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GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Seventy-fifth annual Conference
of the Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-
ter-day Saints will convene on Thurs-
day, the 6th of April, and adjourn Fri-
day afternoon until Sunday morning,
and close Sunday afternoon.A general Priesthood meeting will
be held on Friday night, commencing
at 7:30.The special Priesthood meeting for the
General and Presiding Authorities of
the Church will be held in the Assem-
bly Hall on Saturday morning, at 10
o'clock.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.The general semi-annual conference
of the Deseret Sunday School Union
will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt
Lake City, Sunday, April 9, 1905, at 7
o'clock, p. m. Officers and Sunday
school workers are requested to attend
and all are cordially invited.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
JOSEPH M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

A BIG MISTAKE

We regard the appointment made by
the commission for Judge of the Juven-
ile court as a great mistake; for two
reasons at least. One is, that the ap-
pointee is not qualified under the law
to act, not being a legal voter; and
the other is that the place should be
filled by a Utah man; that is, one who
is and has been long enough identified
with the State to constitute him a per-
manent resident familiar with its af-
fairs.That a man who has only been in the
State for a few weeks, whose business
relations are elsewhere, who is a trav-
eling lecturer salaried as such by an
outside organization, and who could
not cast a vote for any officer in the
city, county or State should be put into
a judicial office on a few days ac-
quaintance here when there are scores
of men legally and in every other way
qualified for the post, naturally arouses
much objection, and elicits inquiry as
to the reasons for this most remarkable
appointment.The office is judicial in character,
partaking of the powers of a commit-
teeing magistrate. It is an office under
the laws of the State for cities of the
first and second class. Leaving out the
qualifications required in a judicial of-
ficer, we cite a provision which we think
fully covers this particular case:"No person shall be eligible to any
office who is not a qualified elector of
the city; nor shall any person be eli-
gible to any office who is a defaulter to
the corporation. Revised Statutes 1895,
sec. 221.There are other sections that might
be quoted, but the first clause of the
foregoing is sufficient. And we are sur-
prised that the commission (Chief of
Police Lynch to his credit objecting)
should select over a number of bona
fide Utah men, a comparative stranger
not possessing even the right to vote.
We have nothing personally against the
gentleman himself. He has performed a
good work during his brief stay in
the city, but we regard him as being
disqualified by law to act under the
law, particularly in a quasi-judicial
office.

COMING TO THEIR SENSES.

The people of this city are beginning
to understand the facts in regard to the
question which has been agitated with
so much fire and fury and falsehood
by the local press. The only paper
which has treated the matter with fair-
ness is the Deseret News. This paper
has abstained from noticing much of
the ribald nonsense and absurd un-
truths, with which a number of agitators
have opposed the proposition for an
extension of the franchise of the
Utah Light & Railway company. But
we have made some plain statements
which have not been and cannot be
controverted. They are avoided, both
by the papers and the persons who
have engaged in the disreputable at-
tacks upon the company, and instead
of meeting them, the old falsehoods set
forth in the beginning of the contro-
versy have been repeated over and
over again, notwithstanding their com-
plete refutation.The citizens of Salt Lake should
understand that the proposition at
present is to consolidate the different
franchises which the company has
owned for some time, most of which
had been purchased from other cor-
porations. They extend from thirty-five
years to forty-two years. The plan of
the committee of the City Council is to
make of them one franchise to cover a
period of fifty years, dating from Janu-
ary 1, 1905, that is, an average exten-
sion of the present franchises for only
about ten years.

