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PEOPLE'S TICKET.

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THE RECENT CONFERENCE.

THE General Conference which closed on October 6th was, in some of its features, one of the most extraordinary gatherings of its class ever held since the organization of the Church over sixty years since. It is also, we believe, estimated by the great majority of the Saints who attended it, to be one of the best they ever participated in. The teachings were excellent, and if lived up to, the people will be elevated to a higher religious plane than they have ever occupied, and the work of God will go forward with renewed impetus.

Among the leading themes were:

The necessity of the heads of families arranging their domestic circles in order, according to the law of the Lord, and expunging iniquity from their homes.

The importance of maintaining the quorums of the Priesthood in full organization and in constant activity in the performance of the duties belonging thereto, every man operating in his own place and calling.

The elimination from the hearts of the Saints of all ill-feeling toward each other.

Keeping free from debt and maintaining an honorable course regarding all monetary obligations.

Proper education and training of the young, and grading the youth in the duties and calling, of the Priesthood.

The necessity of looking forward to the coming of the Lord, but, while observing the signs of the time, to be careful not to set dates for the fulfillment of the predictions of the Prophets.

The importance of the same marked unity which exists among the chief authorities of the Church being diffused throughout the entire ramifications of the body-religious,

that the power of God may increase among the Saints.

One of the most urgent points insisted upon was the need of faith to enable the Saints to keep the channel of communication open between themselves and the heavens, that they may not be deceived. Whenever any individual officer or member of the Church is perplexed in relation to any position taken, he can, if he has not blocked the Spirit of revelation in his own breast, obtain a living witness on the subject, which will dispel every shadow of doubt from his mind, and make every problem clear as the sun at noonday. This is the rock upon which every Saint should build. It is the basis of salvation, and the safeguard against deception.

The manifestation of power and peace to the faithful Saints during Conference was unmistakable. This constituted a general testimony that the proceedings had the seal of Divine acceptance. Had the business transacted not been according to the mind of the Lord, no such peace and illumination would have been present. This Spirit was, if there were any difference in the extent of it at any one meeting, most abundantly present on Sunday forenoon, when the authorities were sustained by vote and the manifesto accepted by the assemblage. If there be those who are yet in any condition of doubt in regard to the business done, let them apply the principle which should be in operation in the life of every Saint; let them seek in humble sincerity to the Lord for light. If they are living aright they will obtain it, for God is no respecter of persons, only requiring the requisite conditions to be complied with. This is no chimera, as the faithful Saints generally know, but a positive reality, having been verified in many of the experiences of the true disciples of Christ in these days.

The effects of the late Conference will be felt throughout the Church, in an increase of union, faith and brotherly love.

THE GOVERNOR IN A DILEMMA.

THE report of Governor Thomas to the Secretary of the Interior has been published in the "Liberal" organ. It is dated November 9th, and contains considerable matter in reference to the "Mormons." We do not propose just now to take up these several items but will make one quotation. It is this;

"Under its system of government the Church has but one way of defining its position, and that is by a public declaration either from the head of the Church addressed to the people, or by the action of the people in conference assembled. No such declaration has been made, nor action taken, and probably never will be. There is no reason to believe that any earthly power can extort from the Church any such declaration.

"It may be truthfully said that the Church has determined that, if polygamy is to be uprooted, the government must perform that task, as it will never do on its own part any action that will indicate an abandonment of polygamy."

It will be seen that Governor Thomas was a little too "previous" for his own consistency and his own ambition. The object of his efforts is clearly revealed in his recommendation, that Congress shall place in the hands of the Governor the power to appoint local offices now in the gift of the people, thus making him dictator and giving him the official control of all the counties in the Territory. To excuse this he makes a pretext of the old cry of polygamy. And to show that there is no likelihood of its cessation he uses the language we have quoted.

But unfortunately for the Governor's scheme and misrepresentations, "the head of the Church" did make a public declaration that the Governor alleged no "earthly power" could "extort." What was the Governor's course when the very declaration he said would be the proper way for the Church to define its position was made and given to the public? Did he frankly admit he was mistaken in saying it would not be made, or accept it in the spirit in which it was offered? No. But in a mean and contemptible way, by having published a pretended interview, he declared that the very means which he had alleged was the proper thing to do was "not the usual channel," and cast a doubt on its effect, and queried whether any opinion or proclamation would be effective "so long as the Mormons believe" thus and so.

He also added the announcement that, "The semi-annual Conference of the Church will soon be held, which has the power to place the Church on record in unambiguous language." The Conference has convened, the Church has placed itself on record, and now will the Governor get himself interviewed again, and tell the press that both the methods which he declared were the "only way whereby the Church could define its position, have been followed and that his predic-