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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-third semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will commence on Saturday, October 4, 1902, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City. A general attendance of the officers and members of the Church is invited and desired.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The regular conference of Sunday school workers is called for Sunday evening October 5th, at 7:30 o'clock in the Salt Lake Tabernacle. It is urged that all Sunday school workers attend, as matters of a very interesting and instructive character will be presented.

There will be an important meeting of the Stake Superintendents held in room 25, Lion House, on Sunday evening, October 5th, at six o'clock. It is earnestly requested that all visiting superintendents and their aids will attend, as business of importance is to be transacted.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEO. REYNOLDS,
J. M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

FAST DAY CHANGED.

As the General Conference of the Church will be in session on Sunday, October 5, 1902, by request of the First Presidency the regular monthly fast meeting will be observed on Sunday, September 28, in all the wards of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion. The bishops and members of those wards will please govern themselves accordingly. Fast meetings will be held in those wards in the afternoon of that day, and there will consequently be no meeting then, in the Tabernacle.

ANGUS M. CANNON,
JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,
CHARLES W. PENROSE,
Stake Presidency.

THE ROADHOUSE AFFAIR.

The discharge from custody of Barney Eckstein, who shot and killed James A. Jennings at the roadhouse on State street, will occasion some adverse comment. The opinion that he would escape punishment has been very generally expressed, and there is a widespread sentiment unfavorable to the accused. But persons who look carefully at both sides of the question and understand something of the nature of legal evidence, will see that the testimony at the inquest and at the hearing before Judge Tanner, was entirely insufficient to support the charge against the prisoner, and in fact went to show that he acted in self-defense, and will, therefore, agree that the dismissal of the case was proper. Prejudice and public feeling against a defendant ought not to weigh a feather in the scales of justice. The accused was rightly acquitted, in the light of the evidence that was adduced.

There is another question associated with the tragedy at the roadhouse, which will have to be determined by the county commissioners. It seems pretty clear that the place has been a resort for young people of both sexes, at which minors could obtain intoxicating drinks and where persons of disreputable character have been in the habit of resorting. If these are the facts in the case, the commissioners ought not to hesitate in revoking the license permitting the sale of liquors at that place, nor should they halt at the work of preventing similar infractions of the law at other places within their purview.

The work of reform which has been undertaken by the city authorities should be pursued in the county outside of the city. Places where liquor is sold beyond the city limits have long been in bad repute, and the public will expect prompt action concerning them, in line with the movement inaugurated within the municipality. We hope they will not be disappointed.

THE FOWLER'S SNAKE.

Readers of the Deseret News will doubtless remember the rash and mendacious remarks attributed to Bishop Fowler of the Methodist Episcopal church, while on a visit some time ago to Salt Lake City. They were made, no doubt, because of tales that had been told to the speaker, and he was incautious enough to speak of them as his own, in an eager desire to say something striking and nasty about the "Mormon"

Church. We should not have mentioned this matter again at this time, but for a communication received in this city from Manila, in the Philippine Islands, where the unsavory remarks of Bishop Fowler have penetrated. It appears that he repeated those untruths after leaving this State, and in Buffalo, New York, made remarks which found their way afterwards to Manila, as reported in the Buffalo Commercial as follows: "Utah is the worst place in the world," said Bishop Fowler yesterday afternoon in addressing the members of the Women's Home Missionary society, who were holding their annual meeting in the Delaware avenue M. E. church. "One can smell the brimstone when walking over the ground. Bad as polygamy is, it is the whitest blot in the Mormon nest. When you confront Mormonism, you confront the greatest power of the church today. The Mormon missionaries usually work among servants in England, Wales, Germany and Scandinavia, and, upon their conversion, the victims are given their fare to this country and placed upon a small piece of land, which is sold to them at an exorbitant price, a note being taken in payment. The interest is so large that the purchaser cannot pay anything upon the principal," and, in this way, the Church has a grip on the people, for if they leave the Church, their farms will be taken from them."

Respectable people of all creeds and parties who have visited Utah and have made observations for themselves, declining to be stuffed with tales made up for tourists by enemies of the people here, invariably express their admiration at the social conditions of Utah when compared with those in other parts of the country. The "smell of brimstone" experienced by the Methodist Bishop must have been in his spiritual nostrils, after preaching the horrors of the Methodist hell-fire.

