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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, April 3, Monday, April 4, and Wednezday, April 6, commencing each day at 10 a. m. A general attendance of the officers and members is requested and expected.

As the General Conference will commence on April 3, the first Sunday in the month, which is the regular Fast Day, the Saints in the Salt Lake and adjacent Stakes of Zion will observe the monthly fast on Sunday, March 27, 1904. The stake and ward authorities in distant places will use their own judgment as to making the change for this occasion.

A general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Monday evening, April 4, at 7 o'clock,

A special Priesthood meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall, Tuesday, April 5, at 10 o'clock a. m.

A religion class convention will be held in the Barratt hall on Tuesday, April 5, at 2 o'clock p. m.

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

to build up; to increase public excitement, not to allay it; to deny that which nearly all the older inhabitants here admit is true; and the chief promoters of the disturbance want to be held up as shining specimens of personal morality and exceptional loyalty, qualities which people who know them best fail to recognize. It is nn undisputable fact that the

most respected and influential people. in society, in commerce, in finance, in enterprise, in office and in politics, refuse to become mixed up in the mess. At the same time, there are persons actively engaged in stirring it up whose general course is better kept behind a veil than exposed to public scrutiny, and their very appearance at the front of the movement casts a shadow upon the comparatively decent men who have foolishly allowed their names to appear as its supporters. The attempts that are made to excuse the rash and self-refuting assertions as to the lack of knowledge of existing conditions here, are foolish in the extreme, and cause a smile of derision whenever they are mentioned before folks who know. No good can possibly come from raking up the old contentions and boiling up the departing bitterness, and neither religion, nor politics, nor social conditions can be thereby enhanced in the least degree. The whole scheme has been traced to its origin, and when that is shown up, its animus and real intent will be easily understood. Better throw a thick wet blanket over the whole concern, and

THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

"let it go at that."

There are many of our citizens who wonder why Fire Chief Devine was removed when other incumbents were permitted to remain, in the changes, that have at length been effected. We understand that the chief has contemplated for some time removing from the city, to an extensive ranche in which he is personally interested. This has been known to many of, the councilmen and also to the Mayor. It has had much to do with the change that has been made, for we believe it is generally conceded that Devine has been a capable chief and has taken a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the department of which he has been an efficient head. We think this is due to him, although he has been regarded by some folks as "too much of a politician." That, however, comes from his political opponents and is but natural criticism. It certainly does not appear in the choice of his subordinates. He has served the city for ten years. He has proved a good fire-fighter since he has had experience, and has been ably seconded by Assistant Chief Wood and the vigorous and active men in the Fire department. We wish Mr. Devine success in his new venture, and hope his successor will also make a good mark

years ago when the question of the admission of a Mormon to the United States Senate was under discussion, I wrote a letter to the Sun endeavoring to point out the very great dangers arising from a public consideration of the moral character, or otherwise, of polygamy. The recent discussion of the question at Washington only confirms my views.

"In the first place, it raises the very dangerous question of state rights. In the second place, it throws open a wide door for an inquisitorfal inquiry as to the Christian view of polygamy. The crime of bigamy, I believe, is punish-able by the law of every state in the Union, and I am not aware that in any state the legal rights of a second wife would be recognized unless a divorce had taken place. Even in Utah the first wife is the only wife recognized But when the question of poby law. lygamy is discussed from the viewpoint of the sacred Scriptures, the scholar has to face the fact that while the Hebrew law undoubtedly sanctioned polygamy the earlier Christian fathers, almost without exception, interpret I Timothy, iii; 2: "The husband of one wife,' as implying that polygamy was tolerated in the early Church."

In addition to this, the great Ger-man Reformer Martin Luther, al-lowed polygamy, and so did John Mil-ten, the Puritan Christian poet. Con-cubinage was legalized in the Christian church up to the time of Augusting church up to the time of Augustine of Hippo. Indeed, Augustine reckons the matter as one of those dubious and difficult points which could not easily be determined. The primitive modes of marriage, as expressed by theh Latin words "confarreatio," "coemptio in manum" and "usus," were tolerated in the Christian church for a long period.

