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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Sixty-fifth Semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 o'clock on Friday morning, October 5th, 1894.

The officers and members of the Church generally are cordially invited to attend the meetings of the Conference.

WILFORD WOODRUFF,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
First Presidency.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Thursday, October 4th—Relief Society conference, Assembly Hall, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday, 5th—German meeting, Assembly Hall, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday, 5th—General Priesthood meeting, Tabernacle, 7 p.m.

Saturday, 6th—Tabernacle Choir concert, 8 p.m.

Sunday, 7th—Scandinavian meeting, Assembly Hall, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday, 7th—Sunday School Union, Tabernacle, 7 p.m.

TO FARM OWNERS.

It is pretty generally known that of late years a vast number of western farms has passed into the ownership of eastern rentiers through mortgage foreclosures. There is being developed an inclination on the part of these owners to get rid of these holdings, and to such the United States Investor utters a word of warning that should have a wider effect than upon merely the class to which it is directed. That paper points out that real estate values in the West are greatly depressed as a result of last year's panic, and in many localities it is difficult to find purchasers at any cost—a state of affairs that is being taken advantage of by sharpers to frighten timid investors into throwing over their western farms at merely nominal prices.

The Investor then takes up an argument on this line. These western farm lands are worth something today, and later on they will be worth a great deal more. The success of the investment in them all depends on the ability of the present holders to carry them until times improve. There is every reason to believe that the worst that can be apprehended in connection with the western situation has been fully discounted in the drop in real estate prices which already has taken place. Prices are bound to be low for several years, but, there is good reason to believe, with an upward tendency. The financial depression in the United States will undoubtedly keep immigration down to a low point for a considerable period. The fact, however, must ever be kept in mind that this country is the center toward which the population of the whole world is tending. Coming years, therefore, must inevitably witness a strong demand for farm lands in the United States. In this connection it is well to bear in mind that about all the good government land has been disposed of, and that farms are not going to be obtained as cheap in the future as in the past, other things being equal. A great deal is being said at this time regarding the sharp competition which the American farmer is going to encounter in the future as the result of the opening up of new agricultural regions in various parts of the world. It can be safely said, however, that in the long run this country will be able hold its own. Temporarily the American agriculturist may experience hardship, but it is able to already to demonstrate that America is sure to take a second place as the great food-producing country of the world. Wheat-growing is the staple of life in the whole world, it can be safely asserted that five years more will witness prices considerably in excess of those now obtaining.

Among those who are in position to reap the division there can be no doubt as to the soundness of the advice given. It is valuable counsel to those who by lending money on farm lands in the West have come into possession of them at comparatively low prices. It would be hard enough on the part of those western men who have not lost their lands in that manner to apply the reasoning of the Investor to their own condition. And while this is applicable to the West generally, it is especially so to Utah. With the conditions that exist here and of necessity must surround us in the near future, the farm lands of Utah generally must appreciate in value, and therefore their owners should hold on to them so far as practicable.

A BATTALION WOMAN.

It affords the NEWS particular pleasure to make correction of a statement published in these columns some weeks ago to the effect that all the Women who were in the Mormon Battalion were dead enough so. Mrs. Martha J. Mowrey, wife of Harley Mowrey Sr., is another survivor of that noble band. She is at present living at Vernal, Utah.

WORKHOUSE PLANS.

There is no question that in the larger cities of the West the coming winter will present serious questions in regard to caring for the unemployed and destitute. Salt Lake, Ogden, and other places in this Territory may have their share of wrestling with the problem, though it is not so difficult here generally as elsewhere, because of the exceptional neighborliness with which the people of Utah put forth efforts to help each other.

Already the city council of Denver is considering plans to meet the issue before them. Several have been presented, and a committee has been selected to inquire into the feasibility of one in particular. This is a proposition to appropriate $50,000 as an emergency fund for November and December, to give employment to as many of the "worthy unemployed citizens as is consistent with their needs." It was suggested that a stone yard, etc., be established preliminary to street paving, and that employment in the class mentioned be given there, the pay to be "sufficient to buy food and lodging, no more;" those who were unable to work to be relieved in other ways, but all able bodied persons to give labor for any relief they obtained, this to be only to the extent needed. There was another feature in connection with the proposition which was regarded as a novelty. That was the establishment of a workhouse for men who would not labor if they could avoid it. Every man needing relief was to be compelled to work, go to jail, or get out. No begging was to be permitted. This it was hoped to reduce the tramp fraternity to a minimum, and at the same time preserve actually needy persons from suffering.

There is little doubt that if a plan on the two chief principles laid down be adopted, the purpose aimed at will be accomplished. The tramp element would not relish the compulsory labor provision, and thus the city would be relieved of its presence; and men willing to work would do so for their board and lodging rather than starve, if they were assured that by that means their families also would be provided for with necessities, as this plan proposes. The Denver people have hit upon the right ideas in their relief work, if they can get the details of their scheme into proper working shape.

FORECASTING THE WEATHER.

The business of forecasting the conditions of the weather, as it has been carried on by the weather bureau in this country and in Europe, has come to be looked on as one of the essentials of commerce and of agriculture. The investigation into the qualifications of weather prediction, just concluded at Washington, reveals the fact that some of the men in the service are remarkably expert in this line. One instance may be cited as an illustration, that of H. H. Clayton, of Blue Hill, Massachusetts, who for a long time has been able to foretell the chief features of the weather uniformly for seven days in advance. On one occasion, last April, he made a forecast for the whole month of May, the conditions proving to be in accord with his prediction in every particular. In the competitive examinations at Washington, where the special prize was won and an official promotion to the man who took first place, there was a tie between Mr. Merrill, of Atlanta, Ga., and Mr. McAdie, of Washington, D. C., and further tests must be made to determine which of the two gentlemen is the more clever in their particular line.

