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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-eighth annual, general Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, April 5, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

The general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Saturday, April 6, at 7 o'clock p. m.

> JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER. ANTHON H. LUND.

The annual conference of the Sunday School Union will be held in the Tabernacle on Sunday, April 7, at 7 o'clock JOSEPH F. SMITH. D. m. General Superintendent.

WHERE THE LADIES ERRED.

The Outlook is another of the in fluential publications of this country. that uphoids the decision of the Senate in the case against our senior Senator. That journal, in its issue of March 2. gives a clear review of the points involved in the controversy, and then makes these pertinent remarks:

"We have not read all the evidence "We have not read all the evidence in this case. Life is too short. But we have read with care the protest against Mr. Smoot's election signed by representatives of the 'League of Wo-man's National Organizations,' and presented to the Senate by Senator Dubois, of Idahe, and we find in it no reason stated that justified their de-mand for Mr. Smoot's exclusion, They have not expressed, and they cannot mand for Mr. Smoot's exclusion. They have not expressed, and they cannot express, too strongly the importance of protecting the purity of the home and the sanctity of the family. But this cannot be done by asking Con-gress to violate both the spirit of the Constitution and the principles of po-litical justice."

This is the view all fair-minded men and women must take of the matter under discussion. It is too bad that so many good and honorable women were led astray by political conspirators, and made to clamor for the violation of the law of the land and every principle of justice. They did not mean to. They should be thankful that the Senate stood firm between them and their ill-directed enthusiasm, and their experience should warn them against further yielding to the representations of the anti-"Mormons," be they politicians in plain or in ministerial garb."

Some of our critics have said that the "Mormons" are "gloating" over the victory, as if it were an endorsement of the Church. The fact is that the vote of the Senate was on to a declaration that the many charges against the Church had been proved false, or, at least were not sustained by the evidence produced. But that is not the chief point in the controversy. The conspirators hoped to establish a precedent upon which to base further agitation to deprive every "Mormon" of his political rights. Disfranchisement for religious belief was the great question before the Senate, no matter how it was disguised. The Senate decided that the members of the Church are entitled to the Consti-Autional prerogatives that every other citizen enjoys. This is a long step forward from the position taken by some in authority during the mobbings in the infancy of the Church. Endorsement of the principles proclaimed by messengers of the Gospel, commonly known as "Mormonism," is not looked for from the legislative assemblies of the country, not even from Congress. That is outside their domain. But those principles are steadily gaining, as enlightenment proceeds Those principles are being preached today from many a pulpit. They are set forth in the literature of the day by many thoughtful authors. This is one of the strange facts, that cannot be explained upon any other supposition than this that "Mormonism is true." The Outlook considers that it was a "mistake" to admit Utah to the Union of States, presuming that the Territory was "known to be dominated by an organization which is both ecclesiastical and political," but as this is contrary to the facts, no "mistake" was committed. The charge that the Church is a "political organization," dominating, or trying to dominate, the politics of the State is not true. That was one of the allegations which the crusaders falled to establish before the Senate, though they labored stremuously for years to do so. After the Senate investigation, it is futile to reiterate a charge that the opponents of Senator Smoot utterly failed to fasten on him. The Outlook, however, strikes the keynoic of truth when it recommends that the "evil influences" that may be ascribed to the Church should be counteracted by educalive and religious influences, "accompanied by the most scrupulous regard for her [Utah's] constitutional rights." We are not aware of any such "influences." but if there were any, the remady suggested would be the correct one. If all would-be reformers that favor Utah with their presence, had followed this rule, there would have been no guarral between them and the Latterday Saints. The people here are not ad- and for a particular policy-hence the terse to educational or religious influ- antagonism. From this distance it ences. They accept, willingly, truth from whatever source it comes. The ger is very grave. Rather does it Saints have never had any contention with the ministers who perform their duties in a spirit of brotherly love. But has never been any trouble upon that]

when they descend to falsehood about the "Mormons;" when they misrepresent and carlcature their teachings; when they enter into unholy alliance with the apologists for a corrupt city government and the defenders of infamy; when they forget their calling and appeal to the secular power for aid in a warfare that should be entirely spiritual; when they become only persecutors, they must not be surprised if they are branded as hypocrites and as such find their usefulness gone. The "Mormons" welcome educational influences. They know that intelligence is the glory of God. But they hate the bigotry and charlatanry that seem to be the chief stock in trade of so many of the mountebanks that have made it their little business to reform Utah. Even the respectable ministers, we belleve, are ashamed of them.

