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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Fifty-second Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, on Thursday, April 6th, 1882, at 10 o'clock a. m. A general attendance is invited.

JOHN TAYLOR,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
of the First Presidency.

A MAGNIFICENT HOME INSTITUTION.

AT two o'clock this afternoon the 26th semi-annual meeting of the stock-holders of Z. C. M. I. took place in the Council House in this city. The attendance was quite numerous, which shows a growing interest on the part of the people in the great co-operative movement of which Z. C. M. I. in this city with its branches at Ogden and Logan is the tangible embodiment.

For upwards of thirteen years this Institution has stood the test of panics and dull times as well as the more trying ordeal of prosperity. But its foundation was laid so broad and deep that it has remained unshaken by every trial, and to-day its credit is not surpassed, while it stands without a rival on this continent.

The meeting having been called to order by Vice-President Jennings who presided, the Secretary proceeded to read the President's report to the stockholders, from which we gather the following: The merchandise purchased by the Institution during the past six months has amounted to the large sum of $1,541,510.02, upon which freight to railroad and express companies was paid to the amount of $214,968.80.

The Institution's sales have steadily grown from year to year, until for the past half year they amount to the large sum of $2,000,897.27. The average cost to the Institution for selling goods in the home departments has been less than 4½ per cent. on the total amount of goods sold.

The cash receipts for the half year have been $2,095,885.07.

The reserve fund accumulated amounts to $43,732.99.

The dividend declared for the half year is 5 per cent., in addition to which a sum of $24,847.55 will be carried to the surplus fund.

Time and space will not permit our giving a full statement of this interesting report, but we think the figures we have quoted are sufficient to show that the Institution, under its present management, is in a prosperous and flourishing condition.

The value of the stock in the home departments of the house alone amounts to upwards of a million dollars. It has been selected with the utmost care, and buying in such immense quantities as the Institution is enabled to handle, first hands are invariably reached.

Those who are not familiar with the conducting of so large a business as that of Z. C. M. I. would be greatly surprised could they investigate and see how perfect a commercial machine this mammoth institution really is. Every department, from that of purchasing to that which delivers and distributes the goods that have been bought by customers, is so perfectly arranged, that each works with the smoothness of a piece of finely constructed machinery, and all have their duties strictly defined, so that when a rush of business comes along, as frequently occurs at Conference and holiday times, there is no confusion or delay.

Tourists and strangers visiting this city are invariably struck by the magnitude of this institution and its mammoth and varied stock. Our home people do not realize this so fully as visitors. It has grown up before them from small beginnings, and as parents scarcely notice the growth of their children, seeing them continuously, so it has been in regard to this Institution. The people should be proud of Z. C. M. I. as a home production; its officers, its managers, its salesmen are home men, well known in the community, and who for business tact, ability and courtesy, are probably nowhere excelled. The people should be proud of it because it has worked in their interests, it has never taken advantage of any scarcity of goods to increase the value, nor has it ever made a "corner" in any thing to force its patrons to give an extra price. The people should be proud of it because they have made it what it is. It is their own patronage which has caused its success; it has not depended on the stranger, or sought a catch-customer trade, or attempted spasmodic sales by uncertain figures on goods, but its well-selected stock, and one-price system without rebating, have established its good character and sound reputation.

The people should be proud of it, because it has been the great breakwater against extortion; it has been a steadier of prices, and, as now, the gauge which regulates and keeps down values everywhere in the Territory, so far as imported merchandise is concerned. The people should be proud of it because it has given the community unsurpassed commercial and financial standing all over this great country, its promise to pay being considered as good as cash in hand. It has honored all its obligations, and its credit is unquestioned and without limit in the best markets of the world. The people should be proud of it because it is an institution in which they hold a personal interest, the Church of which they are members owning a large amount of its capital stock, and it is thus a "Mormon" institution, backed by the influence and resources of leading and reliable men among the "Mormon" people. They should be proud of it, because it is and has been the patron of home industry and home manufacture. While always giving full value to the purchasers of its goods, it has aimed, by turning its surplus funds into buildings, and machinery, and banks, to be in every possible direction the friend of the people, and to create employment to the extent of its ability. Its future policy will run still more in this direction; not speculating wildly in enterprises uncertain in their character, but making judicious selections and devoting its experience, ability and means to secure to its collateral business concerns as great success as has been achieved by the parent institution.