His notion about the work of the "Mormon" missionaries is also entirely imaginative. The facts are easily ascertainable, that "Mormon" missionary work is not directed towards any particular class. Our Elders are sent forth to preach the Gospel "to every nation, kindred, tongue and people." It is true that as a rule it is the same with them as it was with the Saviors of mankind in His missionary work. "The common people hear them gladly," while in the majority of instances the rich and the proud turn away from them with disdain. But the story that Bishop Fowler tells about the fare of converts being given to them to come to this country, and their being placed upon a small piece of land and so on, is pure fiction. The Elders travel without purse or scrip and have no money to give away. The Church has neither funds for such a purpose nor land either to sell or lease, and Bishop Fowler might learn the truth, if he were disposed to receive it, concerning this and other matters in which he is so grievously in error.

In these anti-"Mormon" stories which clerical gentlemen roll under their tongues as sweet morsels, and their audiences swallow with such gusto, the purpose in view always crops out. It is invariably "give us money, give us money, give us money, that we may establish schools, and pay preachers and teachers to convert the children of the "Mormons" and advance the cause of Methodism, or such other ism as the speaker advocates. The inevitable collection invariably follows the sensational tales told about the "Mormons," and the work of maligning them evidently pays, or some more novel method would be employed for pecuniary ends.

Our friends in Manila and elsewhere who learn of Bishop Fowler's shameful utterances about the Latter-day Saints, of whose character and doctrines he is grossly ignorant, need not worry about them. He is simply "bearing false witness against his neighbors," and will have to give account in the great day for his words as well as his works. His confessions have recently reached the conclusion, that misrepresenting the "Mormons" and their doctrines has been an ignominious failure, and so they have determined to put into practice the pertinent saying: "You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar." We suggest to the Bishop that the sweetness of truth and charity are much pleasanter to the taste, than the gall and wormwood of bitterness and hate.

THE QUEEN OF HOLLAND.

The announcement that the young Queen of Holland has returned to her accustomed place at The Hague, suggests to the New York Evening Post the propriety of contradicting the many rumors about her domestic troubles, that were set afloat some time ago, and which must have caused her a great deal of annoyance. The rumors were contradicted officially, but the contradictions did not prevent a certain class of newspapers from continuing their comments on the brutality of the husband and the terrible fate of the royal lady. And the newspaper reports were echoed among the readers in many lands.

The New York Evening Post says it is in a position to contradict all the vile scandals that were put afloat of alleged quarrels between Queen Wilhelmina and her husband, and of ill-treatment on his part toward herself, and of indignation in court circles at The Hague by reason thereof. The Queen's marriage was a love match as genuine as any that ever takes place in private life, but it did not receive the sanction of the Dutch government until the character of Prince Henry was developed from infamy to manhood as fully known.

The vile rumor, we are told, was first set afloat by a discharged coachman. It was seized upon by a racing newspaper reporter, and as it passed along the line was magnified till it resembled a case of wife-beating, and necessitated the challenge to a duel sent to Prince Henry by a young nobleman who could no longer endure the supposed outrages heaped upon the Queen. But the original story of the discharged coachman was false, and all the rest was yellow journalism. Nobody in Holland who was in a position to know the facts ever believed a word of it.

It is but right that the contradiction should be known as widely as the false rumors were spread. It will be difficult, though, to efface entirely the bad impression made.

ALCOHOL AND LIFE.

A Milford, Mass., physician contributes a paper to the current number of the Sanitarian, in which the effects of alcohol upon human life are discussed. This is a subject on which there is but little difference of opinion. Even the slaves of drunkenness have a well defined impression that they are shortening their lives by the excessive use of intoxicants, but they seem to have no power of resistance.

The writer in the Sanitarian presents a number of facts and figures from widely different sources. He quotes a Berlin doctor who made the longevity of persons handling beer and other alcoholic beverages a special study. His observations embraced 1,229 cases, and he found that the average expectation of life of such persons is 47 years less than that of other persons of the same age.

