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NOTICE.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 a. m., on Thursday, April 6th, 1899.

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THE LEGISLATURE.

The Legislative Assembly of the State of Utah has adjourned after a sixty-days session prolonged to an actual period of sixty-seven days, the last day being extended for a week. It has been a very active session and much more work has been accomplished than is generally recognized. When the full list of bills considered, passed and amended is read it will be seen that the time of the session has not altogether been wasted. Some objectionable measures have failed to pass, through the opposition of the public and the vigilance of the Governor, who appears to have exercised close scrutiny and a wise discretion. The most serious reflection upon the Legislature will be the public sentiment condemning the failure to elect a United States Senator. For that error there will be found little or no excuse. The fact that other states have been equally derelict will not be deemed palliative in the case of Utah, where men chosen to represent a people like ours, should be sufficiently harmonious and unselfish to unite on so important a question. Apart from that the Legislature has done good work, and displayed much ability and regard for the needs of our growing and beloved State.

COMPLIMENTING LEGISLATORS.

Those members of the Legislative Assembly who read the anti-Mormon sheet published in this city, must certainly be charmed with the compliment it recks this morning upon them and their ancestors. Early in the session they were portrayed, by the same clumsy hand, as amenable to bribes and of weak mental caliber. Now they are depicted as afflicted with hereditary infirmities—"germs of decrease" inherited from their fathers, "a blind hereditary instinct" which they are compelled to follow, "as the dog turns round several times on the carpet before he lies down," and resulting in "the violation of the Constitution of the State." Then back of "good judgment" and "common honesty" is attributed to the same cause. Thus they and their fathers before them are held up to public reproduction.

Probably the gentlemen selected by the majority of the voters of the State, to make laws for the government of the commonwealth, and the citizens who elected them, have become so accustomed to the ribaldry and customary reflected upon them, by libellous cartoons in the same sheet, that they are indifferent to the insults cast upon them; and their forefathers by the language in its editorial columns. If they like that sort of thing, they should continue to encourage it and aid in its support.

The latest tirade against them and the present Senator from Utah in Congress, is founded on their alleged attempt to elect a United States Senator during the time that has elapsed since Thursday, March 9th, at midnight. The "trick," as it is called, of confining the last legislative day to a barren form, adopting an adjournment until necessary business, the completion and signing of bills, etc., in full, is considered legitimate in various States of the Union. If that is really unlawful or moral turpitude, there is a vast mass of law to have in different parts of the country that is invalid and void.

The constitutional term of a regular session of the Legislature is sixty days. That time actually expired last Thursday night. But the last day's proceedings have been extended to date. Bills have been passed and held back by the Governor during this prolonged or fictitious day. Will the validity of laws enacted and signed since last Thursday night be questioned? That would be a new idea under the moon.

Either the Legislature has been in session all this time or it has not. If it has not been in session, all its proceedings since last Thursday night are void. If it has been in session in both Houses, what could hinder their meeting in joint session, of any period of the existence, providing a sufficient number of members were agreed on the proposition? A little "good judgment and common honesty" in the consideration of that question would cause a wise mind to hesitate before accusing choice and honored citizens and their ancestors of a complete lack of those qualifications, because they believed the Legislature could exercise all, if it could exercise any, of its functions while it had existence.

The Deseret News has not advocated any extraordinary proceedings or doubtful expedients, or supported or opposed any senatorial candidate. But it has its eyes open to the facts and the preposition herein presented, and inside is contempt the tirade heaped upon gentlemen and their forefathers who have acted as they believed was in accordance with right principles and for the benefit of the people of Utah.

TRUST DANGERS.

A Denver paper sees ahead grave dangers to this country in the rapidity growth and rapid multiplication of trusts and combinations of every kind. According to figures given, in January and February of this year forty-three trusts were organized with an authorized capital stock of $1,040,000,000, and bonds amounting to $37,500,000, a total of $1,067,500,000. On this basis it is thought, the combination movement is progressing at the rate of $2,000,000,000 a year, a sum the magnitude of which the human mind fails to comprehend.

The danger in this tendency towards combination of capital is said to be not only in the effect it has upon individual business enterprise and liberty, but in the inevitable assault it will make upon the principles of our government. The time will come, no doubt, when such combinations will, in self-defense, seek to shape the entire commonwealth in accordance with their own interests.