The report given to-day with the account of its annual sales, its increasing dividend, its reserve for possible contingencies, and other financial items of interest, is such as to inspire continued confidence in its management, and to warrant the expectation of increased sales and increased prosperity. The people will, no doubt, sustain and deal with their friends; and their negative or passive, as well as their active enemies, will notice, we believe, that commercial in addition to social and religious unity, is becoming more decided under uncalled for and unjustifiable opposition.

We understand that it is the full intention of the directors and officers to so continue their revision of prices from time to time as to make impossible anything but legitimate competition. They will not be undersold anywhere in this Territory, nor by any other firm, under any circumstances whatever. And they intend that this shall be so fully understood by their patrons and friends that there will be less and less desire to listen to or attempt the professions so glibly and speciously made by competing or hostile establishments. We heartily and cordially commend this great home institution to the patronage and support of the public in general and, in particular of all true Latter-day Saints.

A GOOD VETO.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR has shown his good judgment once more, in his action on the Chinese bill. The veto power, we consider, has been wisely exercised. The outcry against the Chinese has been raised in one section of the country and has been caught up for political effect and used by demagogues to gain popularity. Indeed this seems to be the motive that prompts much of the legislation that obtains in the Congress of the United States.

This is supposed to be a government of the people by and for the people. The popular sentiment should, then, be ascertained on every important question. But the popular demand for any measure when the popular mind is inflamed, is no criterion for the framers of national law. *Vox populi* is either *vox dei* or *vox diaboli* according to the spirit which prevails at the time it is uttered. When stirred up by passion the voice of the people is an unsafe guide, and in nothing is this more apparent than in outcries arising from religious animosities or race antipathies. Reason then has little place in the hearts of the populace, and statesmen should stand above the level of the multitude and its fury, and act as wisdom dictates. But we have too few statesmen and too many politicians to warrant expectations of such lofty action.

We hope President Arthur will continue during his administration to exercise as much sound discretion and firm determination as he has exhibited in his veto of the anti-Chinese folly.

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LATEST DISPATCHES.

Buried Alive.

NEW YORK, 4.—While workmen were engaged in tearing down a building on James Street to-day the walls suddenly collapsed, burying a number of children who were playing in an adjoining yard. Three bodies thus far have been recovered.

Wife Killer.

Mrs. Ellen McFall, aged 25, was shot and mortally wounded this afternoon by her husband John, a painter.

Homestead and Pre-emption Bill.

WASHINGTON, 5.—The House committee on public lands to-day decided to report to the House, with favorable recommendation, a bill for the relief of settlers on railroad lands. The bill provides that wherever a qualified pre-emption or a homestead claimant, who has in good faith made his homestead or pre-emption entry of, or made a settlement with the *bona fide* intent to obtain a title under the homestead or pre-emption laws, on a tract of public land which has been or may hereafter be awarded by final decision of the Land Department to any State or corporation or under any grant which may have been made previous to his entry, and such settlement and such State or corporation refuses to relinquish said tract in favor of such settlement, he makes another claim or entry of land governing his original settlement, his residence upon and cultivation of the tract embraced in his first claim or entry, shall be considered a residence upon and cultivation of the land embraced in his new entry, and shall be deducted from the five years' residence and cultivation required by law, provided that no patent shall issue until the expiration of one year's residence upon last entry.

Unconditional Release.

A Washington special to the *Commercial Advertiser* says: The Secretary of State is in receipt of a cable dispatch from Minister Lowell to the effect that the British government has released unconditionally three of the imprisoned Americans.

Sequestrated.

GRAYLING STATION, Ills., 5.—Of the $8,000 in the express package lost here last November by the carelessness of the Michigan Central Railroad Co., $6,000 was found in the house of a poor laborer who lately excited suspicions by branching out luxuriously. He confessed the theft.

Elections.

CINCINNATI, 4. — Complete returns of the members of the board of public works show the result of yesterday's election. The total vote polled was 86,000, which is about 14,000 below an ordinary full vote. The democratic majority is 8,500 on members of the board of public works. The democrats elected an unusually large number of market officers.

Dayton, Ohio, 4.—Returns from thirteen precincts in the city show a democratic gain of 493. The probability is the city is carried by the democrats with a majority of about 400 for Mayor. The entire city ticket is elected by democrats. The Pond bill undoubtedly caused the republican defeat.