In consideration of these arrange-

ments, the company is to deed to the
city the properties which have been
wanted by the city in order to com-
plete its arrangements for bringing
in the waters of the Cottonwoods, and
valued at \$100,000—a very low estimate,
and also to furnish lighting to the city
during the entire time of the franchise
valued at about \$12,000 a year also to
pay the city \$25 a year for each of its
street cars. The company is to reduce
its charge for electric lighting to an
average of 10 cents per kilowatt hour to
consumers who pay their bills by the
7th day of each month, while the aver-
age for light and power is only about
7 cents per kilowatt hour.We suppose the people who have put
themselves into a frenzy over the
fifty years extension asked by the com-
pany, will now come down to common
sense, and maybe they will consider
they have gained a victory. All right.
We are content. Some benefits will ac-
cure to each party to the arrangement.
The city gets by far the bigger end
of the bargain. The public get the
assurance of a reduction in light-
ing rates. The company simply ob-
tains a consolidation of its several
franchises in one, with a very slight
extension of its time, and those people
who have been so anxious to put a bar
in its way, will doubtless feel glad that
the enterprising gentlemen who have
furnished this city with light and
transportation without receiving any
financial returns therefor, have not
been encouraged to pursue their good
work, but have been left to push their
way along as best they can against the
obstacles that are still in their path.We desire to repeat, for the benefit
of readers who have not yet grasped
the situation, that the Utah Light and
Railway company has never offered or
desired to sell the properties that are
to be conveyed to the city. If the city
does not want them, they are not to
be bought for any price. The company
can use them to increase its facilities
by at least 1,500 horse power. It was
the city that wanted to obtain them
and made the first overtures to acquire
them.The company has not charged the
prices permitted by the franchises
which it held, but has furnished lights
at one-fourth less than the maximum
permitted.The price at which the company has
offered to furnish light to consumers is
lower than that pretended to be offered,
by an unformed association that ten-
ders nothing in return for a fifty years
franchise.If the city will extend to the bona
fide company which now has its poles
and wires extended to every part of the
municipality, the fifty years franchise
asked for by the up-in-the-air associa-
tion, the former will furnish light to
the people at a further considerable re-
duction from the rate that the latter
pretended to propose. That is, if noth-
ing is required in return for the fran-
chise, the company will furnish lights
at lower prices even than those it now
proposes to charge.The inconsistent agitators against
the Utah Light and Railway company
have the folly and impudence to urge
upon the City Council to give the
doubtful concern a fifty years franchise
without any consideration whatever in
return, while they bully and threaten,
and browbeat, and insult such
members of the council as can see the
advantages of granting the franchise to
a responsible company, willing to
pay a big price for the concession, and
who regard the other proposition as in-
substantial, one-sided and of no real
benefit.The Utah Light and Railway com-
pany has spent such means as it has
acquired, in the improvement of its ser-
vice and intends to do so in the future.
It does not pretend to be perfect, but
admits the defects that have existed
and has taken steps to remove them,
and is furnishing this city with bet-
ter light and street-car services than
could be expected in a city with so
small a population and very extensive
and wide-spread area as exist in Salt
Lake City.We understand the cause of the
animus exhibited against the company
by certain individuals, and view it as
both petty and malicious. The pre-
tense that it is in the interest of the
public, is as absurd and untrue as the
assertions that have been made con-
cerning the whole matter, to deceive
the unwary and scare such members
of the council as have gristle instead
of backbone.Thinking people ought not to be car-
ried away by inflammatory speeches,
and attacks upon a corporation after
the usual style of Populist harangues,
but should use their judgment and, at
any rate, look at both sides of a mat-
ter before making a decision and join-
ing in with malcontents and opponents
of rational progress. Let the City
Council do what is right and just and
fair, and the great body of our citi-
zens, when they fully understand the
facts, will support them against all
unfounded and sinister opposition.

THE PEACE TALK.

If Russia insists upon exemption
from the payment of an indemnity and
Japan demands that her antagonist
promise to build no ships for many
years, there will not be peace yet.
Russia is to be sure, beaten and hu-
miliated, but she will fight to the last,
rather than give pledges as to her fu-
ture naval plans. Nor are such pledges
necessary for Japan's safety. If Rus-
sia is excluded from the Pacific and
prevented, by such means as diplomacy
can invent, from obtaining good naval
bases in this hemisphere, there need
be no apprehension in Japan from a
Russian navy.But, in all probability, the demands
on both sides will be considerably mod-
ified, when Russia makes up her mind
that she needs peace. And this may
happen any day. The situation in
Asia is growing more critical every
hour. The battered forces of Kuro-
patkin, now commanded by Linvitch,
may be scattered again. Vladivostok
may be cut off, and the Japanese may
make themselves masters of the entire
Manchuria and eastern Siberia.Then, the situation at home is every-
thing but satisfactory, if reports can be
relied upon. Every day's delay is a
loss to Russia, and only blind fanat-ism fails to read the "mene, mene,
hekel, upharin," upon the wall. Every
consideration, military, political, finan-
cial, and even religious, prompts to the
acceptance of whatever reasonable
peace terms can be obtained, either
through direct negotiations or through
the good offices of friendly powers.The settlement of this quarrel be-
tween Japan and Russia is of world-
wide interest. Japan is now in a mood
to proclaim herself the guardian of
Asia, and maintain that that continent
is closed to western invaders. The dis-
memberment of China, commenced in
earnest by Russia, is now postponed,
and Japan must be reckoned with in
any future dealings with that empire.
For these reasons the war has been
epoch-making, and the terms upon
which it is concluded will interest all
the world. Russia has great masters
in diplomacy. We presume the bat-
tle between the diplomats of the two
countries will be, in some respects, as
spectacular as have been the contests
between their armies.

