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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.
The Seventy-third annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, commencing on Saturday, April 4, 1903. A general attendance of the officers and members of the Church is requested.

CHANGE OF FAST DAY.
As the General Conference will be in session on the first Sunday in April, it is deemed advisable that the fast, usually observed on the first Sunday in each month, be held on the last Sunday in March, 1903, in those stakes and wards where the officers and members in large numbers will attend the Annual Conference. This will apply particularly to the Salt Lake Stake of Zion and adjoining places.

RELIGION CLASS OFFICERS' MEETING.
The Presidency of Stakes, Bishops of wards, Stake and ward superintendents and members of the Stake Boards of Religion classes together with the officers and instructors are cordially invited to attend a meeting of Religion class workers to be held at Barratt Hall on Saturday, April 4, 1903, at 4:30 o'clock p. m.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION CONFERENCE.
The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held Sunday, April 5, 1903, at 7:30 p. m. in the Tabernacle. The attendance of stakes and ward officers and teachers is urgently requested and all the Saints are invited. A preliminary meeting of stake superintendents and assistants will be held in the assembly room of the Salt Lake Business college, Templeton building, at 5 o'clock p. m., Sunday, April 5. A full attendance is desired.

THE SPREAD OF DISEASE.
The spread of contagious diseases is a subject needing the special attention of boards of health in every part of the State. But it also calls for caution and diligent action on the part of the people generally. Complaints are made, and not without cause, that persons afflicted with contagious disorders mingle with the public and are apparently indifferent to the danger of such conduct. If warning by word is insufficient to stop this evil, punishment ought to follow it, and the health officers should prosecute the offenders.

ALL AGAINST DELITZSCH.
The Delitzsch controversy in Germany has called forth comments by a great number of university professors and others. This is natural. The attack of the professor on the Bible is very much of the nature of the attacks made upon the Book of Mormon. He charges that the Scriptures are of only human origin, and not very noble origin at that. Were this permitted to stand uncontradicted, Protestantism would have no foundation at all. Protestantism without an infallible, divinely inspired, authoritative Bible would have no possible excuse for existence. Professor Delitzsch, as will be remembered, about a year ago, gave a lecture in "Babel and Bibel," in which he contended that the stories of Genesis are only Babylonian myths. This has been said by others, without creating much stir, but the professor spoke before the Kaiser and apparently by his approval, and that gave to the utterances much more importance than they would have had otherwise.

often develops into the confluent type and becomes malignant and dangerous to life. After all, diphtheria and scarlet fever are more fatal than smallpox. That is they have a greater mortality in these times and in this region. So has typhoid fever. Yet scarcely anything is said by the smallpox alarmists about the danger of contact with persons afflicted with those diseases. The scare is entirely as to smallpox.

The controversy has brought out the fact that the Biblical criticism for which Delitzsch stands is much less popular than it was a few years ago. It is stated that of all the brochures, pamphlets or magazine articles that have appeared on the question, not one agrees with the professor in maintaining that Genesis is a plagiarism of Babylonian writings. Even liberal thinkers freely express themselves to the effect that he has exaggerated the importance of Babel.

With the death of Dean Farrar, in London, a few days ago, England loses one of her most popular preachers and writers on theological subjects. He was born in Bombay, in 1851, and had a very successful career. In April, 1876, he became a canon in Westminster Abbey, and in April, 1885, he was appointed Archdeacon of Westminster. It was in these years that he established his fame as a pulpit orator. In 1890 he became chaplain of the House of Commons, and in 1895 was appointed Dean of Canterbury.

Fast day tomorrow. No services in the Tabernacle.
The late N. K. Fairbanks' leaf in history will be leaf laid.
At the Lucin out-off they have proved that still waters run deep.

The planet Mars will be in all probability, during the next few years be closely studied again by the astronomers. Tonight that luminary will reach its opposition to the sun, and will be less than 60,000,000 miles distant from us. The telescopes will reduce this distance to 60,000 miles.

Spring ploughing on South Temple street, between East Temple and First East, has begun.
In making dashes for either pole, the dashers thus far have only succeeded in butting their heads.

The Chicago city council has passed a drastic anti-smoke ordinance. But it is a long way from having suppressed the smoke nuisance.

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The will of the late President Benjamin Harrison has failed to stand the test of the courts. Lord Coke's will suffered the same test and so did the late Samuel J. Tilden's.

Admiral Dewey says the American navy is the best in the world. Had he started his presidential boom with that statement how different might have been his fate!

Had the Empress of Germany been riding one of the Emperor's hobby horses at her being thrown from it, but prised at her being thrown from it but to fall from an ordinary cob seems strange.

A simple lesson for a simple paper: You can't "reincarnate" four, or any number of officials or members of a party who are still in office and still active and recognized members thereof. Even a Tribune writer ought to know that much.

The morning paper that is "not an organ of any party," continues to droop over the failure of one official to compel a number of other officials of his party to do just as he dictates. If anybody can make sense out of its latest rhodomontade on this point, he may go up head of a class composed of Philadelphia lawyers. Its attempt is simply pitiful, and its mendacity is only excelled by its ill sense. Even its friends concede it is in a very bad way, and its confession that it is itself nothing but "a nightmare" proclaims its condition.

The Springfield Republican, on comparing the figures presented by the statistics for 1902, finds that coffee drinking is increasing in the United States, while tea is growing less popular. The present average yearly consumption of tea is about one pound per capita, or less than the consumption of thirty years ago. But the per capita consumption of coffee in the same time has nearly doubled, and that of beer and ale has more than doubled. As the use of wines and distilled spirits is about the same relatively as thirty years ago, it is evident, from the malt liquor statistics, that the consumption of intoxicants has increased, in spite of all efforts of the temperance societies.

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