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## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

"The latest conference is the best,"  
has become a common saying among  
the Latter-day Saints. Certainly there  
has been no gathering of the kind that  
was fraught with greater interest, that  
was better attended, that was blessed  
with more of the spirit of inspiration,  
or that gave higher satisfaction than the  
semi-annual Conference of the Church  
that closed on Tuesday evening.  
It was, emphatically, a grand occasion  
and was thoroughly enjoyed by the  
many thousands of people who were  
present.

The intense interest exhibited was  
sustained from the opening to the close.  
The presence of the First Presidency  
and ten of the Apostles, with other  
general authorities, was fully appre-  
ciated. The discourses were varied, in-  
spired and impressive, and at times  
thrilling with the force and earnestness  
of the speakers. The instructions of the  
First Presidency were eminently  
practical and timely, touching on live  
questions of moment to the whole  
Church. The music was, as usual, most  
excellent and the choral singing was  
diversified by solos and duets that were  
charmingly rendered.

The appointment of Elder Francis M.  
Lyman as President of the Twelve  
Apostles was anticipated. But that of  
Elder George A. Smith as one of the  
Twelve was somewhat of a surprise,  
as the matter had not leaked out, but  
both were eminently satisfactory. An-  
other surprise was the appointment of  
Elder Heber J. Grant to preside over  
the European mission, relieving Presi-  
dent Lyman, but this also was received  
as very fitting and suitable, and in ac-  
cordance with the mind and will of the  
Lord. There was not a dissenting vote  
or expression during the entire Confer-  
ence.

The immense crowds that assembled  
on Sunday were an astonishment to  
strangers. The Tabernacle with gal-  
leries thrown open could not contain  
the people in the morning, and in the  
afternoon both the Tabernacle and the  
Assembly Hall overflowed, and a con-  
gregation of at least 2,000 was addressed  
by selected speakers in the open air on  
the Tabernacle grounds.

The influence of this great gathering  
will be carried to the remotest parts of  
the Church. Many Presidents of mis-  
sions were present as well as repre-  
sentatives from all the States of Zion,  
and the effect will be to strengthen the  
faith of the Saints, to increase their unity  
and determination to live their religion,  
and to give additional impetus to the  
great latter-day work throughout the  
world. It has been a grand and de-  
lightful occasion, unequalled in the  
history of the Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints.

## THE TWO INSTITUTIONS.

In explaining the reasons for the  
change of name of the B. Y. Academy  
at Provo to the title of the Brigham  
Young University we incidentally men-  
tioned that the more juvenile but excel-  
lent institution at Logan was called the  
Brigham Young College, and therefore it  
was evident the Academy could not  
properly take that name. We are in-  
formed that some of our friends associ-  
ated with the B. Y. College at Logan  
feel hurt at the use of the word "juve-  
nile." They want to know whether it  
refers to the character of the work at  
that establishment or its age, and claim  
that if the latter, it is only about ten  
months younger than the Academy at  
Provo, and if the former, that the Col-  
lege is quite up to the mark of the sta-  
tus of the Academy.

We are sorry that any remark of ours  
is taken as drawing an unfavorable  
comparison between the two institu-  
tions as nothing was further than that  
from our intention. We regard the es-  
tablishment at Provo as the parent of our  
higher educational institutions, and  
therefore spoke of the B. Y. College as  
the younger of the two, that was all.  
How much younger it is we do not care  
to discuss. We made no comparison of

the work done at the two places of  
learning, and we think our friends who  
took umbrage at our remark are super-  
sensitive.

We have always supported the B. Y.  
College at Logan, personally and edi-  
torially, and assure all who are con-  
nected with it that we regard it, as we  
have said, as a most excellent institu-  
tion. We have to be very careful what  
we say about any one institution of  
learning here, lest some other will take  
offense. Friends, do not be hypercritical,  
and do not be found among those who  
"make a man an offender for a  
word."