VIOLETS FOR CANCER.

The latest proposed cure for cancer
is a brew from violet leaves. It is said
to have been tested and found effective
in two recent cases. Dr. Gordon of
Exeter, in the London Lancet, tells
the story of a man afflicted with cancer
in the tongue, who refused to be operated
upon. Then it was suggested that he try "tea"
on violet leaves. Every day, it is said,
he drank part of the brew; the rest
he used as a fomentation. That treat-
ment has been continued since the be-
ginning of November last, and now
nothing remains but a tiny hard scar.
Another story is told of the cure of
cancer of the liver. The patient, a
lady well known in social circles, was
treated by a specialist without avail,
when violet leaves were suggested by
a friend. Although hopeless of ever
being cured, she tried this remedy. She
took a wine glass of the decoction sev-
eral times a day and also applied cot-
ton wool soaked in the hot liquor over
the seat of the cancer. The woman
says she is now completely cured.It is claimed that this terrible dis-
ease is on the increase, although some
hold that the sickness itself is not ac-
tually increasing, but that more cases
are discovered owing to the more thor-
ough and scientific diagnosis of modern
physicians. At any rate, if there is
any virtue in violet leaves, the fact
should become generally known, though
that remedy looks almost too innocent
for such a formidable malady.

DEATH PENALTY IN RUSSIA.

Some surprise has been expressed that
the murderer of Von Plehve was not
sentenced to death, and that the wretch
who assassinated Grand Duke Sergius
was not dispatched without further de-
lay. But it appears that the death pen-
alty is very nearly abolished in Russia.
The London Law Times explains that
murder, in that country, unless the vic-
tim be either the Czar himself or the
heir to the imperial throne, is not
punished with death. Capital punish-
ment for this crime was abolished as
long ago as 1753. Since that date mur-
ders in Russia have merely been con-
demned to hard labor, the sentence be-
ing from eight years up to twenty;
parcels for life. On the expiration
of the term they are settled free in Si-
beria, but may under no circumstances
return to Russia. The Russian rulers,
evidently found that criminals could be
used to advantage, to settle a forbid-
ding region, to which other people could
not be induced to go, and so they sent
murderers to Siberia instead of the gal-
lows.

March snows bring April flowers.

