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CONFERENCE NOTICE

The 80th Semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday, October 3, at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

When the Conference adjourns on Monday afternoon, it will be until Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 10 o'clock a. m. A general P. M. meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Monday evening, October 4, commencing at 7 o'clock.

A special Priesthood meeting will be held in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 5, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN H. WINDER, ANTHONY H. LUND, First Presidency.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will convene at the Tabernacle, Sunday evening, Oct. 3, at 7 o'clock. All are invited.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE

The October Semi-annual Conference of the Relief Society will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall in this city, commencing Thursday, October 7, 1909, promptly at 10 a. m. and at 2 p. m. All officers and members of the Society are cordially invited, also the presiding authorities of the Church, Bishops and other brethren interested in Society work, and the General Board of the Y. L. M. I. A. and of the Primary Associations. It is desirable there should be a large representation present, as the conference will be one of unusual interest.

An officers' meeting will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall in this city on Tuesday, October 5, at 2 p. m. and it is hoped all officers of the Society will attend this important meeting.

BATHSHERA W. SMITH, General President.
IDA S. DUSENBERRY, Counselor.

A. MILTON MUSSER

Amos Milton Musser, whose mortal remains were laid to rest on Wednesday, was one of the well known citizens of this city and a faithful and prominent worker in the Church. He is buried in the Historian's office, in the Ward and the Stake in which he resided, as well as in the family circle and among his numerous friends and acquaintances.

Elder Musser was one of the defenders of Nauvoo during his early youth. With others, his mother, with her children, was driven into Iowa by the mob. In 1851 he started for Utah and at Kanab, he became a member of the Church of which he has been a faithful and active member ever since. Shortly after his arrival in Utah he was called to go on a mission to Hindustan, and he accepted this call and arrived in Calcutta in 1856. He was absent on this mission for five years and reached home in the fall of 1862, having circumnavigated the earth in his travels. Elder Musser never tired of speaking of his experiences during this mission, and the wonderful manner in which the Lord opened the way for him, traveling, as he did, literally, without money. He used to say that at no time did he have to beg for food, clothing, or transportation. He opened his heart in prayer to his Father in heaven, and the way was always prepared for him.

At home he filled many important positions. From 1865 to 1878 he was a traveling bishop. He was one of the ten incorporators of the Deseret Telegraph company. In 1878 he was appointed assistant trustee-in-trust for the church. He filled a mission to the Eastern States, and published several pamphlets which had a wide circulation.

Elder Musser has had a long and useful life, and he has now departed to another sphere of usefulness. The dead in the Lord rest from their "labors" and their "works" do follow them. All the works that spring out of love, faith, and obedience, live on. Such operations do not cease with bodily death. All the works of a faithful saint merge in the future. This is a comforting thought in the hour of departure from this life of those to whom we are bound by ties of affection and love.

DISGRACEFUL SUFFRAGE WAR.

The war for woman suffrage in England seems to have entered a stage of violence that is a disgrace to both sides.

The dispatches say that a suffragette, Mary Leigh, attacked a police officer of Birmingham with an axe on the occasion of the visit of Premier Asquith. A magistrate sentenced her to four months' imprisonment at hard labor. When she was sentenced, she exclaimed: "That is the sentence of death against the first minister who holds a

public meeting." And now threats against the lives of the members of the cabinet are freely made, and the authorities fear that some hysterical fanatic will commit murder in the interest of "the cause."

To what length the war has been carried may be judged from the fact that the Birmingham police deemed it necessary to cover the glass roof of the hall in which the Premier spoke with a tarpaulin to protect the audience from the missiles of the suffragettes. The latter hoped the cover would be very inflammable, and but for the fact that the police interfered it would probably have been set fire to, with the result that many lives would have been lost.

We believe the men and women in England who are fighting against woman suffrage are English in the extreme. But at the same time the question arises whether either women or men who threaten to murder and to destroy property are fit to wield the ballot as citizens in a civilized commonwealth. We fear that the women who use the axe are doing the suffrage cause incalculable injury.

THE SAME OLD STORY.

In the so-called American convention Judge Brandel stated that the issue between the two sides in this city is this: On one side it is maintained that one must obey a polygamous priesthood in voting; on the other, that one may think for himself and vote as he pleases.

The old, old story of gross misrepresentation! And to think that the so-called American party is founded upon that falsehood, and held together by the frequent repetition of it! And to think, furthermore, that respectable men and women, who know "Mormons" as neighbors and friends, as customers, employees, and employers, and know that they are as free to think and speak and vote, as the birds in the air are to fly, or the fishes in the sea to swim—to think that such men and women, knowing the untruth upon which the party hangs, as a spider by its own web, can work with the leaders who publicly utter such falsehoods in justification of their attitude of malice and hatred!