One of the features connected with the plan of competitive examinations and revising the weather bureau system in this country, is a radical change that is to be instituted on the 21st of October. Under the new order there will be four centers for the dissemination of weather forecast. Heretofore it was customary for local officials to make predictions for entire states for both forenoon and afternoon. The chief officials in Washington were in reality at the same time at Chicago, mostly, there was more or less confusion and misapprehension. Now the observers will make forecasts for local points, each locality an authority.

The four centers referred to are Washington, D.C., where the winner of first place in the examination will be located; Chicago, with W. L. Moore as forecast official; Portland, Ore., with H. S. Pague in charge; and San Francisco, with Wm. A. Hammon as chief predictor. The forecasts are divided into morning and afternoon systems. The Chicago office will make the morning forecasts for the Northwest, while the Washington office will issue them for the remaining portion of the country east of the Rocky Mountains, and the afternoon forecasts for both the Chicago and Washington morning territory. The Portland office, however, have jurisdiction of both morning and afternoon forecasts. The Portland office has the states of Washington, Oregon, and Idaho; the San Francisco office includes in its jurisdiction Arizona, California, Nevada and Utah.

The plan to be followed is that all forecasts are to be furnished to the local press direct from the station where the forecast is made. This is at the four central points of distribution, and the information will be telegraphed thousands over the territory controlled by each of the four chief offices. The Utah weather predictions, therefore, will come from Mr. Hammon, at San Francisco, and will be based on information gathered throughout the entire district, so that the weather predictions, storm warnings, and information regarding the approach of would waves will be promulgated without any clashing between officials, as has been the case to some extent heretofore.

The usual official forecasts are from thirty-six to forty-eight hours in advance, but in some instances they extend considerably further, and it will be the endeavor permanently to cover a more lengthened period. Now that the winter season is near at hand, they will be particularly interesting, and if placed on a basis that can be relied on, will be important to the people. So far as the valleys of Utah are concerned, the weather men have experienced considerable difficulty owing to the way the currents are cut up and interfered with by the peculiar topography of the country; but they are becoming acquainted with these conditions, and as the business of weather prediction has been attended with considerable success elsewhere, it also is probable that the forecasts for this section will soon be bolstered their associates in other parts, and the public will come to realize the full value of their work.

THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS' COLLEGE.

The school system of the Territory is constantly increasing in efficiency, and it has been the pride of our people for many years that the percentage of illiteracy is lower in Utah than in any of the other states and territories. This excellence is heightened by the plan of grading adopted and placed in operation wherever possible. This system recognizes three general grades of schools: the primary or common school (reaching to the eighth grade), the secondary, or high school (the academic grade), and the University, with its four years' course, leading to degrees. Great attention has been bestowed upon the first and the last class, common schools being established throughout all parts of the Territory, and special interest now being taken in the University of Utah. But as yet few schools of secondary grade have been established.

The Church schools of academic rank are intended to supply this deficiency by giving full courses leading from the eighth grade to the University. Among the institutions of this class is the Latter-day Saints' College, of this city. Not only are its high school courses complete and heartily recommended to students preparing for freshman study, but it also possesses the distinction—important to the children of Latter-day Saints—of giving, as a specialty, religious instruction co-ordinately with a thorough secular training. Its object is this: to create impressions in religion and integrity in God's word, which time and vicissitude will scarcely obliterate. These benefits are positive, not negative; and letters are frequently received from missionaries in America, in Europe, and in the Pacific Islands, attesting the great good the writers have received through their attendance at this institution.

Theological work is to be made a greater feature in the future than it has been in the past, and the faculty of the college has been increased with this end in view; special care will be taken to instill into the hearts of the students the spirit of their religion, and to prepare them for its practical duties; training in the labors of the Priesthood and in Sunday schools and Mutual Improvement work will receive thorough attention—all of which, in addition to the secular instruction it provides, is the great mission of the school.

The NEWS is glad to be informed that the future of the Latter-day Saints' College was never brighter. Its courses are more complete than at any time in the past, including not only high school, but considerable college work. For special studies marked out for it by the General Board of Education, its position is the only school of its kind in the Salt Lake State, and the place it already occupies in the educational economy of the Territory, ought to insure it hearty and abundant support.

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AN OPINION GIVEN.

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JOHN A. SLEIGHT, Sec.

Salt Lake City, September 1st, 1894.

As to Retrenchment.

SOME ECONOMIC SUGGESTIONS TO THE "CITY DADS."

We notice that the City Council is endeavoring to fulfil their "before election" promises of rigid economy in the running of the municipal affairs of the city, which is certainly appreciated by all good citizens, and all hope they may succeed in saving many dollars to the overburdened taxpayers. We would suggest, however, that they should avoid diminishing the men on the police force and in the fire department. This might result in the reverse of economy.

It might please the taxpayers just as well to dispose of extra sessions of the council and devote less time to discussing personal character and more time to greater public benefits. In their efforts to stop the leaks at the capitol, we recommend that they see that the tank is securely plugged before they fill the barrel over."

There are times when all should use their care and efforts in the practice of this retrenchment, both in public and in private life, and assisting in this very laudable purpose each individual may make a community, and each community the commonwealth. So each individual is called to make every dollar expended be for some necessity and see that it need when the purchasing power will be greater, and all should try to prepare for the coming winter by providing themselves with necessary fuel, food and clothing while the opportunity exists, and before the increased demand increases price. This is especially true with regard to clothing. During this dull season we are offering some great bargains, and those who are intelligent enough to be able to anticipate their wants wisely, according to circumstances, and can save enough to go a long way towards a suit of clothes or other needed necessities.

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