Columbus, 4.—The solid vote today was nearly as large as at the last State election. The republicans have secured sixteen councilmen to twelve democrats. The democratic city ticket is elected by a majority running from 400 to 600. A democrat mayor was elected a year ago by 868. The republicans would have carried the city but for the effect of the Pond liquor bill.

Detroit, 4.—The news a number of municipal elections in Michigan yesterday.

Lansing went democratic on the temperance issue.

Flint, rep; Owasso, dem; Hillsdale rep; Marshall, dem; on the temperence issue, the successful candidate being opposed by the saloonists.

Lasper went rep; Eaton Rapids, temperence, Ann Arbor, dem; Nilis dem; Port Huron astonished everybody by going rep; Jackson accomplished the same feat; Grand Rapids went heavy for the combination ticket.

Returns from the municipal elections of the various small towns report a quiet election and republican tickets generally successful. No returns yet received from Leadville.

Cleveland.—It was a quite election. The democrats probably elect all the city ticket. The republicans lost six councilmen. The returns are not complete.

Cincinnati, 4.—With 33 precincts to hear from the democratic majority is 5,600. It will be increased by the precincts to be heard from.

Shot.

LEADVILLE, 4.—This afternoon Jim Kenney shot and fatally wounded John Lukenbill after a brief altercation, during which the latter struck at Kenney with a revolver. The cause of the quarrel was a bet of Lukenbill's that Kenney seduced his wife. Both men were gamblers. The affair created great excitement and a large crowd surrounded the jail, crying "lynch him," but were finally quieted and dispersed.

FOREIGN.

Hanged.

ODESSA, 5.—Frehikoff, the assassin, was hanged yesterday.

Mill Burned.

LONDON, 5.—The Gladstone Mills, of Asthon-Under-Tyne, were burned with 100,000 spindles.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

A fire in the iron works at Wilcowitz, Bohemia, belonging to Rothschilds, caused a damage of 400,000 florins.

In Dublin Mrs. Smith was killed by a shot fired at her husband while she and two other ladies were driving home with her husband from church.

In Chicago, August Kohne, a young German, for unrequitted affection, shot and killed himself this morning at the house of his employer.

DIED.

At Willard, Box Elder County, March 28, 1882, of pneumonia, BETSY COLE, wife of Robert Holmes, aged 63 years and 8 months.

Deceased was born in the parish of Bishops Froome, Herefordshire, England, embraced the gospel under the hands of Elder Wilford Woodruff at Castle Froome, of said county on March 7th, 1840, and emigrated with her husband in the fall of said year for the beautiful city of Nauvoo; shared the toils and privations incident to the exodus of the Saints in 1846, and settled at Winter Quarters on the Missouri River, at which place they remained till the following year, when they joined Bishop Edward Hunter's company, traveling the plains under the captaincy of Joseph Horne, and following on the track of the Pioneers, arriving in Salt Lake Valley in the early part of October, 1847. Sister Betsy Holmes was favorably known to a host of Saints, passing through poverty and trial without a murmur, true to her partner, true to her brethren and sisters, and, true to her God. She died as she had lived in the full faith of a glorious resurrection to eternal life.

At Bloomington, Bear Lake County, Idaho, February, 16th, 1882, of diphtheria, MELVIN ALPHONZO, the beloved son of Journal and Orleana Palmer: aged 3 years, 9 months and 25 days.

Also, at the same place, of the same disease and of the same parents, February 20th, 1882, ORLEANA ANN: aged 12 years, 1 month and 2 days.

February 22nd, 1882, RHODA: aged 6 years, 6 months and 15 days.

March 23rd, 1882, ALFRED ACEL; aged 11 months and 19 days.

We sincerely sympathize with the parents in their great affliction.—*Bear Lake Democrat.*

At Fairview, Sanpete Co., Utah, March 31st, 1882, LOIS ALMEDA, daughter of Henry W. and Sarah Jane Sanderson. Born Sept. 6th, 1881.

At Moab, Emery Co., March 23rd, 1882, of dyspepsia and liver complaint, JOSEPH TAYLOR, son of R. H. and Sarah Ann Taylor Stewart, aged 16 years, 7 months and 1 day.

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