It is one thing to see danger and another to know how to avert it. There are numerous predictions of disaster, but very few suggestions of a practical nature. People generally are too much absorbed in their own personal affairs to pay more than passing attention to the welfare of the State, and thus leave the latter to the politicians who look more to their own interests than to the general welfare.

The danger confronting the United States is two-fold. On one side it threatens to bind the nation in the golden chains of combined capital; on the other it presages a tremendous popular upheaval for the overthrow of the money monster, which may drench the land in blood. If the conservative and thoughtful citizens of this country will awake to a full comprehension of the tendency of the times, and see to it that only such men are elected to the national legislature as are patriots and foes to monopoly, who cannot be bought or turned from a good purpose by any improper influence, the shadows which loom up as coming troubles may be dispersed and the nation be saved from a terrible revolution.

INDIAN BEAR DANCE.

Southern Ute Indians, it is said, are now making preparations for their great bear dance. There is a tradition among them that spring will not come until the bear comes out of his cave, and the ceremony mentioned is intended to draw him forth in order that the long winter may be ended. The dance commences on the 20th of March and continues for four days, almost without intermission.

The Denver Post gives the details of this Indian custom. A circular enclosure is first constructed, large enough to accommodate the entire tribe and such visitors as may be privileged to view the dance. On one side of the arena is a stand on which the chiefs acting as judges are seated. The costumes worn are gay combinations of buckskin, fur and feathers, beads and belts, shells and silver. The long trailing head-dresses of the braves bend and sway in the sunshine during the day and the firelight at night. In and out, with yells and hooks and guttural greetings, they follow the mazy figures of their eccentric dances, while the tom-toms beat, now slowly, now frantically, according as the measure is deliberate or vigorous. The festivities end with a grand barbecue.

The idea that such a performance may have any influence whatever upon the weather is, from a civilized point of view, extremely ridiculous, but is there not a deeper thought under the unpolished surface? May we not see in their exercises a rude but decent appeal to the Great Spirit for the exercise of His power in behalf of his children, in regulating the seasons of the year? Very often pagan rites and ceremonies, when fully understood, are found to convey important truths, though they may be expressed in strange and crude forms, misunderstood by all but the initiated.

THE NEWS FROM MANILA.

Dispatches from the Philippines continue to tell of the victorious advance of our columns and the heavy losses of the insurgents. The plan seems to be to push the campaign as vigorously as possible and not to rest until Aguinaldo is a captive.

General Otis, who is on the ground and in a position to become thoroughly acquainted with everything pertaining to the situation, is the best judge of the duties devolving upon him and the American military forces. Viewing it from a distance, however, it looks as if, after the many severe lessons taught the Filipinos, there should be some effort to gain their good will and confidence. Chasing savages in their native haunts is always tedious and seldom profitable.

It will be interesting to hear something about the labors of the special commission which President McKinley has sent to the islands, in response presumably to the suggestion of Admiral Dewey, that some statesmen be selected to deal with the natives. Those commissioners were expected to meet at the earliest possible date in Manila, and by public proclamation announce the policy of the United States. They were charged with the duty of ascertaining what amelioration in the condition of the inhabitants and what improvements in public order may be practicable, and for this purpose they were to study attentively the existing social and political state of the various populations, particularly as regards the forms of local governments, the administration of justice, the collection of customs and other taxes, the means of transportation and the need of public improvements. They were empowered to state that efforts will be made to alleviate the burdens of taxation, to establish industrial and commercial prosperity and to provide for the safety of persons and of property by such means as may be found conducive to those ends.

A report of the result of the labors of the commissioners in this direction will be awaited with more interest than the frequent announcements of successful skirmishes. For, if desirable conditions are to be permanently established, they must be accomplished by showing the natives that they are in arms against their friends. The military operations may be necessary preliminaries, but the chief object must be attained eventually through peaceful negotiations.

A SIN OF SINS.

The fate of Mrs. Emma Baker Chilelleman is another illustration of the terrible effects of the violation of the laws of chastity. There is, probably, no sin in the Gull of which can be found more tears, more heart burnings, more misery than this. The degree of association very often goes in its company.