AN ALLURING LIGHT Readers of the Salt Lake Tribune were almost dazzled by a gleam o light in its editorial columns yester The principal article was double day. leaded and pulsating with the possibilities of Salt Lake's immediate and ultimate future. It was to all intents and purposes a genuine rift in the clouds of which the paper has been the storm center for the past several years while its ignorant and incompentent owner has paraded his political disappointments before all people. During this whole period, he has, as one campaign orator rather inelegantly but expressively put it, "gone up and down the face of the earth with a sore toe begging every passer-by to stop and examine it and listen to his tale of woe." But returning to the rift heretefore referred to, it caused some folk to think for a moment that the sheet was about to mend its ways and commence boosting instead of knocking. This suspicion was strengthened by a really meritorious cartoon and a page or two of fairly readable and accurate news. Aside from these features, however, an examination disclosed the fact that a new course has seemingly been decided upon, and that is to knock and boost at the same time. It can point to its heatle editorial on the destiny of Salt Lake, for the people who have stopped advertising in it on account of its rule or ruin policy, as showing that it is a really simon-pure pusher for the town's good. It will direct the atception of disgusted real estate men to a page of commendable building news, in attempting refutation of the well established charge that it is doing more harm to Utah than all other causes and combinations rolled into one. Then it will wink the other eye and chucklingly tell such members of its clientele, who like toasted hierarch | tinguished one. for desert at every meal of the day, and who prefer strife at any price. "Don't you see that while we had one boost editorial we had three against dark, benighted and priest-ridden Utah. O, we're on to our job all right. We

can do two things at the same time just as well as one." And so the faint and flickering ray of light that readers of the journal saw yesterday, is nothing more nor less than an ignis-fatuus to deceive and mislead. Advertisers who have stopped patronizing it for business reasons will readily see through the scheme, and the

score, as votors the fair son have shown themselves quite as able to think and act intelligently and independently on political matters as the

men. One decided set-back to the proposi. tion has been the extreme rancor that has characterized the debate which is waging so furiously. The government has been denounced in no uncertain fashion, and accusations have been indulged that have disturbed the general equilibrium almost up to the throne Hself. An indignation meeting was held in Excter Hall, London, a week or two ago, to "grill" the government and appeal to the women of the kingdom to array themselves against it. Among the speakers was the distinguished Rev. Mr. Aked who had previously attended a debate on the question in the House of Lords, from which he had come away with

a sense of defeat, dismay and disgust. Speaking for the cause, he declared with eloquent fervor that "nothing since the coming of Christ would do more for humanity than the enfranchisement of women," a sentiment that was so vociferously receiv. ed as to almost break up the meeting. Israel Zangwill said that the day was past when a woman should content herself with simply being the "rib of a man." Mrs. Humprey Ward wanted a partial enfranchisement only. For local elections it was a woman's right, in her opinion, but the vote on parliamentary and importal matters, she thought should be withheld. Marie Corelli, the renowned novelist is out against the movement with all the fire and force of her virile personality, and in a pamphlet on the subject asks the question: "Shall we make a holocaust of maidens, wives and mothers on the brazen altar of party?" But while Corelli's views are

read with interest, they have failed to convince the women of England that they are wrong in their resolve for complete enfranchisement, which they have vowed they will work for cease lessly until victory shall crown their efforts.

March is the true brain storm month. The milk of a well pastured cow does not need to be pasteurized.

How is it taht people so often star in wrong to right their wrongs? Do the souls of muscular Christians

weigh more than those of others? According to the affidavits Thaw is a most beautiful example of mens sana

in sano corpore. At any rate Abe Ruef can truthfully say that though a prisoner he is a dis-

"Mrs. Warren's Profession" is to be sent on the road. It should be sent "over the road."

Short weight butter does not weigh on the consciences of those who sell it because it is so light.

A London critic says that laughter is immoral. And yet, on a much higher authority, "there is a time to laugh.

Those Roumanian farmers charge all their troubles to the farming trust. It's a wonder they didn't charge them realty men of the city will be no less to the smelter trust. slow to understand the game. The

sheet has no intention to stop its cam-A census bureau special report on paign of slander and villification. Herenational wealth shows that Uncle Sam after it will simply praise in one colis a hundred and seven billionaire with umn and defame in another. It evia few hundred millions to boot. dently proposes to make itself the

Those Maldivian peasants have been greatest Janus faced journal of the Roumanianating on their wrongs so long that they just couldn't stand i any longer and have started in to right

even flat rate for everybody all the time, and no favors to see that it is not overestimated.

PRESIDENT'S NOTABLE VICTORY

Chicago Post. Seldom has a President won a more striking victory than has come to Mr. Roosevelt through the rallways' ex-change of front. He long ago foresaw change of front. He follow and for our what the transportation men only now are realizing, that some kind of control was the best for the companies and for the people. And both these interests will share in the benefits which seem destined to follow the White House con-ference. ference.

MAY SUPPLANT GASOLENE. Exchange

Exchange. the results of experiments conducted by S. M. Woodward, United States irrigation engineer.



