

# SEVENTH ANNUAL CHURCH CONFERENCE

Two Profitable Sessions Held in the Tabernacle Today, with Large Attendance and President Snow Presiding.

The Venerable Head of the Church Says the Latter-day Saints Have been Greatly Blessed as a People — The Canadian Colonies in Prosperous Condition — Families Going to Wyoming and Other Places — Nearly Two Thousand Missionaries in the Field — Pres. Geo. Q. Cannon, Elders Francis M. Lyman, Brigham Young, John Henry Smith and Others Speak — Church Has Lived Three Score Years and Ten, Man's Allotted Life, and Has prospered from Its Beginning.

The seventh annual conference of the Church convened in the tabernacle at 10 o'clock this morning under the most favorable auspices. President Lorenzo Snow presiding. The meeting was a very large one considering the fact that it was the first session of the conference which will continue for the next three days.

A great many people are here from all parts of the State and from surrounding States and Territories as well as from Mexico and Canada. During the day, lowering clouds indicated an approaching storm. Should it come it would be greatly appreciated by the visitors from all directions notwithstanding that it might interfere somewhat with the attendance of conference itself. The fact is a great drought prevails over the larger portion of the State and anything in the way of rain would be very welcome to the farmer. The indications are that the conference will be a most profitable one.

Of the general authorities present were of the First Presidency, Joseph R. Snow, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith; of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles—Brigham Young, Francis M. Lyman, John Henry Smith, George Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, John D. T. McMillan, George Raymond, Jonathan D. Campbell, John W. Wells and Joseph W. McMurria; of the Presiding Elders—William R. Preston, Robert T. Burton and John R. Winder. The choir and congregation sang the hymn which begins:

Our God, we raise to thee,  
Thanks for Thy blessings free  
We here enjoy.

The opening prayer was offered by Elder John Nicholson.

The choir and congregation sang the hymn commencing:

Now let us rejoice in the day of salvation,  
No longer as strangers on earth need we roam,  
Good tidings are sounding to us and  
The hour of redemption will come.

**PRESIDENT LORENZO SNOW**

commenced his remarks by saying he desired to have a deep interest in the faith and prayers of the Latter-day Saints as he and all other Elders of the Church were entirely dependent upon the Spirit of the Lord for information. He gave thanks for the blessings that had attended him in his endeavors to forward the interests of the Church, and that the Latter-day Saints had, to a certain extent, listened to the requirements of the Lord and observed them. Through His blessings the Church has moved along successfully for seventy years. Some mistakes have undoubtedly been made, through our lack of experience and because we did not follow the instructions which were given us. Now that we have gained so much experience one would imagine that we would be able to do a great many things that we have not done in the past. But we discover that we are still not doing exactly what we feel ought to do, and what the Lord has said us to do. We have not yet arrived at perfection and there are many things for us to do.

The Lord has prospered and blessed us as a people. We are sending nearly ten thousand missionaries into the world. They are having good success, notwithstanding all the difficulties that have arisen to make trouble for the Latter-day Saints. This trouble has caused people to become interested in what we have given them a desire to know what "Mormonism" is and to understand the principles we teach, and they flock to the meetings of the Elders. This is what we desire and what we have had difficulty in accomplishing in the past.

We are sending out various colonies here and there. We are sending families into Canada, and are getting a large and successful colony there. We are now about to send a hundred families into Wyoming and some to other places.

As a people, in the past have had trouble and have been persecuted and driven from our homes and many have lost their loved ones and their lives because of these hardships. The people of the world look with astonishment at the willingness of the Latter-day Saints to suffer these things, and they wonder why it is. It is because we have received revelations from the Almighty. Because He has given us the Holy Ghost, the same as was promised to the Twelve Apostles. The Apostle Peter received his knowledge of the principle of revelation, and the Latter-day Saints received their knowledge of God in the same way, and it is because of this that they are willing to stand the trials and persecutions that they are called upon to pass through.

**ELDER BRIGHAM YOUNG,**

of the Quorum of the Twelve, was the next speaker. The remarks of President Snow reminded him of the history of the Latter-day Saints, and caused him to reflect hopefully upon the future. Those who oppose this work are

in the hands of God, and we hope He would have mercy upon them. The Saints have been blessed and not dishonored by opposition and adversity. Our leaders had always said hopefully, "We are marching on to victory," and such had been the case. If we are the people of God, we are sure to succeed. The cause of our success is because we are His people. The speaker could safely predict that this people would prevail forward and every opposition would be swept aside. It is not in the hands of man, but it is in the hands of God that accomplishes the victory, not us.