## ONE OF ITS KIND.

The Deseret News last night empha-  
sized its position that it is a church in-  
fluence which is backing the Councilmen  
who betrayed their party by claim-  
ing that the opposition to its view is  
anti-Mormon. And so it is established  
that the rebellious ones have the church  
backing for their course and depend  
upon it and not upon the Republican  
party for approval.—S. L. Tribune.

It is perhaps unnecessary to state the  
name of the sheet from which the fore-  
going editorial note is taken, and need-  
less to brand it with the only word that  
is appropriate. The statement it con-  
tains is not a mere mistake or uninten-  
tional error, but is an unmitigated and  
characteristic falsehood, commonly  
spoken of as a wilful LIE.

## FROM THE DEATH CHAIR.

The execution on one day of the three  
Van Wormer brothers in the State of  
New York, causes a contemporary in  
that city to review their past, and the  
record should be instructive in this time  
of decline of respect for law and law-  
ful authorities. The awful end of the  
career of these brothers is but an illus-  
tration of the dangerous roads children  
take, when they become a law unto  
themselves.

The three boys, it appears, had a bad  
reputation as long as neighbors re-  
member them. For years they terror-  
ized the people of Greendale by looting  
their poultry houses, taking their horses  
to ride and drive, and firing fusillades  
of revolver shots at anybody who de-  
fended his property against their raids.  
If a farmer threatened to have the law  
on them he was warned to refrain if he  
did not want his barns to be burned.  
They were vicious enough to crack  
safes, rifle tills and hold up travelers,  
but they hardly came under the head of  
professional criminals as the term is  
usually understood, until they killed  
their uncle, who had befriended them  
until he could do so no longer. They  
were idle and bad but society did  
not reject them, because they dressed  
well and entered into the gayeties of  
the young people as lightheartedly as  
anyone. They commenced a career in  
idleness and hoodlumism, and ended in  
murder. No doubt they commenced by  
idling away their time on street corners,  
as other loafers do. There, probably,  
they learned to take their first steps  
upon the road that led them to the  
electric chair. If the people of  
Greendale had, when they first indulged  
in hoodlumism, taken them in hand,  
and, if no other means availed, had  
sent them to a reformatory, they might  
have been saved a worse fate.

The crime of these boys should be a  
strong appeal to parents, throughout  
the land, in behalf of their own chil-  
dren, to save them from the corrupting  
influences of the hoodlumism that is  
rampant on the streets in the evening,  
and from the not less brutalizing power  
of the dime novel and the daily sen-  
sational record of crime and criminals.

## HOPE FOR INDIANS.

Those best acquainted with the progress  
of the Indians take a hopeful view  
of their future. Many Indians, it is  
said, have voluntarily given up the  
rations allowed them by the government,  
and declared themselves willing to sup-  
port themselves by work. They give  
great satisfaction to their employers,  
proving themselves superior to "coolie"  
labor, in the construction of railroads,  
and similar work. Consequently, the  
future of the Red Man is thought to  
be bright. Education and training are  
commencing to show encouraging re-  
sults.

This is not astonishing, considering  
the high civilization of the remote an-  
cestors of the Indians, as proved by  
the magnificent remains still extant of  
their monumental buildings. There is,  
clearly, no reason why the children  
should not be brought to the same  
level of civilization as that which was  
attained by their ancestors, nor why  
they should not greatly surpass their  
parents, if the progress continues. Man  
will rapidly sink toward barbarism,  
when he neglects to struggle upward  
and onward. He will fall as a bird  
with a wounded wing. But he can  
again rise, when his efforts are re-  
newed. The history of the Indian is  
a remarkable illustration of the influ-  
ence of morals upon civilization. They  
two are inseparable. A nation that  
becomes indifferent about the former,  
no matter for what reason, will soon  
deteriorate in every respect.