John M. A. Long-I tell you, trusts are getting to be terrible things in this country. Goetz Dunn-Sure thing. Why. there's that horrible trust that Skinnem has formed. It's outrageous. He has formed. It's outrageous. He won't sell me a single share of it.-Ex.

Well, What Did He Decide chool question .- Ex.

ers up this way who will regard such a demand as a piece of inexcusable im-pudence.-Chicago Record-Herald.



WW AND Easter Apparel Make Your Easter Selections Immediately to Avoid Disappointment

HE great inaugural event of Spring modes will soon be here---do no longer delay your choice of appropriate clothing. The magnificent variety of beautiful and becoming Spring necessities we are now showing will please you. Eton, Prince Chap and English Cutaway suits, in the newest and most popular fabrics, ranging in price from \$16.00 to \$75.00. Panama skirts, novelty goods skirts, black dress skirts of French voile and Silk skirts, a really beautiful display from \$6.00 to \$32.50. New arrivals and the creations of our Millinery experts have brought our Millinery showing up to the standard of one week ago, a visit to this section of our store will be found worth while. To complete your Easter outfit we would remind you of gloves, dainty hosiery, neckwear,

NOTABLE PEACE CONGRESS.

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A peace congress of more than ordinary importance will be held in New York next month. It is the first of its kind in this country. The promoters of it evidently mean to make a demonstration that will impress the world. From the notices of this intended gathering that have come under our observation, it is learned that the commercial interests of New York will be represented there. The legislature of the state will be asked to send an official representative, and the legislatures and chambers of commerce of other states are to be invited to send delegates to the meeting. Every important European country will also be represented by distinguished men. It will, therefore, be an international gather-

Among the speakers announced are Secretary Root, Governor Hughes, Mr. Carnegic, Mr. Bryan, Archbishop Farley and Andrew D. White. The congress will close with a public banquet, at which Presidents Roosevelt and Diaz are expected to speak, and at which the governor general of Canada, Lord Grey and Ambassador Bryce may be present.

Utah ought to be fully and adequately represented at that congress. The people here are interested in the cause of peace, as in every movement for the promotion of the happiness of mankind

ENGLISH SUFFRAGETTES.

Utah women in common with such others of their American sisters who enjoy the rights and privileges of the franchise, are just now watching with great interest the warfare their sex is making in England in the hope of hecoming bonafide electors on an equal footing with their husbands, fathers and brothers. From the very outset the government has looked upon the movement with frowns and suspicion. and has done its utmost to throw obstacles in the way. It argues that the government idea of doing things will be entirely upset if the women are given the rights for which they are contending, as there are something like a million more women than men in Great Britain. Complete enfranchisement of the sex, therefore, is not a pleasing thought to the "lords of creation" who have been accustomed to run things according to their own notions and caprice. For some reason, not explained, it is assumed that all of the women would vote one way hardly seems that the suspected dan-

sound like a campaign cry to defeat

the movement. In this country there

Of course it would be an easy matter for Japan or any other country to attack the United States, but to defeat and impose tribute on the United States is an entirely different thing,

Senator Tillman says that he is opposed to government ownership of the railroads. Then why doesn't he advocate it instead of boosting it along? He must know that his opposition will ald the movement.

Abe Ruef threatens to make some startling disclosures. If he will but run through the story of his life from his boyhood days till the imminent deadly graft that will do for all sensational purposes.

A citizens' committee of San Francisco is proposed to supervise the supervisors and look after the public welfare generally. It is not a bad idea, but the best time to carry it out is election day. The good people of that city have brought their disgrace upon themselves through lack of public spirit and neglect of civic duty.

And now scientists are afraid we have not earthquakes enough for the safety of the world. John Milne, the seismologist, is in a London dispatch quoted as having said that the world, which normally experiences earthquakes, has been strangely and ominously quiescent for the last fortnight, which suggests that something is threatening. But what?

BELLONA'S LENGTHY EARS.

New York Mail. New York Mail. It was a mule that did it. The cause of the mysterious war between Nica-ragua and Hondures has been unrolded. Copies of the official communications exchanged between the ministers of foreign affairs in the two countries have been received at Washington, and they divulge that the casus belli was the alleged theft of a mule belonging to ireneo Salgado, a resident of Hon-dures, by thirty-five Nicaraguan caval-rymen. You might have guessed it. The good old Spanish proverb. "It is a waste of lather to shave an ass," is disrearded in that section of Latin-Ameri-ca that borders on the Caribbean. "Cherchez le mulet" takes it place. NO FAVORS TO ANYONE.

Minneapolis Journal.

Minneapolis Journal. Will not the general public be better of when there are no special or reduced rates for anybody? It imay be hard on fairs and conventions and other insul-tations which have long been favored with special rates, and could not have succeeded without them, but there is not readjustment business as that com-pany no favorites. There may be no favoritism in a special reduced rate open to the public, but even such a de-sirable privilege ought to be weighed carefully as against the good of an