"In British India, where the govern-ment of England proclaims itself Christian, each religious community is allowed to have its own laws of mar-rlage and divorce. But the Constitu-tion of the United States does not even proclaim itself Christian. The United States government now exercises authority over a very considerable numof polygamists in Asia. Shall we refuse state rights, or even indepen-dent government to the Philippines when some of its provinces, populated by Möslems, legalize polygamy? In the United States there are a million and a half of Hebrews who, while they con-form to the usages of society and to the laws of the state in which they live, hold the same views with regard to marriage and divorce as were mulgated by the Jewish lawgiver Moses

"We profess to be a free people, but we are always allowing moral issues to be raised to the great detriment of morality-whether it be the question of slavery or of state prohibition, the equality of the black man, enfranchisement of the Chinaman or the Sunday saloon. The Declaration of Independence proclaimed all men free, at a when millions of human beings were held in a condition of slavery such as never existed in any Moslem or heathen land-a slavery which allowed a father to sell his own offspring.

"The people of Utah have elected a member of their community to serve in the senate, and immediately a dis-cussion of the most unseemly charac-ter is raised as to the condition of this man's married life. Now, suppose it became the rule of the senate to dis-cuss the conditions of the married life of every distinguished senator. Has he been legally married? Has he been legally divorced? and so forth. What would the end be?

I regard this whole discussion as a political blunder and it can only bear fruit for evil in course of time. A CLERICAL OBSERVER.

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"Senator Stewart should purchase a

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Agnes Repplier, in Life. Fulsome, perhaps; but indecent, no, unless the subject be indecent.

Senator Lodge has introduced a resolution authorizing the printing of 12,000 copies of the decision of the supreme court of the United States in the Northern Securities company case, and of the complete records in the suit including the briefs of the attorney and opinion of the United States circuit court of Minnesota. It will be splendid railroad literature, but the Northern Securities company will scarcely distribute it along their lines.

COMMENTS OF THE PRESS,

Sacramento Bee.

A systematic fight is being made in the halls of Congress against per-mitting Reed Smoot to take his seat in the senate of the United States. So far, nothing has been presented why he should be debarred. The entire investigation has not touched him per-sonally. It has demonstrated that he is not a polygamist. But still the fight goes on to oust him, because President Joseph Smith, of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, is a man of several wives, and because polygamy is still practised here and there on the soll of Utah.

The whole proceeding has become farce if not a persecution. If Reed Sincot has been honestly chosen to a seat in the United States senate, and is not a violator of the laws of the land, the nonsense should stop now and he should be given his seat without more ado.

In place of the churches being so bitter against Smoot, they should say a word in his favor. For, in a state which they declare is still devoted to polygamy, he has remained a monog-

There may be some senators hailing from states devoted to monogamy who cannot show as clean a matri-monial record as this same Reed Smoot. The best way to strengthen the "Mormon" Church is to continue to persecute an honestly-elected man who dares to belong to it.

Manti Messenger.

The press of the country is seemingly aroused over the testimony of President Joseph F. Smith in the Smoot inquiry. President Smith has made a full, frank statement of his polygamous relations since the manfesto was accepted by the Church, and the country is up in arms. Other polygamists have made the same admissions. To the people of the east this testimony was a surprise, but it ha been generally known here all the time that those who married their wives before the manifesto have continued to live with them, even though forbidden by the laws of this state.

President Smith very emphatically denies the chargeof polygamous marriages since the issuance of the manifesto. The liberal minded people of the state be-lieve this to be true, and the charge of new marriages is made by cranks and fanatics. The protestants have three cases of what they claim to be polygamous marriages since the manifesto. We predict here and now that they will utterly fail in their attempt to prove these

Those contemptible "spotters" and "informers" have, after a most thorough search covering a period of 14 years, been able to find three supposed cases. If their claims were true (which they are not) would that be any rea-son for unseating Reed Smoot? Will the Senate establish a precedent that a



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The general conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday evening, April 3, at 7 o'clock, and the attendance of all officers and teachers is desired. A general invitation is extended to all Sunday school workers and Saints to be present. JOSEPH F. SMITH, GEORGE REYNOLDS,

JOS. M. TANNER, General Superintendency

NOW PULL TOGETHER!