Another calculation corroborates this statement. While the English census returns show an average mortality of adult males, of 188 per 1,000, of that of beer sellers was 20 per 1,000, of wine merchants 23.9 per 1,000, of licensed spirit retailers 23.9 per 1,000, and of inn and hotel keepers 23.9 per 1,000. In Munich, the statistics lead to similar conclusions. There the average lifetime of persons who pass the twentieth year in good health is 53 years, while the average lifetime of the proprietors of beer saloons is 51.85 years, and of brewers 42.23 years. That of the male proprietors of wine rooms is 49 years, and of female proprietors of the same but 47 years.

Another fact is stated as conclusive proof of the proposition that drink shortens human life. The insurance companies and fraternal societies have been taught by experience to reject drunkards and excessive regular drinkers, as well as persons engaged in the retail liquor trade. As an illustration, the experience of one company is quoted. This company has for a number of years carried insurance in two sections, one general and one special for temperance people, or rather total abstainers. The reports for both sections show that there were less than three-fourths as many deaths in proportion in the temperance section as in the general section. Stated in another form, there was one death per year for every 152 moderate drinkers and one for every 201 total abstainers.

Other statistics are quoted in corroboration of the general conclusion that of men who have passed the age of twenty-five, the strictly temperate, on the average, live at least ten years longer than those who become decidedly intemperate. Such facts and figures should be studied carefully, especially by our young people. These should be careful not to contract habits that may deprive them of years of usefulness and enjoyment on earth. It is much easier to resist the temptation to become a drunkard, before the taste for liquor is acquired, than it is to break the fetters when they are made strong.

TROUBLES OF A CZAR.

Those are strange rumors from St. Petersburg about the plots against the Czarina. It is alleged that the hostile sentiment against her among the Russian people is so strong that the expediency of a separation from the Czar is seriously considered. And all because she is the mother of girls only, and has no boy to whom the crown and throne may go. In Russia, it seems, divorce is not legally obtainable, and this would be a serious difficulty in the plots against the empress. But a prelate is interested in the matter, and for that reason there is no theological difficulty that cannot be circumvented. Prelates are masters in the art of finding a way where there is none. And consequently, the Russian procurator of the holy synod has discovered that the Czarina's conversion to the Greek faith, on her marriage, was not sincere, and that consequently the marriage was null and void. No divorce is needed, then, since there was no genuine marriage.

In what position would this logic of Pobiedonostzeff leave the Czar and his consort, and their children? Surely the Czar cannot consent to disgrace his wife and himself before the world in such a manner. And if the Czar should feel tempted to yield to the suggestions of his spiritual adviser, the Czarina has influential friends in Europe that would interfere in her behalf. Neither Germany nor Great Britain could be entirely indifferent to a scandalous proceeding of that kind. In former times princes have put away wives for "reasons of state," but in the present age public opinion will have to be considered. And that will pronounce against such a proceeding so strongly, that even an autocrat may deem it necessary to listen.

Why does not the Russian government change the order of succession and confer the crown upon the oldest girl in the family, in case there is no male heir? Russia in older times has had queens that hold the reins of government steadily enough. What Russia needs more than an imperial boy, is the spirit of progress that has been too long excluded from its institutions. If the emperor could get rid of evil counselors and if he would listen more to the promptings of his own heart, it would be better both for him and his people.

Quite naturally most platforms are lumbering affairs.

People are anxiously waiting for the rain of the Storm King to begin.

That operation on the President's leg cut out all discussion of the tariff by him.

Explorer Baldwin has sailed for New York. It is much easier to find than the north pole.

The game of politics begins with primaries and, for one side or the other, ends in cemeteries.

Political parties are often controlled like wild horses—by being so bound that they dare not move.

Those Yankee tars at Panama may have to tar and feather a few Colombians before they behave.

watch the chickens when the fox preaches.

Millionaire Stratton's will is to be contested by his son. Peace is one of the blessings of dying poor.

If there is to be a bench show in connection with the State fair it should be held on the Bonnevillie bench.

The north pole may now go into hibernation with the assurance that no one will carry it off while it sleeps.

In Canada they think that the carbine is mightier than the sword, as they have abolished the latter for the cavalry.

The wearing of a Panama hat is no longer a sign of wealth. It is a sign that the wearer is now without the price of a new fall style.

Bishop Hastings Moore, who has been in the Far East as the representative of the Methodist church interests, says that China's idols have been shattered. It is the best use to which a heathen idol can be put.

