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#### THE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Salt Lake Stake Conference, which was held on Saturday and Sunday, was very profitable to all who attended. But there were many members of the Church who stayed away on Saturday and who, no doubt, could have been present if they had so determined. Their absence was conspicuous, particularly so in the case of men who oc-Priesthood.

There were numbers of the Saints who had not seen or heard of the notices published concerning the Stake expected to instruct the members in their duties. On a future occasion of the kind, it is hoped they will spread the news so that all may understand

On Sunday morning, although there was a good attendance, many prominent Elders did not respond to the roll call. In most instances they were enraged in the Sunday schools. This was a laudable work. It is a labor of love to train the children in the way of life and truth. There are some Bishops' counselors, and Presidents and counselors of Elders' quorums, who are Sunday school officers and teachers. That is all right and proper, if they can attend to both callings. No strictures were passed upon them on that account. They are to be encouraged in their excellent work. But the gemarks made concerning their absence were intended to apply only to their nonattendance at the Stake Conference. They are expected to attend its sessions, that they may know what is required of them in their official capacity in the Priesthood. Once in three months they can surely find some one to supply their places in the Sunday school for a single session.

There should be no misunderstanding en this point. The Stake Conferences are important to all the Saints, and particularly so to those who are appointed to be leaders among them. It is one of the duties of the Priesthood to meet in conference once in three months, and of two duties the more important should have the preference. It is not and never was intended that any auxiliary association or society should take precedence of the duties of the

Altogether the conference was one of great interest and will, no doubt, be productive of good, causing a stir among the negligent, and rectifying mistakes in reference to the respective requirements of active and useful men and women. No one is expected to do the impossible. All are required to do the best they can. We look for a larger attendance on the first day of the next conference of the Salt Lake Stake of

### JUST WHERE WE STAND.

The majority of the people of this State have become so accustomed to the malicious spirit and persistent fabrications of the Salt Lake Tribune, that it is seldom necessary now-R-days to refute its accusations or notice its numerous errors. Only once in a while do we give it any special attention. A few days ago it attacked the Deserct News in its usual style. The charges were first, that the reason why "some people are unscrupulous enough to circulate about town, ride on street cars.' etc., when afflicted with the prevalent disorder, "Is more due to the Deseret News, than to any other cause; and second, that "when an attempt was made last winter to stamp it out by general vaccination, the News opposed it by all Its power."

We met these false assertions with quotations from our editorial columns of last January, and proved beyond fair dispute that the "News" supported every measure to establish quarantine and sanitary regulations, and urged compliance therewith more than any other paper in Utah. Also that the opposition of the "News" was not to voluntary vaccination, but to compulsory vaccination. Instead of recognizing and admitting these trrefutable proofs of its own error, the Tribune, with its customary mendroity, repeats itsformer accusations and concludes its tirade with this precious paragraph;

Once in a white it appears that the Tribune is "not quite so bad as it used ! to be." But whenever an occasion offers the elightest excuse it breaks out with virus in its yeins is only latent, not extinct. This state slander about "sewers. deceived by it. We therefore repent | that the "News" opposed neither street sprinkling nor sewers, but exposed the serve as a blind to obscure the light of "jobs" that were attempted in advanced intelligence,

hat was proposed for sewerage which was advocated by the Tribune, adopted by the City Council and afterwards abandened, for the very defects pointed out in advance by the Deseret News. Now as to the main question-the lberty of the citizen: We repeat what we said in January last:

"We have to repeat, once more, that or fight is on behalf of the people who resist the unwarranted attempts o encroach upon their rights and lib-Let those who believe in vac-in or who, unbelieving are willto submit to the dictum of unau-rized officials, have their children clusted or be vaccinated them-es, and the "News" will make no objection. Our protest is against the endeavor to force upon the tax-payers of this city, something that hosts of them reject and which they will resist to the last extremity."—"News," Jan. 13, 1900.

"Many of the very best and most stelligent ladies and gentlemen in this state, while divided on the merits or rits of yareination, resent with all fervor of their nature, and all the ependence that is guaranteed in a ublican form of government, the as-ption of a coterie of persons had with a little brief authority, to se upon children a surgical opera-a against the will of their parents." 'News," Jan. 25, 1900.