The break in the ranks of the fac. tion in the City Council, organized for the purpose of "balking" the Mayor and "blocking his way" until he would accede to its demands, is good news to the great body of the citizens in this municipality. It is correspondingly hateful to some of that elique and to the paper that has prompted the opposition and, as usual, has led its dupes into a hole. The members of the Council who found themselves in the minority on the vote last night as to appoint. ments, could have had affairs much more satisfactory to themselves if they had not listened to had counsel, but had been reasonable and ready to co-operate with the Mayor. He has always been willing to arrange matters fairly and

amicably There are some removals and some appointments that will not exactly suit a portion of the public, but we believe the majority will be satisfied when they duly consider the situation and see how the Mayor was placed between two opposing parties and in the midst of many applications, claims and wishes. At any rate, a settlement of the long dispute is welcome, and we think the affairs of the city will be well conducted under the officers who have been appointed.

The City ordinances should now be overhauled, and such amendments as may be found necessary so as to harmonize with the State laws, be introduced and enacted. There should be no loopholes left to juvite illigation that can be avoided by stopping them up. Before the work is issued from the press this revision should be accomplished. It is a matter of much im portance, and the sooner it is attended to the better for all concerned.

Now, "let us have peace!" The members of the council who have failed in their combination should not show chagrin by further hostility, but take their defeat in good nature, and work with the rest of the council for the public benefit. Wrangling should cease, personalities should be banished, good feeling should prevail, and while different views on party matters will continue to exist, they should not interfore with the proper conducting of the city's business. Let contention be dropped and fair discussion of doubtful measures take its place, with a general desire for the welfare of the city and the maintenance of a business administration. This is what decent people expect.

WHAT'S THE USE OF IT?

The tempest that some chronic malcontents are trying to brew in this city, by giving space to this candid letter,

port of every man in the department.

ST. PATRICK.

on the records of Salt Lake City. Chief

Bywater should receive the cordial sup-

According to the legends, St. Patrick was a great lawbreaker when he set foot, as a missionary, on the soil of Erin. In fact, the king and the priests decreed his death, because he had dared to kindle a light of his own, instead of waiting for the "sacred" flame furnished by the Druids.

As usual, on the great day of festival in the year 432 A. D., all the fires in the kingdom had been extinguished. Sentries were watching on all the hill tops in the land, waiting for the sacred flame to ascend toward heaven at Tara, and torch-bearers were ready to carry this flame to the nearest hills, whence it again should be carried to other hills, until the entire country should be illuminated. Then, to the dismay of court and priests, a little flame was seen in a valley, before the sacred flame of the Durids had been kindled. This was sacrilege. The Druids promptly informed the king that the daring heretic would have to be captured. The light must be put out. Then, as now, the Druids feared the light. The Arch-Druid said to the king;

"I warn you if that light be not in-stantly quenched it will, then, never be quenched any more in Eirinn. It was foretold that such a sacrilege Record-Herald. Perhaps not that ex. actly, but she is not so au fait as Bos. yould be attempted by a Druid of other faith than ours, who would come over seas with a magic lamp to supplant our Beal-fires, to overcome thee and us, and to rule Eirinn till the end looks upon her as a belligerent. of time

Heretofore she has looked upon Korea Consequently the stranger was taken with contempt. and placed before the court. It was St. Patrick, whose light had desecrated the It was nothing but Spight work for the member from Mississippi to draw land. He had forfeited his life, but his light prevailed against that of the a comparison between northern and Druids, and today the bold offender southern lynchings. against the laws and traditions of his age, for whose life the rulers clamored, A circular loom has been invented is the patron "saint" of his country, for which many claims are made. But honored and almost worshiped, while the web and woof of time will be put the names of his accusers are forgotten together on the same old loom in the and their faith relegated to the past. same old way, The story of St. Patrick is another Exhibit Q" has been received by the object lesson of the truth that history seems to take pains in repeating, that special committee of the House on the postoffice report. It is said to contain

truth cannot be crushed by opposition For a time the forces of the adversary seem to be about to triumph, as when the Druids had extinguished the lamp of St. Patrick and threatened him with death, but the power of the Almighty maintained him and the fire of the Druids was put out for ever. That is one of the great lessons of St. Patrick's day.

CANDID ARGUMENT.