There is Mayor Brandford, for instance, looking for re-election on the American ticket. Does he believe in his heart that he is justified in following the "American" party because his "Mormon" friends "must" obey a polygamous priesthood in voting? Does Judge Brandel, himself, believe what he said? Does anybody believe it? Can a single voter, whose word is worth its face value, be produced who will say that he was ever coerced by the Priesthood? Never.

During the last campaign so-called American orators, with the sanction of the party organs, forgetful of every American principle, declared war upon the Church and threatened to send innocent men to prison or in exile. Some citizens, prominent in local ecclesiastical circles, naturally, took that matter up and advised the voters to unite on one ticket in order to defeat that un-American and disgraceful plot. But—here is the point—a great many voters took this advice, and they did so of their own free will and choice; while others opposed it both publicly and privately, and voted their own way, and no coercion was attempted. Each voter was free as the wind that "bloweth where it listeth." This is the fact, and that can be ascertained by anyone who wants to inquire into the matter.

There can be no objection to the existence of the so-called American party, because citizens have a right to flock together, politically and ecclesiastically, according to their affinities and proclivities, but there certainly is a strong objection, from a moral point of view, to the banding together of any set of voters for the purpose of sandering a Church that has a legitimate existence under the law, and using falsehoods as a pretense for seizing public offices and spending public funds for party purposes. Every true American will protest against a form of piracy that seeks protection under the American flag.

PROHIBITION PARADE.

Chicago has had the biggest temperance demonstration in the history of the city, and probably of the world. In the parade on Saturday, the papers state, 25,000 prohibitionists marched down Michigan avenue, with banners and transparencies, and at least 50,000 people stood packed along the streets. Hundreds watched from balconies and skyscrapers.

The accounts state that nearly every vehicle known to man had been mustered into service to take part in the demonstration. There were policemen and parade marshals on horseback and on foot. There were automobiles by the hundred, from the huge touring car and delivery van to the smallest of runabouts and the sleekest of motorcycles. There were victrolas and phonographs, tallies and shays, drags and delivery wagons. Every one of them was decorated with bunting and each carried some sort of a legend representing its compliments to the liquor traffic and inviting the voter to put it out of business.

The report of the Chicago Record-Herald says that the parade was to the average man a revelation of the power of the total abstinence sentiment in Chicago. Every section of the city was represented. Nearly every church, every temperance club and every reform organization sent its members. Such a huge outpouring of people could not but have its effect on the politician.

The parade was remarkable for the number of women and children who took part. A crowd of little boys marching under a streamer bearing the legend "The Old Man Grinds Children, Can You Spare Toots?" was cheered. In contrast came the "original crusaders" in the temperance movement, men and women who had given their best years in the fight. Among these was a woman of 84 years and another only a year her junior. They were Mrs. May Anderson, 84, and Mrs. Anna Cregg, 83 years of age. They headed the Women's Christian Temperance Union. It was a wonderful demonstration of the growth of the prohibition sentiment during the forty years since the party was organized.

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One of the silliest arguments of the saloon champions is this that proper teaching will do more good than the preachments of the prophets who seek to make lives virtuous by law, and that prohibition legislation therefore is useless. If this argument were true, why have any prohibitive law at all? Why prohibit stealing and killing? Why not trust in the prohibition of such crimes by every man himself? Why prohibit the establishment of opium dens? Why not simply teach men and women that opium is harmful and let it go at that? The logic on the saloon side of this controversy is so faulty that even a drunkard ought to see the fallacy. And many do. And so the prohibition cause grows.

IN NEW YORK.

The New York Evening Post believes that the anti-Tammany campaign in New York has failed. The Independence League has withdrawn and the Democratic Union has succeeded and nominated its own ticket. The Citizens' Union, the Committee of One Hundred, and the Taxpayers' Alliance, three non-partisan bodies, are expected to endorse the Republican ticket, but, as the Post observes, endorsement is not fusion, and so, the Post says, "the advantage to be gained by joint and harmonious action has been lost because of the mistakes made in admitting two unworthy organizations to the councils, and because of a singular inability to act promptly and vigorously in the interests of the city. So great a cause as the anti-Tammany campaign merited a wholly different attitude."

But the negotiations have, all the same, had the effect of causing the Republicans to nominate an exceptionally strong ticket. It includes the name of one of the strongest Democrats in public life who has rendered excellent services as commissioner of accounts. It has at the head of the list a business man, Otto T. Barnard, who is said to have an irreproachable record.

The New York World believes that the election in that city will be decided by the independent voters, who hold the balance of power in New York City, as they have proved many times. In a campaign of this kind, the World says, they are influenced far more by principles than by self-appointed leaders. As a class these independent voters will decide their decision until they know what they are voting for.

The situation in New York is of interest to the voters of Salt Lake, for in some respects the situation in the two cities is similar. Here, too, we have a tiger rule that must be overthrown in the interest of the city, and union of effort seems to be the only possible condition of success.

THE ONLY QUESTION.

The Pueblo Chieftain tells a simple story that is worth while repeating.