If a Venezuelan warship hoists the American flag again for the purpose of deceiving the enemy, Uncle Sam will give Venezuela such a hoist that it will take her a long time to recover and find out what struck her.

No matter how just their cause, the striking coal miners take the wrong way of further it when they go to mobbing and shooting non-union men. Such conduct only begets condemnation for them and more sympathy for their victims.

And now it turns out that Emperor William did not request of General Corbin his written opinion of the German army maneuvers. But the American people would be glad to have Emperor William's written opinion of General Corbin's six hundred dollar military dress suit.

It must be a sore disappointment to politicians and other public men who send advance copies of their speeches on momentous occasions to the newspapers of the country, to have the editors throw their orations into the waste basket. But a good live item is always worth more than a dead-set speech.

The numerous friends of Elder John Kirkman will be pleased to know, that he is gradually recovering from the effects of the stroke of paralysis from which he has suffered for several months. He was out taking a carriage ride today, and looks and feels as if he were on the rapid road to recovery. We hope to see him soon at his old post, or in some other place adapted to his active and cheerful nature and disposition.

NEW TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Springfield Republican.
The reports from China, both by cable and mail, official and unofficial, concerning the possibility of another anti-foreign uprising are decidedly disturbing. Should the concert of western nations send their troops into China again at an early day, the regeneration of the country under native auspices would be much longer deferred, and the integrity of the empire might quickly become a fiction too transparent to be respected by land-greedy powers.

New York Mail and Express.
The murders of native Christians and destruction of church property seem to be confined principally to the province of Sze-chuen. It is far inland, upon the borders of Burma and Tibet, and it would be a well-nigh impossible task for foreign troops to reach the scene of the disorders. The repression and punishment must be done by the Chinese authorities. The province has been an exceptionally peaceful one in the past, and it is not the actions of the empire and has heretofore been one of the most placid.

San Francisco Chronicle.
China's new internal troubles are admittedly due to the causes which gave birth to the Boxer rebellion of 1900, and the cause of the recent disorders is the hatred of the foreigners who are held responsible for the official abuses and burdens imposed upon the people. The hatred of foreigners has been artfully encouraged by the local collectors at the various barriers to cover the abuses they have associated with it and through which they are themselves enriched. The people have been persuaded to believe that the foreigners are solely responsible for all of the heavy burdens which these abuses have created. As these burdens have been increased by the imposition of new taxes in addition to the likin to enable the imperial government to pay the indemnity due the foreigners, a new cause has been given for popular resentment against the foreigners. Hence these later manifestations of intense popular hatred against the foreign missionaries and their converts. There is nothing unnatural in the situation.

New York Evening Post.
It is a great hazard upon which England and the powers are entering. We need no further proof of that than the dispatches, which tell how the Boxer action has been carried by a few reckless thousands miles from Shanghai, and the Boxer revolt repeated almost in its original alarming proportions in the inland provinces of China. But the very greatness of the hazard will be a stimulus to the statesmen who have the matter in charge, and the plain need of a radical reorganization in China calls for men who will practice the fortitude and wise optimism of Secretary Hay during that terrible July of 1900.

WANTS THE WEST INDIES.

St. Louis Globe-Democrat.
The American people should begin to grasp the fact that the sooner or later Haiti and its neighbor of the same island, Santo Domingo, will have to be annexed. Most of the white inhabitants of Haiti would be overjoyed at the prospect of annexation by the United States. The foreigners on the island—British, Germans, French, Spaniards, and others—would welcome annexation to a man. A third of a century ago the United States had a chance to annex Santo Domingo, by the consent of the inhabitants, but a few selfish contents in the senate raised up a crusade against it which defeated the project. Recently Santo Domingo, like its neighbor Haiti, has been indulging in orgies which have been a disgrace to civilization, though at the present time something like peace prevails. Nobody can tell, however, how soon the disruption will break out again.

Chicago Record-Herald.
The suggestion that the United States should annex Haiti in acknowledgment of its duty to preserve order in the western hemisphere is intended as an exhibit of world-power proclivities, but it really only hints at our obligations to slight them. While Haiti should be seized as a matter of course, it is unfair to tie up with the regular and edification of that island when there is equal need for the exercise of our rights as general regulator in Venezuela, Colombia, and Bolivia.

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