Will the intolerants who cannot bear anything that differs with their views of morality and religion, and who want to have any "Mormon" punished if he dares to reply to attacks on his belief. carry their bigotry so as to indict the New York Sun for "teaching polygamy?" That brilliant paper, on March 12, published the following communication without repudiating the statements and arguments it contains. According to the logic of the extremists who are arraigning "Mormons" for simply refuting false statements and absurd

reasonings on the same subject, the Sun has made itself particeps criminis

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Is August Marx trying to eclipse the cord of Murderer Holmes?	break the law relating to mar- so, go down the list, because more cases of bigamy and r population considered, in eve state in the Union than there
Peace hath scored a great victory in me management of city affairs.	in Utah since the manifesto. The fact that President Sr frank and straightforward on ness stand made him many fr
When the Russians invade Korea they ill be treading on dangerous ground.	was favorably commented on those opposed to the seating of
The deeds of our ancestors of which e are proudest are those to their vast omains.	Boise Capital-News. While the Morning Mummy funny evening Effort, which the way, seems on its last hardly able to navigate, are te
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ng Mummy and its fort, which, by the n its last legs and gate, are telling how shocked the moral sensibility of the public is over the revelations of the Smoot inquiry, Governor J. Tracey Mor-Boston Transcript. That is what we rison is trying to fix up a deal by which he will secure the support of the southeastern counties. The Mormons seem In London, bridge is less popular than to be all right with a certain class of politicians so long as they vote accordit was, but London bridge is more popuing to dictation and claim no reward, officially or otherwise.

It is evident that Mr. Bristow does We should say that the principal of fense charged against Smoot, Woolley not believe in being silent if he cannot et al., is that they were elected or ap pointed to offices that their "Gentile allies had vainly hoped to fill. The morning paper was not shocked about anything connected with Mormonism, until Mr. Woolley secured the coveted assayership plum, and the Salt Lake Miss Viola Tree, daughter of Beerbolm Tree, has made her theatrical de-May she flourish as a green bay Tribune never tired of singing the praises of President Smith and his apostolic colleagues until Reed Smoot "Is Chicago un-American?" asks the was elected to a senatorial seat upon which Perry Heath had long cast amorous eyes. It is also safe to predict that J. Tracy Morrison's "moral sensiwill not be shocked and outof Mormonism to any appreciable ex-tent, unless the so-called Mormon coun-ties should refuse to support his claims Since Korea joined Japan, Russla for re-nomination.

Caldwell (Ida.) Tribune,

The testimony given before the Senate investigation committee in the Reed Smoot case by Joseph F. Smith, Presi-dent of the Mormon Church, may be in the nature of a "startling revelation" to people unacquainted with the situation in Utah. But to the moderately well informed there is nothing startling, nothing extraordinary about it. Indeed it has been a matter of common repute that those Mormons who had contract-ed polygamous relations prior to the manifesto were maintaining those rela-tions undisturbed. And it was the gen-cral understanding that there was no desire to disturb them. There are, in fact, good reasons for believing that there was an understanding, amount-ing to a compact, to that effect. We and the evidence in support of the belief is abundant, that this polyg-amy question had been permitted to die amy question had been permitted to die peaceably, had not political motives in-spired interested individuals to stir it up. . . It is not yet the proper time to discuss the hyporicy of any anti-Mormon movement which may be started in this state. It is opportune, though, to point out that nothing has occurred or transpired during the in-vestigation at Washington which was not well known to every politican in well known to every politician in daho before the investigation. Nothing new has been disclosed. There is no more excuse or justification for an anti-Mormon crusade now than at any time during the past eight or ten years. a pretext which some have been hoping for has probably been found, and the chances are, advantage will be taken

Millard (Utah) Progress.

All eyes are upon Utah, yet we do not All eyes are upon Utah, yet we do not believe she will suffer from the scru-tiny. The leaders of the Mormon Church have accepted the opportunity of their lives to preach their doctrine to the people of the United States, and the senate committee investigating Senator Smoot's contest case seems de-termined to thoroughly inquire into the organization of the Church and its man-ner of handling temporal and spiritual contents are trying to brew in this city, was very properly characterized by a prominent official today as anarchism and nihilism. It seeks to destroy, not "To the Editor of the Sun-Sir: Ten" cent in writing biographies of living men, and the good taste of the community should protest against such a glaring offence to propriety," writes ment made by Mr. Tayler, attorney for