## MENELIK GREETING.

President Roosevelt has sent a special  
message of greeting by Consul General  
R. P. Skinner, of Marseille, to King  
Menelik of Abyssinia. Mr. Skinner  
leaves shortly for that country, where  
he will confer with the king concern-  
ing the establishment of favorable  
trade relations between the United  
States and that country. Consul Skinner  
will sail for Marseille Oct. 8, and  
will proceed thence to Abyssinia early  
in November. On behalf of this govern-  
ment he will also present an invitation  
to King Menelik to have his country  
represented by an exhibit at the Lou-  
isiana Purchase exposition.

Some time ago, when Russia was  
sending friendly greetings to Abys-  
sinia, it was thought that the Czar's  
government had designs on the country,  
but President Roosevelt's kind interest  
in the far away potentate can have no  
such aim. The fact is that the trade  
of the country is valuable to the man-  
ufacturers of the world, and it is well  
worth an effort to secure a share in it.  
Most of the oriental countries are al-  
most entirely dependent upon western  
industry for clothing, machinery and

other necessities of life. The United  
States is in the world's markets as a  
producer, as well as a consumer, and her  
interests must be looked after in every  
part of the globe.

King Menelik is an interesting per-  
son. Whether he is a direct descendant  
of King Solomon, as claimed by  
Abyssinian tradition, or not, he cer-  
tainly can claim recognition as one of  
the remarkable rulers of the world.  
Only a few years ago he drove the  
flower of the Italian army out of the  
country, and he has successfully de-  
fended himself against the invasions of  
three civilized nations. No country has  
a more remarkable record for bravery.  
It is a country the friendship of which  
is worth while cultivating.

As already intimated, the Abyssinian  
rulers claim that they are lineal de-  
scendants of King Solomon and his  
royal visitor, the Queen of Sheba. The  
Bible narrative of this event does not  
mention any marriage, but the Abyssin-  
ians are said to be explicit on this  
point. They say that she went to Jeru-  
salem to ask counsel of the famous son  
of David concerning some government  
troubles that caused her much anxiety,  
and that she became so impressed by  
the learning, wisdom and power of Sol-  
omon, that she placed her government  
under his protection, accepted his reli-  
gion, became his wife and gave him a  
son. The latter ascended the throne of  
the mother under the name of Menelik  
I, and it is supposed his descendants  
have reigned in unbroken succession.

Another tradition adds that the Ark of  
the Covenant with the original tablets  
of stone were sent to Abyssinia, by the  
Levites, at the fall of Jerusalem, and  
that the king, for the protection of the  
sacred relics, built a tabernacle at Ax-  
sum. The Abyssinians claim that the  
ark is there still.

It is quite possible that when that  
country is brought into closer contact  
with the world, archaeological treasures  
of great value may be found, both liter-  
ary and otherwise. That is one reason  
why friendship should be cultivated, for  
the interesting inhabitants of old  
Ethiopia.

You never miss the water till the  
dividends run dry.

The wind is never tempered to the  
short lamb of Wall street.

The price of liberty is eternal vigil-  
ance plus the sun named in the bond.

Over a hundred and twenty-five miles  
an hour on a German electric car! Gee  
whizz!

Some of Chicago's professors should  
be in a dime museum and not a uni-  
versity.

New York municipal politics begin to  
look more and more like an olla  
podrida.

After all it may be but a fiction that  
Coman Doyle gets two dollars a word  
for his fiction.

English opinion of the new cabinet  
seems to be that it is the work of a  
wood butcher.

It looks as though the open season for  
stocks in New York was still on, to  
judge from the slaughter.

While times in the Balkans are not  
particularly good still there are any  
number of situations there to be filled.

It cannot be said that the Northern  
Pacific dynamiters do not leave a wreck  
behind though no trace of them may be  
found.

It was scarcely anticipated that it  
would be such a fine day yesterday  
when the school children were given a  
holiday.

Those implicated in the postoffice  
frauds would be perfectly willing to  
have those indictments sent to the  
dead letter office.

The hundred and fifty school teach-  
ers in convention who fell down on just  
fifteen words given them to spell, were  
spell bound; nothing more.