The speaker here read a portion of chapter 9 of the Book of Alma, Book of Mormon. It expressed the ardent desire of the Lord to all the inhabitants of the earth, and stated as a certainty that man would finally receive what he desired, according to whether it be good or evil.

Elder Young then commented upon the fact that the Church in this dispensation had attained the age of seventy years. If in their manhood, the Saints should exercise faith as this should, they would be blessed and prospered and the Lord would give peace and plenty even when prospects were discouraging from an ordinary sense. In relation to the law of tithing, he said, it was not money that God success, it was a full hearted obedience to the commandments of God that accomplished it. If it was but a mite that was given, the act of faithfulness would bring the blessing. It was the obedience that brought the divine blessing, not the amount of means paid. He continued for some time to dwell upon the necessity of compliance with the law of tithing, in which the Lord had recently directed the special attention of the Saints, through the President of the Church. This movement was one of the preparatory conditions leading up to the return of the faithful to Zion, in Jackson County, Missouri. When the redemption of Zion shall be accomplished, the land would be prepared for the inauguration of that movement. The speaker declared that the scenes and circumstances of the future would be such as would require the exhibition of great power and faith.

**ELDER FRANCIS M. LYMAN**

of the Quorum of the Twelve addressed the conference. He said that whatever the servants of the Lord say under the influence of the Holy Spirit is Scripture. The Saints have an engraving, which holds the Latter-day Saints together. A large majority of them are doing tolerably well. Some of the minority would doubtless be found among the foolish. The speaker then referred to the parable of the ten virgins, which by self-examination, the Saints might ascertain to which class they belong. He spoke of the reasons why the Saints should occupy such a singular position in the world, why they should be regarded with such strong disfavor as they are. It was not because this people interfered with or were exercised over events which were about to occur, or because they proposed to make the special repentance perpetual. They require that the older people who identify themselves with the Church shall become proportionately better. Now that great events are about to occur, this repentance should be continuous, that we may be prepared for approaching emergencies, which will lead up to the coming of the Son of Man, which will occur suddenly. This preparatory process should never slacken. Our President had been seeking for some time of late, to impress the minds of this people in this direction, not only in relation to the Law of Tithing, but in relation to the whole. Unless we do attend to these duties we will be found among the foolish, without oil in our lamps. We must be honest to our God and to our brethren. We must meet all our obligations to our God and our brethren so that we may be in possession of the Spirit of God, for without this Spirit we will be unhappy, and have more or less doubt and misgiving in our hearts. There is no salvation in professions, unless we live up to them and keep the commandments of the Lord.

The choir sang the anthem:

"Jesus, I my cross have taken,"  
Benediction by Elder Seymour B. Young.

**AFTERNOON SESSION.**

The choir and congregation sang the hymn which begins:

We thank Thee, O God, for a Prophet  
To guide us in these latter days;  
We thank Thee for sending the Gospel,  
To lighten our minds with its rays.

Opening prayer by Elder George Reynolds.

The choir sang the hymn which begins:

High on the mountain top  
A banner is unfurled;  
Ye nations now look up,  
It waves to all the world.

President George Q. Cannon addressed the Conference. The following brief epitome gives but an inadequate idea of his discourse:

He felt impressed with the importance of saying something that would deeply impress those who were present.

Each Conference is more important than the preceding one. There is no community more interested in the events of the world, than are the Latter-day Saints. These include wars and commotions and elemental disturbances. They all have a bearing upon the work of the Lord. This is because we are looking forward for just such occurrences. The Saints have had a definite purpose in coming to these mountains. So far there has been no cause for disappointment. They see, in the future, the prophecies concerning Zion will be fulfilled. We and our children will be gathered to the gathering of the Saints in one of the phenomenal movements of the inhabitants of the earth. They have come from every nation.