It is learned that Mrs Baker a little over two years ago was married to a man capable of providing well for her, but on the very day of her wedding she informed her husband of her infidelity with her another man. It was only after promises of breaking off all intimacy with this creature that the husband consented not to leave her. The promises were broken, however, and the results as now made public followed.

Almost every day the evil consequences of sexual crime are impressed upon the minds of those who care to reflect upon current events, but like the streams that issued from the dark realms of Nifl-heim into the yawning gulf, it continues its course, too often unheeded, unrecognized. But, as in the mythology of our early ancestors, its offspring is a numerous host of enemies to gods and men, causing a warfare between good and evil throughout all ages.

There is no community in which social purity is prized higher than in those composed of Latter-day Saints. It is the very essence of their religion. For this reason crimes as that referred to, which would in some places be given hardly more than a passing notice, are felt to be exceedingly revolting here, and there is a demand that full justice be meted out to all parties concerned in it, whether men or women.

The copper market became a little too elevated, hence the drop in prices now noted in quotations.

Georgia is going wholesale into the lynching business, judging by the way a mob last night killed nine negroes accused of the crime of arson.

The republic of Haiti is applying the protective theory with a vengeance. Import duties at Port au Prince have been raised 25 per cent at one bolet.

The last legislative day was prolonged over a period of a full week, March 9 to March 16. Though rather attenuated, it is not to be described as a weak affair.

Gen. Wheaton had his daily battle and victory near Manila today, capturing the insurgent stronghold of Caliat. The Americans sent the Filipinos "skiing," as usual.

Political sprinkers for the senatorship made such a failure in coming up to the standard record for a certificate that a couple of years may be necessary for further training.

The boom in the iron and steel business seems to be undergoing the process of cooling. The chill to the Bessemer price movement consists in a refusal of customers to pay the increased rates.

At San Francisco, notice is given by sailors that wages for deep-sea men must go up from $25 per month to $30, or a strike will be inaugurated. The Jack-tars want a slice of the "good times," too.

Queen Victoria has been in France four days, and not a disturbance yet. It is evident that the French radicals do not want to be separated between the regular French police and the English guardians of the queen.

The plumbers' trust in Chicago proposes to make two advances in prices this year. There is no disputing the plumber's intention to maintain his lead-pipe cinch on the householder's purse.

Up to March 10, further fighting was expected in Samoa, because of the disturbing action of the German consul. It is safe to say that any fighting begun by Mataafa's forces will be sharply abbreviated by the Philadelphia and Porpoise.

The Vermont G. A. R. will hold its annual encampment in Montreal, Canada, in June, at which time the gathering of old soldiers is sure to have an effect of further cementing the common friendship of the English-speaking nations.

Ex-Secretary of State John Sherman is a very aged man to resist a severe attack of pneumonia, such as he is reported to be suffering with in the island of Martinique, French West Indies. But the whole nation will anxiously hope for his recovery and safe return home.

The calling out of Colorado State troops today to settle the strikers' troubles at Henson, reveals a serious state of affairs there and is a reminder that the Bull Hill battles show that it will take good diplomacy on the part of Governor Thomas to prevent a breaking out of hostilities.

Manos Rivera, known as the most clever politician in Porto Rico, is coming to Washington to demand the speedy withdrawal of American troops from the island. The chances are that he will find some politicians in Washington, concerning whom his Spanish political tactics have not given him full experience.

The Springville man who claims that his hold-up of four citizens, high-waymen fashion, was intended as a practical joke, should remember that there is a time in life when men are too mature to have such actions regarded as boyish pranks. Mr. Clark has a wife and child, and his good humor in such alleged jokes might have been applied to a more genial and better purpose, as he must admit now that he can look over the situation calmly.

Now that the beef investigation commission is getting nearly through its work, it may recognize the fact that General Miles's characterization of some of the canned meat furnished the army as "embalmed beef" was a mistake in being altogether too mild a term. He might have called it "boiled nuggets."

The alleged finding of a defunct mammoth in Alaska, with the animal's flesh as well preserved that the meat is sweet enough to eat, sounds so much like a "take-off" on army "embalmed beef" that it will require corroborative evidence to convince people that even the bones of a mastodonic animal have been discovered in the northern Territory.

With due regard for the Democratic standard-bearer in the last campaign, the impressive point of the Bryan-Dolmont telegraphic correspondence is with Mr. Dolmont, in his statement that individual opinions were not considered by the New York Democratic club, in issuing the invitations to celebrate the birthday of Thomas Jefferson.