Two men in a mine at Silver Lake,  
Colorado, thawed out some powder and  
are no more. Had they thought more  
and thawed less they would still have  
been in the land of the living.

Conan Doyle gets two dollars a word.  
But if a man had the words "Andrew  
Carnegie" or "John D. Rockefeller"  
written at the bottom of a blank check,  
he could get ten million dollars a word.

Speaking of Professor Small of the  
University of Chicago, and his Jinglo  
talk about a war with Germany, the  
Record-Herald says: "President Har-  
per evidently ought to hire a censor for  
his advertising department." Already  
one of its great troubles is too many  
censors.

Of course the school teachers of a  
generation ago were very slow and  
were absolutely ignorant of the scien-  
tific methods of pedagogy, and never  
heard of psychology, yet they could  
spell. Would it not be a good thing to  
reintroduce the old spelling matches?

It is hardly surprising that very se-  
rious charges have been made against  
the Colorado militia that has been do-  
ing duty at Cripple Creek. Some of  
these high in command acted like au-  
tocrats and as though they were above  
all law. It is when men get to acting  
under such an impression that they get  
to going wrong.

## THE PANAMA CANAL.

San Francisco Chronicle.  
A French newspaper, Le Matin,  
quotes from the treaty made by New  
Granada (the former name of the re-  
public of Colombia) and the United  
States in 1846, to show that the latter  
has the right to proceed with the con-  
struction of the Panama canal with-  
out negotiating any new treaty on the  
subject with the Colombian govern-  
ment. Article 35 of the treaty of 1846  
reads thus: "The government of New  
Granada guarantees to the government  
of the United States that the right of  
way or of transit across the isthmus  
of Panama by all means of communi-  
cation that exist or may come into ex-  
istence shall always remain open and  
free to the government and to the citi-  
zens of the United States, and for the  
transport of all products, manufactures  
and lawful merchandise whatsoever, be-  
longing to the citizens of the United  
States."

Boston Herald.  
The Panama canal, as far as it is

dependent upon the treaty with Colom-  
bia contemplated for its authorization,  
is dead. This comes of negotiating with  
irresponsible parties, which is one mis-  
fortune in the isthmus business. A  
pledge once obtained in that quar-  
ter may be made to hold, however, and it  
is not impossible that a later govern-  
ment in Colombia will be found to  
agree to it. From any common sense  
view of the matter, it is almost incred-  
ible folly for the isthmus state to re-  
fuse the offer we have made her. Sen-  
ator Morgan of Alabama will doubtless  
be exultant in view of this action, but  
we are led to hope that our government  
will find means to decline to commit  
itself to his wild alternative scheme of  
a canal through Nicaragua.

New York American.  
Colombia having thrown the Hay-  
Herren treaty back in our faces, the  
course made mandatory by common  
sense and national interest is to come  
quickly to a bargain with Nicaragua  
and Costa Rica. Pressure directed  
against that course will not be mis-  
understood. Proposals for more com-  
missions to investigate and report upon  
other possible or impossible routes,  
as well as proposals for more barter-  
ing with Colombia, will have but one  
meaning—the activity of the railroad  
lobby, whose business it is to add more  
wasted years to the years already  
wasted. Dig the Nicaragua canal!

Kansas City Star.  
It cannot be said that Nicaragua is  
the least bit slow. The time limit on the  
Panama canal treaty had hardly ex-  
pired when the Central American Repub-  
lic began to show signs of diplomatic  
activity. Instead of sulking over what  
seemed to be the preference of the Uni-  
ted States for the Panama canal route,  
Nicaragua simply "hid its head" and  
patiently, cheerfully kept in force the  
protections that had been entered into  
with the country prior to the framing  
of the Colombia treaty, and stood  
ready to take its chance, if it came.

Boston Herald.  
And yet Panama canal shares have  
advanced several points in Paris since  
the lapse of the canal treaty. This  
looks as if all was not lost. The ticker  
talks in French as well as in all the  
other languages.

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