The speaker then spoke of the importance of the people reverencing the Priesthood. He expressed the feelings of reverence he himself felt for the Prophet Joseph Smith and for President Brigham Young. He had similar sentiments toward Presidents Taylor and Woodruff. These were men who loved God supremely and were at any time ready to lay down their lives for the truth. They were as perfect men as he ever knew. Now we have perfect men, the Lord, whom God has chosen to be the President of His Church. He was fore-known of God and selected to hold the keys of His kingdom. Do we understand the Law of Tithing? The gathering of the Saints is one of the prophecies of the latter days. Upon the shoulders of the latter days the responsibility of directing the affairs of the kingdom of God. In this way has the Church of Christ been established in settlements in this land. Shall we say that we will be guided by him in matters of doctrine, and evade his advice on other subjects? Every man and woman can do as they please. Yet he is confident in this land, the agency in doing as God wishes them to do. We should reverence and obey the Priesthood and teach our children to do the same.

**ELDER JOHN HENRY SMITH**

of the Quorum of the Twelve was the next speaker. He referred to the age of the work of the Lord in this dispensation, and said that there is no such word as fall in regard to it. Men may fall and may disregard the requirements of the Lord and fall away from the Church, but the Lord will find sufficient to meet the needs and discharge the obligations that the Master has imposed upon us. The promise made that no weapon used against this work should succeed, and no man who opposes it should be condemned, shall be fulfilled.

The speaker referred to the lack of care of our own households. We have no such extent neglected as the most sacred obligations in the world the ones our Father has required that we should guard and preserve. The duties of many of our public men call them from their own homes to the neglect of their own families. He so arranged that we can give our own families a great portion of our time, so that our wives and children will be kept in the knowledge of the Lord and keep them under proper control. The lack of reverence to the Priesthood is due to a great extent that our boys and girls get beyond our control, and that we are deficient in the act necessary to bring them back. There seems to be a spirit in the world that it is not proper to listen to counsel of wise and prudent men, and many will be awakened to the understanding that they have been deceiving themselves. We should keep the spirit of love burning in our households and keep our wives and children in tune to the duties which they owe to their God and their country.

Our children need the constant care and guidance of their fathers and mothers to guard them against the pitfalls and sins that are in our midst.

**ELDER GEORGE TEASDALE**

of the Quorum of the Twelve was the next speaker. He said that when the "News" report closed.

**DOMAIN OF ART.**

Interesting Lecture Delivered by H. L. Culmer Last Night.

The series of lectures planned by the Art Institute for the purpose of promoting an interest in art culture in Utah, opened most auspiciously last night, when an address was given by H. L. Culmer, on "Domain of Art." The lecture was given in the legislative hall in the city and county building, and a large audience was present to show appreciation of the efforts of the Institute in opening up the opportunities offered in the presentation of free art lectures to the public by the best talent in the city.

The lecturer was presented by Gov. Wells in a speech, interspersed with humorous sallies, reminiscent of old-time associations with the artist, and paying a tribute to the energy of the latter in having secured the authorization of the Legislature for the series of lectures.

Mr. Culmer followed with a simple and concise delivery of his theme, stating that new wonders of beauty and consciousness were unfolded by the cultivation of powers of observation, as developed by a study and understanding of art. The advantages gained thereby in the arrangement of a home, in dress and other details, were dwelt upon. The artist's sense was far behind other States in point of interest and attention to such matters.

In the progress of the lecture, a number of photographic pictures by modern artists were exhibited by means of the stereopticon, and the lecturer pointed out the difference between conventional and studied effects in comparison with those wherein mere detail was subordinated to the predominating motive and character of the whole. The lecture was most interesting throughout, and made a notably successful commencement of the series.

**IT IS WAR NOW.**

Cleveland Manufacturers Decline to Meet Machinists' Committee.

Cleveland, O., April 6.—The manufacturers of this city have decided that they will not hold a conference with a committee of the striking machinists, headed by President O'Connell of the International union.

"It is war now," said Pres. O'Connell. "The Cleveland employers have refused. Any attempt to assist the Cleveland manufacturers on the part of manufacturers of other cities will be a violation of the Chicago agreement, and will precipitate a strike wherever it is attempted."

Twenty-six concerns of nearly a hundred have granted the demands of the strikers. At these places the men have resumed work.

## CECIL RHODES AGAIN IN LONDON

Marked Contrast in His Reception from Former Ovations.