Establish strict quarantine and sanitary regulations by all means. Isolate every person who has been exposed to mingion. Promote health by cleanli-ess and the observance of hygiene, onform to good rules for the preser-ation of general health. These are the means by which disease may be tamped out. But do not go to foolish atremes, nor resert to compulsion, or my kind of force which invades per-onal, constitutional liberty, and exere despotic and unlawful authority.' "News," Jan. 20, 1900.

a person or paper that cannot distincuish between the social regulation that requires a person to wear clothing when in public, and an attempt cupy positions of responsibility in the | to compel people to submit to a surgical operation, of disputed efficacy, and that too without authority of law. It would be labor in vain; as it would be to discuss a literary question with Conference, They ought to have been a boastful writer who repeatedly talks informed by the ward officers, who are about that operation as a "preventative." He needs the use of a dictionary as much as a work on law and lib-

The attempt of the Tribune to make it appear that the Deseret News has spoken ex-cathedra on the subject of vaccination is characteristic of the accuser. We will here quote from an editorial of last January, in reply to a question from the Sait Lake Herald in reference to that very point:

Anti-compulsion is not to be classed 'Morinon' movement, by any The Anti-vaccination society which has been organized, is a fair sample of the various elements that re uniting against the despotism at-mpted by a few public officials, formons' and non-'Mormons' are sized in that society.

"Some of the most prominent Elders
of the Church believe that vaccination
of a preventive, to some extent at
cast, of smallpox. Others do not take
the same view, and still others are in the position of thousands of intelligent people, who are in doubt because of the contradictory evidences offered on either side. But most of them are oposed to the compulsion which is atject to submit their children to some-thing abhorrent to their feelings and

While it is true as the Tribune states which is one real cause of the animus of the Tribune that can gain no such audience- it is not true that the remarks of this paper are looked upon as the words of "God's vicegerent on the earth." When anything authoritative is published in the Descret News it bears the signature of that authority or the chapter and verse from which it is a quotation. The Deseret News discusses all kinds of public questions, and in matters of such public moment as the prevention of disease gives both sides of a disputed proposition, instead of dogmatically holding to one side and never investigating the other, a fault that is common to our critics. We quote

again from our columns: "The Deseret News desires it to be distinctly understood, that while it has given place to communications which ire opposed to the theory and practice of vaccination, its own opposition has been all along simply against the npulsion which is being exercised under the guise of a school regulation. In addition to that, it has objected to the matic assertions of a few members the medical fraternity in this city, h reflect upon everybody who ats from the opinions they entertain." "News," Jan. 13, 1990.

"But this paper has not of itself atimpted to decide a question on which one of the most enlightened and carepoint it has pleaded for fairness decency in the discussion of the stion. There are medical gentle-in this city whose opinions on such ts are worthy of the highest re-There are others whose training en simply on one side and they absolutely nothing on the other

We do not wish in making these remarks, to oppose the maintenance of his hat and bowing, he turned on the lawful sastary regulations, to favor relaxotion in the proper efforts of ontagion, or to even offer a suggestio would any way tend to make ving their own health and that of We oppose lawless force contend against despotism. We law. At the same time, we regulations in order to seness, health, and order for ommon good."-"News," Jan. 25,

urb quarantine rules and sanitary may arise therefrom out of proper re-

The Dearret News a year ago, and pince, has velced the views of many thousands of Urah's people and of hosts. of the feremost men and women of the age in scientific, parliamentary, medical and literary circles, who differ as to the prophylactic virtues of vaccinia, but are vehemently opposed to compul-Its old venous, and shows that the sory vaccination, a measure which is land and Switzerland and some other and sprinkling" is well understood by parts of Europe, and is losing the fifteen years ago inhabitants of this ground among the very best of its formcity, but some new-comers might be or supporters. Dogmatism and misrepresentation will not turn back the tide of the world's progress nor long

KRUGER SHOULD ACCEPT.

It should be evident at this time, to the valiant ex-president of the Transvasal republic, that his mission to Europe, as far as it almed at securing intervention in his behalf, is a failure.

In France the aged Boer was the object of enthusiastic evations by the people, but the government officials went no further than a liberal donation of polite platitudes. The ruler of Germany notified the visitor from Africa that an appointment to a hunting party would prevent his seeing him, and thus headed off. Paul Kruger set out for The Hague, where he was received with every mark of sympathy and respect But the Dutch premier did not neglect an opportunity of discouraging him from expecting any material aid from his government. And now the Czar is said to have "sent his regrets," pleading Illness as a cause for not interfering in the African controversy. There is no helping hand stretched out for the people whom Mr. Kruger repre-

The attitude of Holland has been thought strange. But it must be remembered that a misstep at this time m the part of the Hague government might mean a great deal. If Great Britain were to promise non-interferfor the incorporation of the Netherlands into the German empire, the autonomy of Holland would not rest on a very secure basis. There has been some talk in years past of the advantages to the empire to have Holland joined to the great German Bund. Besides, Holland has valuable colonies which she could not protect against a strong invader. That country is not in a position to offend her mighty neighbors on the continent and across

the North Sea, in behalf of a lost cause. There was a rumor the other day that Great Britain would be willing to set apart the northern portion of the Transvaal for the Boers and recognize their independence there. If this is correct, it seems that President Kruger ought to hasten to accept that settlement of the conflict as the best obtainable, in behalf of those who may not be willing to submit to British rule. With his armies scattered to the winds; many of his generals dead or in captivity; the invaders in possession of the country. and his sympathizers awed into silence, any terms of peace should be acceptthe loss of the mines around which all the trouble of the Boers seems to have centered, it should not be refused on sentimental grounds.