Gen. Johnson, of the Eighth Illinois volunteers is home from Cuba, and says he cannot resist boot was sold to me, as it made me sick. This, from an Illinoisan, is rather severe on the Chicago packers, and is equally annoying to those commissary officials who claim that "embalmed beef" was good enough for American soldiers.

A French paper is authority for the statement that in Great Britain it is now the proper thing to eat gravel as an aid to digestion. In many houses, we are told, on the table is placed by the side of the salt-box a sand-box, the contents of which are sprinkled over the food. We think, however, this sand-story should be taken with several grains of salt.

According to Senator Kyle of South Dakota, President McKinley has received private advices which say that the native Filipino government is about to collapse, and that Aguinaldo and his associates will surrender to General Otis within a few days. Such an outcome cannot be reached too quickly for the sake of peace, and the brave men who are fighting for the flag in the Philippines.

DEWEY'S DECLINATION.

Buffalo Express.

Admiral Dewey's refusal to be drawn into politics will give him another lift in the estimation of his countrymen. His reasons for refusing are sound. But when he says, "The navy is one profession, politics is another," he suggests a question: "What is the ideal training for a politician? Do our young men sufficiently distinguish this profession of politics from such a calling as the law or from such another popular calling as office-seeking?"

St. Louis Republic.

While Dewey would no doubt make a most excellent President, his incumbency would create a vacancy in the branch of public service of which he is the head that would be hard to fill. Where he is he occupies a unique place in the hearts of his countrymen. Their patriotic regard for him is unburned by partisanship and unclouded by political strife.

New Orleans States.

Admiral Dewey displayed good sense when he declared that politics was a profession for which he was unfitted, and he would rather be an officer of the navy of the United States than President, because in the former capacity he would be of better service to his country. He paid no attention to the talk about making him the next President until the wire-pullers and slate-makers became so annoying that he was forced to make an explicit declaration to the effect that he would not accept a nomination for the Presidency if tendered.

Binghamton Leader.

This is just what might have been expected from George Dewey. He is straightforward in his devotion to the profession of his choice, and in which he has won undying fame. He has no political ambition. Not long ago he asked the President to send him a statesman. A man who had left his gun at home would be likely to run across flocks of statesmen inferior to George Dewey, but the admiral doesn't see it in that light. He is convinced that he has no talent for statecraft, and, being so convinced, he does not want the Presidency. This position of Admiral Dewey's will seem inexplicable to some of our American statesmen, who will wonder if there isn't something the matter with George's brain.

GERMANY'S FRIENDLY ATTITUDE.

Chicago Chronicle.

How easy will it be, then, for the Democrats of war to say that the German government has asked to place its subjects under American protection, in order that they may be in a position to claim that we are unable to afford protection, and so justify the landing of forces wherever they please in the archipelago, for the alleged purpose of protecting her subjects. There will be no difficulty in construing an act apparently recognizing our authority and expressing confidence in us, into a cunning scheme to make a plausible pretext for quarreling with us.

Philadelphia Times.

There is no reason to doubt that Dewey would have fought naught one thousand miles at sea, but the entire European squadron if it had been necessary, and he has been satisfied that it was his duty to do so. But the Germans have no more thought of forcing such an issue than the American naval commander has doubt that he would meet it promptly and effectively. . . . The German answer is neither a bad nor a sentimental, but be appreciates the sign of events.

Kansas City Star.

The incident is important on account of the effect it must have on the insurgents. Doubtless they have been trusting the hope that Germany would interfere with the American occupation of the islands, and this hope has been a source of strength to them. But with the German war ships withdrawn from the harbor, Aguinaldo can no longer point to them as evidence of sympathy with his cause. American occupation, the pacification of peace can be accomplished more quickly now that the hope of the insurgents has vanished.

Jacksonville Times-Union.

Decidedly logic points out the alliance of Germany, England, Japan and the United States if we are to enter the Eastern seas and have a voice in the ultimate discussion of the Eastern question. If we consult in our own world, Germany has no cause of quarrel; if we take the Philippines, our interests are identical with those of the three other powers named, and antagonistic to those of Russia. Under all possible circumstances, Germany and America should be friends.

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