NOT THE LION HE ONCE WAS

Public Did Not Show the Slightest Interest in Him—He is More "Exclusive" than Before.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]

London, April 6.—Cecil Rhodes arrived in this city today. He is well and cheerful but is much more exclusive than he was on his previous trip home. This is doubtless owing to the fact that Dr. Rutherford Harris, the former secretary of the British South African Co., and Alfred Beit, the South African financier, met Mr. Rhodes at Funchal, island of Madeira, and advised him to observe reticence on South African affairs, especially as to his alleged differences with Col. Kekewich at Kimberley. Mr. Rhodes' reception was in marked contrast to his former ovations. The public did not show the slightest interest in him. From the time of his arrival he was surrounded by a body guard composed of Messrs. Beit, Harris, Hawkesley and other benchmen who hurried him from the boat to the train and from the train to a cab without permitting him to speak to any one.

**STORY OF A UNION MINER.**

His Ill-Treatment by the Mob at Warden, Idaho.

Washington, April 6.—William M. Pipkins, a union miner from Coeur d'Alene, was the first witness heard today to the Coeur d'Alene investigation. He told of the threats and intimidation against him and others because of their refusal to join the miners' union and of their being driven out of Warden by a mob of 200 men, heading in gangs. The progress of the investigation was slow, owing to constant objections to the witness' testimony on events prior to the blowing up of the mill.

**WOULD NOT CONVICT A TRAMP.**

Attorney's View of Evidence in the Montana Senatorial Case.

Washington, April 6.—Mr. Foster continued his argument today before the Senate committee on elections in the case of Senator Clark of Montana. He reviewed at length the testimony of witnesses for the majority, contending that much of it was hearsay, and therefore not competent. He contended that the evidence in the employment of a legislator unless the legislator is a candidate for office, is not competent. He contended that the evidence in the employment of a legislator unless the legislator is a candidate for office, is not competent. He contended that the evidence in the employment of a legislator unless the legislator is a candidate for office, is not competent.

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## CONFERENCE 50 YEARS AGO!

Illustrated, with half tones, of the leading men of the Church AS THEY LOOKED 50 YEARS AGO.

This will be one of the specially interesting features of the Big

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Following closely behind and shooting all the time. She was shot in the back as she was going out the gate and running a few steps farther, fell on her knees, begging for mercy. For answer, Michod walked up to the prostrate woman, and fired a shot into her left side that put an end to her struggles.

Placing the pistol in his mouth Michod pulled the trigger, but there was no cartridge in the gun. He had just been released from the penitentiary at Waila, Waila after serving a four years' term for attempt to murder the same woman, while she was employed at the Fanny Paddock hospital. She bore a scar on her forehead, where a bullet grazed that Michod, after the murder, was cool and collected and expressed no regret for his crime. He wanted to be hung and that quickly. Both were of French-Canadian stock, and Michod said he shot his wife because she was unfaithful to him. After the first attempt on her life, Mrs. Michod got a divorce, and soon after married John Ambler, a hard working, respectable man.

**STORY OF GOEBEL KILLING**

Courier-Journal Purports to Give the History of the Plot.

Alleged Murderer is Named—He is Yet at Liberty—Received \$600 for His Deadly Crime.

Louisville, Ky., April 6.—The Courier-Journal prints a circumstantial story, which purports to give the details of the conception and explanation of the plot to kill Senator Goebel. The story is based upon evidence said to have been given to the attorneys for the prosecution by Wharton Golden, W. H. Cullen, H. E. Youtsey and others.

The story gives the names of the man suspected of having fired the shot that killed Senator Goebel. He is a Clay county feudist and has not yet been arrested.

The men implicated in the conspiracy are the same that were implicated by Golden's testimony, several of whom are now under arrest, while others are either in the mountains or in neighboring States.

The story follows Golden's testimony as to the plan to cause a riot in the legislature, during which Democratic members were to have been killed, (tell how the alleged plan to kill Goebel was carried out, of the purchase from a well known Cincinnati house of 25 steel-bolt let-smokeless-powder cartridges, the procuring of the 35-caliber rifle with which the shooting is said to have been done, the plot being returned to the man afterward, and the payment of \$600 in advance to the man who did the shooting. After the shooting the man who did the work is said to have been escorted to the mountains by armed men.)

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# BOERS AND BRITISH WIN VICTORIES.

Former Capture Five Companies of British Troops, Latter Capture Fifty Boers and Kill General Marcell.