Pueblo, at one time had a fire chief, McCartin, who was very efficient. Another efficient chief was put out of office to make room for McCartin, when the Democrats were victorious in the municipal election. He turned out to be a better fire fighter and organizer than most people expected, and he did not prove to be as much of a politician as the Democrats hoped he would be. On the contrary, so far as was in his power under the system, he kept politics out of the fire department, and maintained it at the highest stage of efficiency possible under the circumstances. But, of course, being a Democrat, he could not expect to retain his position when there was a change in the party in power, and so when the Republicans won the election last spring Chief McCartin was put out and a new man was in.

Now comes Colorado Springs, where the people are strongly Republican on national issues, but non-partisan locally, and engages McCartin, a Democrat, to fill the office of fire chief there.

Doubtless, the Chieftain observes, there are a good many people in Colorado Springs, as in Pueblo, who still hold to the old idea that in a Republican city the fire chief and the firemen should be Republicans, and that no Republican should hold a city office when Democrats win elections. But that idea is rapidly losing ground. And is that not right? Is it not true that when a man's house is burning the question is not: "Where is there a Democratic fire corps?" or, "where is the Republican chief?" but, "where are the men who are capable of extinguishing the flames? If that is the all-important question at the critical moment, why should it not be equally important at the time of election?"

Women shop but men talk "shop." Talk isn't cheap when one is sued for slander.

The Peary-Cook controversy ye have always with you.

Misfortune never comes singly though misfortune does.

Increased taxes do not mean increased prosperity.

A good example is a good thing even if no one follows it.

In football neither the slugger nor the sluggard is wanted.

Commander Peary has discovered his true nature at any rate.

The only way to get even with a fellow is to rise above him.

With municipal tickets you can get your transfers any time before election day.

Everybody is looking out for number one, but each has a different way of doing it.

Why didn't Colonel Roosevelt include the works of James Hogg in his "big skin library?"

It is hard to distinguish some of the proceedings of the English suffragettes from brute force.

Many have attempted to read John

Woolman's Journal but few have accomplished the task.

One often hears of the "younger set" in society but never of the "older set." How is this?

Phrenology is no longer in vogue but the bump of conceit is as prominent on men's heads as ever.

The only time most people find an automobile "coming their way" is when they go to cross a road.

The canals on Mars have disappeared again. They seem to be of the now-you-see-'em-and-now-you-don't variety.

At the Montana state fair, twenty thousand people greeted James J. Hill and President Taft, not President Taft and James J. Hill.

"On to Berlin," will be Commander Peary's cry in the war he is waging against Dr. Cook. "On to Berlin" came to a full stop at Sedan.

Mayor Brandford, according to his statement in his own party's organ this morning, seems to be very sore that he got no chance to read his speech to the President.

Colonel Roosevelt carried to Africa fifty-eight volumes as "fillers" for spare moments. Napoleon carried to Egypt a hundred and fifty volumes from which to draw illustrations.

The Wisconsin baseball players have redeemed themselves. They have defeated the All-Tokio team by a score of 8 to 7. This will restore the modus vivendi between the two countries.

And even if General Fred D. Grant, dressed in the uniform of a major general of the United States army, did march at the head of a prohibition procession, he marched in a mighty good cause. May he lead it to victory.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER

By George F. Butler, A.M., M.D.

The food question is as vital as the whisky question. It begins with the first day of our life, and links itself with the welfare of every human being every day of his life. The wise solution of the food question will contribute immensely towards man's health and happiness. Thousands of people now-a-days are trying to live on vegetables alone, or "prepared" foods. People who limit their food to such stuff gradually starve to death. These things furnish food for fat and fuel for the lungs, but they fail to feed the brain, nerves, bones and muscles, and so these important parts starve. Not only does the brain become uncertain in its action, but headache and neuritis are common, the muscles become thin and weak, and back of all this, the blood becomes so imperfect and poor that "scrofula" and other taints are developed. Man should eat both vegetables and meat—but not too much at a time. Give your stomach exercise; it will become lazy and weak if you live on "prepared" or "prepared" foods exclusively.

JUST FOR FUN.

A Hint to Troy Wives. Husband—Well, are you going to decorate for the celebration? Wife—Oh, yes; I have ordered several new gowns especially for the occasion.—New York Herald.

On Tap. Hank Stubbs—My, but I'd like a souvenir of that North Pole. Big Miller—Come over to my ice-house an' I'll chip you off a piece.—Boston Herald.

It's Redder Now. The latest man to be shot for a deer in the Adirondacks wore a tan-colored coat. That tint may become locally unfashionable.—New York World.

Cash. It appears that the Yale student of 21 who married a woman of 29 had 40,000 incentives to his folly.—Albany Journal.

Very Extravagant Praise. The Brooklyn Citizen calls Justice Gaynor "The Tilden of the hour."—Syracuse Post-Standard.

Polar Bore. Not knocking Mr. Peary at all, but there are Polar bores, too.—Buffalo News.

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