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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-fifth annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene on Thursday, the 6th of April, and adjourn Friday afternoon until Sunday morning, and close Sunday afternoon.

A general Priesthood meeting will be held on Friday night, commencing at 7:30.

The special Priesthood meeting for the General and Presiding Authorities of the Church will be held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency.

The general semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, April 2, 1905, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, GEORGE REYNOLDS, JOSEPH M. TANNER, General Superintendency.

EXCELLENT APPOINTMENTS.

The appointments made for the management of the Utah exhibit at the Portland Exposition, we believe, will give universal satisfaction. The choice of Hon. Spencer Clawson, of this city, for Director General was particularly appropriate.

Another very happy choice is that of Mr. M. F. Cunningham for secretary of the commission. He is a well known and thoroughly efficient newspaper man, so recognized by the press fraternity of Salt Lake, and fully competent to fill the place for which he has been selected.

WHAT AILS SALT LAKE.

The impression which some inveterate enemies of Utah are endeavoring to create abroad, that business affairs in this State are monopolized by, or under the complete control of, the "Mormon" Church, is quite likely to have a bad effect unless it is counteracted by people here, who know its falsity and deplore the continual misrepresentations that are sent out from this point through the press and by "special dispatches."

If any prominent "Mormon" particularly if he occupies a presiding position in the Church, engages in any business enterprise, no matter of what character, it is at once proclaimed that it is the Church that is so engaged and exercising exclusive control of that particular enterprise.

As an example of this kind of falsification, it has been published widely that "the Mormon" Church has added to its numerous business organizations

a life insurance company;" and this is made to appear as hostile to other associations and antagonistic to their interests. The story has no more foundation in truth than others of a like character.

The facts in the case are these! Three young men, one of whom resides in Brigham City, being familiar with insurance matters, came to the conclusion from close investigation that a life insurance company could be formed in Utah which would be profitable to its members and also to the general public.

The writer of this article happened to be present when they made their application and explained their project. The matter was taken under advisement, and after a few days the gentlemen named consented to invest \$5,000 each in the company to be formed, providing that a sufficient sum could be secured to make up the intended amount of capital stock.

The promoters of the movement were anxious to obtain the consent of President Joseph F. Smith to be president of the new company. The mere suggestion of his name acted like a sanguine flag to a furious bovine, and it was at once proclaimed that the Church had entered the field of life insurance and that this meant a death blow to all other insurance associations.

The "Mormon" Church is not necessarily a stockholder of the different institutions in which President Smith and some of his associates are individually interested. They have as much right as any citizen of the State to invest money or other property in commercial, financial, agricultural or industrial concerns.

In some instances the Church, as an organized body, through its Trustees-in-trust has advanced means for the establishment and maintenance of enterprises for the promotion of the general welfare. But in doing so it has not put up a barrier in the way of any person, firm or corporation to engage in similar pursuits.

In the face of these facts, why should there be such intense feeling and vigorous agitation caused by a report that the Church has entered some particular field of business? Even if it were true, what concern is it of anybody but the Church members? The Church is not going to invest or seize upon money that does not belong to it, nor to hinder nor proclaim against the establishment of other enterprises by private individuals.

It is a wicked and inexcusable method of assailing men and a Church against which the hatred of a few virulent enemies is directed. It is, however, the outcropping of their innate iniquity. We do not care to enter into the matter of their personal character or their private lives. It is their public doings that we deplore, and which we think the non-"Mormon" business people of this city and State should denounce and oppose.

As long as the decent, respectable non-"Mormon" ladies and gentlemen of Utah, who admit in private conversation their supreme disgust and aversion at the course pursued by the "Mormon"-haters and their villainous attacks upon prominent men in the community, hold their peace in public and refrain to place before the country the real facts in the case now considered, it is likely that the infamous work of detraction will go on, to the detriment of all classes of people here, and the continuance of that strife and ill-feeling which we should all endeavor to banish out of existence.

AMBITION OR IMPUDENCE.