British Triumph was by Lord Methuen's Force, Near Kimberley—

Boer Success Was Near Bethany—Fighting Was Hard—

Roberts Prepares to Meet Activity of the Boers—Giving the

News in London—Gen. Marcell as a Soldier—Troops Sup-

posed to be Heading for Mafeking—Trouble at Capetown—

Schreiner May Resign—British Loss at Sannes-Port 450—

More Troops for South Africa—Dunraven's Crack Sharp-

shooters, Started by Henry Seton-Karr.

[Afternoon Dispatches.]  
London, April 6.—Lord Roberts reports that five companies of British troops have been captured by Boers near Bethany.

The following is the text of his dispatch to the war office announcing the capture:

"Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 6.—Another unfortunate occurrence has occurred, resulting, I fear, in the capture of companies of the royal Irish fusiliers and two companies of the ninth regiment of mounted infantry, near Reddersburg, a little eastward of Bethany railway station, within a few miles of this place. They were surrounded by a stronger force of the enemy with four or five guns.

**ALL MADE PRISONERS.**

"The detachment held out from noon, April 3, until April 4, 9 a. m., and then apparently surrendered, for it is reported that the firing ceased at that time. Immediately after I heard the news, during the afternoon of April 3, I ordered Gatacre to proceed from Springfontein, his present headquarters, to Reddersburg, with all possible speed, and I dispatched the Cameron Highlanders hence to Bethany. He arrived at Reddersburg at 10:30 a. m., without opposition, but could get no news of the missing detachment.

"There can be no doubt that the whole party has been made prisoners."

**METHUEN WINS A VICTORY.**

London, April 6.—The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"Methuen telegraphs from Boshof (in the Orange Free State, a little north-east of Kimberley), as follows: 'Surrounded Gen. Villabois Marcell and a body of Boers today and none escaped. Villabois and seven Boers killed, eight wounded, fifty prisoners. Our losses were: 'Killed: Captains Boyle and Williams, both of the yeomanry; wounded, about seven men.'

**THE BRITISH FORCE.**

"The attack lasted four hours. The corps behaved very well. Our force was composed of yeomanry, the Kimberley artillery corps, and the fourth battery of artillery."

Gen. de Villabois Marcell was the chief of staff of the Boer army. He was about fifty years old, and is said to have been responsible for many Boer successes in Natal and later in Cape Colony and the southern part of the Orange Free State. It is said he enjoyed the Boer service merely because war was his trade. He was through a number of campaigns in the French army.

**BOERS NEAR BLOEMFONTEIN.**

Bloemfontein, Thursday, April 6.—Small bodies of Boers can be seen in the vicinity of this town, and the Boers are still in the neighborhood of the waterworks.

Lord Roberts is taking steps to meet the activity of the Boers.

**GIVING OUT THE NEWS.**

London, April 6, 7:20 p. m.—The war office, at about 4 p. m., posted a dispatch from Lord Roberts announcing Lord Methuen's capture of fifty-four Boers and the killing of Gen. Villabois Marcell, the chief of staff of the Boer army.

This news had been judiciously started only a few minutes when a second telegram was bulletined, reporting the loss of five companies of British infantry.

Both dispatches were issued in time to be printed in the last editions of all the evening newspapers.

The last companies are probably part of the force guarding the railroad at

**DECIDE IN FAVOR OF DEMOCRATS.**

Kentucky Court of Appeals Hands Down Opinion in the Governorship Case—Decision is Five to One.

Frankfort, Ky., April 6.—The court of appeals today handed down a decision in the governorship case in favor of the Democrats. The opinion is by six of the judges, four Democrats and two Republicans. One Republican, Durrell, dissented.

Judge Durrell was the only judge dissenting. The other two Republican judges, Burnam and Guffy, gave a separate opinion from the Democratic majority but which agreed with the Democratic members in its conclusion.

Judge Hubson wrote the opinion of the court. The concurrence of Judges Burnam and Guffy with the four Democratic judges was a surprise generally, but to the Republicans especially, and there is much speculation now as to whether the taking of appeal to the Supreme Court will be prosecuted.

The opinion holds that the action of the legislature in seating Gov. Beckham was final, and that the courts have no power to review it; that Gov. Taylor exceeded his authority in adjourning the legislature to London, and that the

**CLEARING HOUSE REPORT.**

April 6, 1900.  
Today's clearings, . . . . . \$43,518.94  
Same day last year, . . . . . \$46,875.57

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