; the former on its laurels, the  
latter just resting.A crisis is said to be nearing in Pan-  
ama. A crisis certainly is an improve-  
ment on a revolution.A man who "bolts" his food and a  
man who "bolts" his party, are both  
very liable to be dyspeptics.A woman is as old as she looks and  
man as old as he feels. Candidate Dav-  
is says that he feels very young.President Roosevelt remains quietly  
at Sagamore Hill while his running  
mate is running all over the country.It is against the law to carry brass  
knuckles, but the law allows a man to  
carry a brazen face without molesta-  
tion.Dan Lamont thinks it will be a good  
year for the New York Democrats if  
they will nominate Goodyear for gov-  
ernor.The maximum speed at which street  
cars can run in Lincoln, Neb., is seven  
miles an hour. Rather a slow town,  
Lincoln.Dearly as he loves the strenuous life,  
Colonel Roosevelt wisely refused to  
take a hand in the fight for the Repub-  
lican nomination for governor of New  
York.The Japanese continue to throw shells  
into the town of Port Arthur. The  
Russians are holding out so well that  
they should throw a lot of bouquets to  
them.There is no better word in the lan-  
guage than "American," but it has  
been very unfortunate in being select-  
ed as the name of narrow and bigoted  
political parties.Hon. James Bryce is again in the  
country, this time to study a presi-  
dential election. May he soon give us  
the result of his observations, for  
his studies are always delightful.The Chicago board of education finds  
in its school census that the popula-  
tion of Chicago is 500,000 less than the  
new Chicago directory makes it out  
to be. What a fall was there, my coun-  
trymen.A pretty Georgia girl is said to have  
been captured by bandits and is now  
held for ransom in the swamps about  
ten miles from Atlanta. The kidnappers  
threaten to harm the girl unless the  
ransom is paid. Which proves that  
Bulgaria is not the only country where  
bandits flourish.According to the newspaper reports  
of the sad experiences of Princess  
Louise, the unfortunate lady was in  
love with a young gardener, when she  
married the prince, wherefore she finally  
concluded to run away with a  
count. A rather intricate plot.A young negro was testifying at a  
revival in Troy, Kan., and said that al-  
though he had stolen watermelons,  
chickens and an occasional ham, as  
well as having carved two men, he was  
thankful that he was trying to be a  
Christian still. If at first he doesn't  
succeed, he should try, try again.Dowie, who hitherto has posed as an  
"Elijah," a short time ago announced  
that he was about to assume the title  
of "first Apostle." Dowie appropriates  
whatever titles happen to strike his  
fancy. Nothing can prevent him from  
ending up with claiming honors as the  
Messiah—a rather probable finale to  
such a career, if neither modesty nor  
regard for truth cuts it short.

BREAD.

Correspondent of the London Times.  
I was informed a few weeks ago by a  
gentleman who owns large flour mills  
that the craze for white bread is being  
carried to such extremes that many  
millers are putting up expensive ma-  
chinery for the purpose of actually  
bleaching the flour. This is being done  
by ozone and nitrous acid, the object  
being to make an artificial white bread  
and to enable grain to be used which  
would otherwise give a darker color to  
the flour. . . . It is the opinion of  
many who can speak with authority onthe subject that bread, instead of be-  
ing as formerly the "staff of life," has  
become to a great degree an indigesti-  
ble, unwholesome food, and that it is  
responsible among other causes for  
the want of bone and for the dental  
troubles in the children of the present  
generation.

THE MEAT STRIKE.

Springfield Republican.

The meat strike faded out weeks  
ago, so far as the public was con-  
cerned, and few people were interested  
enough in it to notice yesterday that  
the strike leaders had surrendered and  
advised their followers to get back to  
work at once. The struggle proved to  
be an overwhelming defeat for the la-  
bor unions engaged in it. They can-  
not complain if the fortune of war runs  
against them, for they appeal to the  
arbitrator of force and contending  
resources in their strikes. In this case,  
the strikers have found the packing  
companies too strong, and they now  
pay the penalty of a disastrous conflict  
in wages lost and unions shattered.  
But experience will in time bring wis-  
dom and wisdom will eventually bring  
industrial peace. The fact that the ex-  
perience is costly matters nothing, for  
all the experience of the race has had  
its heavy price.

Boston Herald.

No great foresight was needed, when  
the meat strike broke out, to draw the  
conclusion that the disaster which has  
now overtaken the strikers would be  
the inevitable consequence of their mis-  
judged undertaking. The movement  
was foredoomed to defeat, just as the  
movement in Full River is destined to  
end in defeat, although in the latter in-  
stance there was in the best conditions  
imposed upon the mill hands far greater  
justification for the action taken by  
them than ever existed in the case of  
those engaged in the meat strike. In  
Full River it is the force of the situa-  
tion which will control events, a situa-  
tion which unfortunately appears to  
make the payment impossible of what  
would be termed even moderately rea-  
sonable wages.

DISGUSTED WITH FIGHTING.

Boston Transcript.

As was inevitable, of course, even  
California is becoming disgusted with  
prize fighting, pugilists and everybody  
connected with the particular form of  
professional barbarism. For some  
years she has had the unbridled dis-  
tinction of being the only state in the  
Union that legalized knock-out exhibi-  
tions, but now the supervisors of  
San Francisco threaten to refuse any  
more permits, no matter what the law  
says. The reason given for this sud-  
den awakening to decency is that it has  
been discovered that the people en-  
gaged in the business of prize fighting  
are not gentlemen. The fighters them-  
selves are found to be "squealers";  
their managers have shown themselves  
unscrupulous and are in constant  
wreathes, and the "exhibitions" are un-  
der suspicion of being "fixes" some-  
times. Perhaps Citizen Corbett has  
been opening the eyes of his fellow  
Californians since his last unfortunate  
affair, or perhaps a recent fiasco in the  
metropolis of the coast has disillusion-  
ized somebody whose predictions came  
out wrong; or perhaps the energetic  
Western spirit has simply secured of  
such talk and so little doing.  
But whatever the cause is, respectable  
people everywhere must be glad.

BEWARE OF PANAMA.

Spokane Spokesman.

It will be well if the many who have  
contemplated making a trial of fortune  
on the isthmus of Panama give some  
consideration to the special report just  
made to the state department by Min-  
ister John Barrett. Unless a stamped  
to Panama is prevented, the canal zone  
is likely to be filled up with thousands  
of adventurous Americans who will  
find nothing to do. As it is remote, and  
people have but an imperfect knowl-  
edge of conditions on the Isthmus,  
there may be the same burning desire  
to get employment or gain a fortune  
that is always noticed when some great  
undertaking is to be started in new  
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Pretty bright plaids, yokes trimmed with solid color cloth to match yoke finished with pointed braid and medallion trimmed bertha. Ages 5, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 years.

## \$1.25