The prudential committee say 'tain't
tainted.March is going out like a lion with
its tail twisted.The protestants say that half a cen-
tury is better than one.When the Japanese go up against
Vladivostok it will fall over.Do the canal commissioners feel re-
signed to the call for their resigna-
tions?The address of the judge of the ju-
venile court is not to be found in the
city directory.Federal authorities investigating the
Beef trust cannot trust the witnesses.
This is another trust evil.There seem to be two sides to Wit-
ness Shields as there were two sides to
the shield that stood at the cross roads.The president of Hayti asserts there
is no trouble in his country. But then
he has so much that it doesn't trouble
him.Secret service men constantly shadow
the Beef trust case witnesses. This
might be called the shadow of a great
crime."It is moved and seconded that the
Ogier joke be dropped," says the Bos-
ton Herald. Right; it is old enough
to choke a horse.The Interstate Commerce commission
has ordered the reopening of the Ar-
mour Car lines inquiry. It proposes to
break the seal that has been put on
these cars.If the University-Agricultural Col-
lege consolidation fight is to be to a
finish, as the people are assured it is,
it should take place on Cummings
field and a charge for admission made.
It would not be a goodly sum.The resignations of the canal com-
missioners will not be accepted until
their successors are appointed. This
is so as to avoid a hiatus in the gov-
ernment of the strip. But to the on-
looker it seems like a prolongation of
the agony.In various parts of Russia, proclama-
tions have been scattered broadcast
calling on the people to support the
war if they would avoid being brought
under the Mongolian yoke. They areassured that their yoke is not easy nor
their burden light.Robert Schurman, son of the presi-
dent of Cornell university, is working
in a blacksmith shop, having been cut
off by his family because he simply will
not study. Same old story of leading
a horse to water and finding it impos-
sible to make him drink.Senator Burrows has set at rest the
story that a subcommittee of the Sen-
ate committee on elections is coming to
Utah this summer to continue the
investigation in the Smoot case. It
will spill a nice little junket for sev-
eral senators. But they must put up
with the disappointment.

AND SHE SWALLOWED IT.

Kansas City Journal.
At a recent dinner in London the con-
versation turned on the subject of
lynchings in the United States. It was
the general opinion that a rope was
the chief end of man in America. Fi-
nally the hostess turned to an Amer-
ican—who had taken no part in the con-
versation, and said: "You, sir, must
often have seen these affairs?" "Yes,"
he replied, "we take a kind of mun-
dane pride in seeing which city can show
the greatest number of lynchings year-
ly. The night before I sailed for Eng-
land I was giving a dinner to a party of
intimate friends, when a colored alter
spilled a plate of soup over the gown
of a lady at an adjoining table. The
gown was utterly ruined, and the gen-
tlemen of her party at once seized the
waiter, tied a rope around his neck
and at a signal from the injured lady
swung him into the air." "Horrible!"
said the hostess with a shudder. "And
did you actually see this yourself?"
"Well, no," said the American, apolo-
getically. "Just at that time I was
downstairs killing the chef for putting
mustard in the blanc mange."

WAR'S COST MAKE FOR PEACE.

Boston Transcript.
A German expert calculates that a
war between two European powers
would cost £6,000,000 daily, according
to the present scale. This is likely to
do as much to keep the peace for the
present as any disarmament scheme or
court of arbitration, even.

PITY UNCALLED FOR.

Baltimore American.
The President says that rich men are
to be pitied. Theoretically, he is right,
but practically they will keep on be-
ing envied until the majority of man-
kind decide to live the simple life of
plain living and high thinking.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Pandex of the Press for April is
now out with a splendid synopsis of
current news, and articles of general
interest. Publications of this kind are
valuable because they classify and con-
dense the lengthier reports of daily
events and thus aid in retaining the
main thread. The Pandex of the Press
is a new venture in this field of peri-
odicals. Success!—329 Sansome St., San
Francisco."Immortality: A Modern Scientist's
Answer to the Questions Whence and
Whither?" is the title of a lecture by
Prof. Felix Adler, Ph. D. The discus-
sion is based upon Prof. Metchnikoff's
book, "The Nature of Man," and from
the point of view of the ethical life,
discusses the problem of the future.
Prof. Adler's concluding words are:
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ebbs according as we prize the in-
dividual man or hold him cheap. At
present there is an ebb; the unripe
democracy under which we are living
tends to cheapen the individual and to
magnify the masses. I have kind hope
that great per- justities will again arise
among mankind, and that great con-
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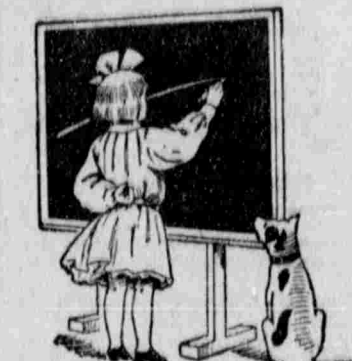
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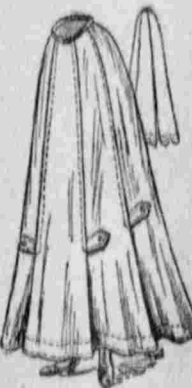
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