Someone, the other day, took the country into his confidence—or thought he did—and made the statement that he had an ambition to sit in the United States Senate. And that ambition, he said, was not improper.

That, we should say, would depend entirely on the qualifications that go with the ambition. If a man, besides ambition, has the mental and intellectual qualities that are necessary to fill such an exalted place with honor to himself and the State he represents, his ambition is, so far, not improper. But if he is an ignorant, without the necessary culture to grasp the great questions of the day, his place is certainly not in the United States Senate.

Again, a man's moral character may be so weak, or so battered, that his ambition for a place where only the highest type of morality should be found, must be considered improper in the highest degree. No one would, for instance, admit that the ambition of a convict for a senatorship would be proper.

With the proper qualifications to serve the public, ambition to do so, even in the most important positions, is proper; when those qualifications are lacking, the ambition is improper. It is impudence, rather than ambition, to help an individual up to a sphere far above his intellectual and moral equals, in a position that puts him on a level with the social structure.

"HOW TO TREAT A LIE."

The following advice by a writer in the Saturday Evening Post is well founded in the experience of generations: "It is pretty hard to know how to treat a lie when it's about yourself. You can't go out of your way to deny it, because that puts you on the defensive, and sending the truth after a lie that's got a running start is like trying to round up a stampeded herd of steers while the scare is on them.

"About the only way I know to kill a lie is to live the truth. When your credit is attacked, don't bother to deny the rumors, but discount your bills. When you are attacked unjustly, avoid the appearance of being too good—that is, better than usual. Surprise and suspicion feed on the unusual, and when a man goes about his business along the usual rut they soon fade away for a lack of nourishment."

Falseness is foisted to destruction, like "the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven." It has no power in itself to live, and therefore sinks down into oblivion, with its authors. Truth alone has within itself the element of permanency.

The one who is innocent of offense can afford to await the day of vindication. For it will surely come, and without undue delay.

Colorado is McDonald's heath.

All land thieves should be landed in jail.

"Didn't hear the robin's note?" says an exchange. We noted it.

"They're after me, they're after me," is the song that Linvitch hums all day long.

Lamenta is a fit name for a place where Russian soldiers shoot down peasants.

The Beef trust must find it a hard matter to stave off bankruptcy during the season of Lent.

Would it not be funny if General Linvitch should treat himself to a victory instead of a retreat.

How insignificant the retreat of the ten thousand compared with that of the three hundred thousand!

German authors do not like our copyright laws. But we return good for evil by liking their books.

If Russia makes overtures for peace the international audience will be glad to listen to them. They should resist in great harmony.

Speaking at Bremen, Emperor William said, "We are the salt of the earth." It is a most modest assertion and to dispute it is just majestic.

No bottle of champagne is to be broken over the prow of the battleship Kansas when she is launched, but a bottle of Kansas crude oil, says Governor Hoch. What a beautiful example of pouring oil upon the troubled waters this will be!

Morales of Santo Domingo is trying "his durn'dst" to work Uncle Sam up to a fever heat by telling in what great danger the Monroe doctrine is through threatened action by creditors of his government. It will hardly work. Such men as Morales can neither make nor unmake the Monroe doctrine. Let him be heedful that he does not, through

his own gyrations and self-worked-up excitement bring on an attack of brain fever. He is altogether too anxious for the United States and the Monroe doctrine.

The President has approved the sentence of the court-martial in the case of Midshipman Arrowood. The sentence of dismissal carries with it deprivation of the privileges of citizenship.

"The government functionary who draws the smallest pay of any official in the business is a mail route agent, who gets one cent a month for his work. Presumably his compensation is intended to be merely nominal and there are incidental profits that are worth more than his regular stipend," says the Boston Herald.

The extension of the Salt Lake and Ogden railway to a point near Ogden canyon, so as to make that lovely mountain resort cheaply accessible to visitors from this city and points on the way to Ogden, is a project that ought to be supported by Ogden business men, as well as all people living along the route to that city from Salt Lake.

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