Congress is the worst place in all the country for reports.

A board of health isn't always working just for its health.

The lighter the tax on beer the heaver the beer fax on the human system.

It should not be a difficult matter to discover the key to the telegraphers'

Wouldn't it be just as well to build the Nicaragua canal before getting up row over its fortification?

The Asiatic lion may have been exterminated in India, but the British lion that the "News" is read by "thousands | was never more ubiquitous there than

> In all this drivel about "the white man's burden," it seems to be utterly ignored that different white men have different burdens. "Hands off South Africa," says Lord

Salisbury to all the world. He needs to, seeing that he has his hands full in South Africa.

A Chicago dive keeper has invited the lergy to come to his place and preach, He isn't looking out so much for reform as advertisement and patronage.

Minister Wu says that Confucius was intensely practical and human. His followers in China today seem to be intensely inhuman and very impractic-

In the South African fox hunt beween Knox and Dewet, if the former loes not catch the latter it should be remembered that the fox hath his Ex-Mayor Hewett has sold Plum isl-

and, in Long Island sound, to the gov-

ernment. The government gets the island, but it is generally thought that Mr. Hewett got the plum. The Havana correspondent of a New York paper declares there are too many demagogues in Cuba for Cuba's own

good. This may be and probably is so. The same may be said of our own land Mr. Kruger is a consistent man in religious matters. When returning from church yesterday he was cheered by a crowd. Instead of taking off

ecrating the Sabbath. In the matter of the extradition of Clifton Oxman, the governor of Colorado did not sp" to the governor of Indiana what the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina on a certain historic occa-

crowd and roundly rebuked it for des-

Johannesburg has been ferced in with barbed wire so as to keep the inhabitants from getting food to the Boers. Why not build a trocha? Anglo-Saxons are displaying a wonderful aptitude for making their own that which they once condemned so strongly in Hispanio-Latins.

Some of Uncle Sam's cockleshells, as they are called in the navy, are going o Manila, and the fact is commented on as remarkable. There isn't one of them that isn't larger than Columbus' Santa Maria or Magellan's Victoria, both of which ventured into unknown seas, one of them discovering a new world, the other encompassing the

#### world for the first time. FIFTY-SIXTH CONGRESS,

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The closing session of the fifty-sixt? Congress of the United States and the first session of the fifteenth parlia-ment of Queen Victoria began together at all sensational. The United State Congress listened to the message of the President and then adjourned.

British parliament did little more than partly organize the house of commons by the election of a speaker.

Omaha Bee.

Indications point to one of the busiexpress a determination to get down to work at once and keep at it until March. 4. They will confer a favor on the country if they carry out their resolution. The country had all the talk that was needed during the last cam-paign and is in a position to appreciate

Springfield Republican.

The appropriation bills will nearly all call for larger amounts than ever. The session will doubtless be asked to consider an extravagant river and harbor bill, since the last session enacted no such measure. And the ship subsidy and isthmian canal bills will be pressed for enactment by powerful influence—self-oli and sectional in the one case, national in the other. Together these two measures involve the expenditure within a few years of nearly \$100,000,000.

San Francisco Call. There is no doubt that the great con-sts of this session of Congress will ome in the consideration of the canal and shipping bills. Both coasts of the ountry are at last alive to the fact that the building of the canal only em-phasizes the need of re-creating our commercial marine. We lost our lead on the sea at the beginning of the Civil war. While all of our energies were nlisted in that great struggle there courred one of those economic revoluf affairs. This was the substitution f iron for wood in the construction of hips. Men now living can remember when it was hotly argued that an iron hip could not be made to float, but the ship could not be made to float, but the discussion was without interest to us, for we had not metal ships. England at once forged to the front as the builder of the new craft. She had been admonshed by the condition in which she found herself during the Crimean war, when she had to charter American clippers for troop transports to carry her army to the shores of the Black sea. English statesmanship never forgets a lesson of that kind, and, catching us when our enterprise was either paralyzed or intensely occupied in a civil war, she made the most of her opportunity, and so it came to pass that "Britannia Rules the Wave" soon utpiped "Columbia, the Gem of the

Baltimore Sun. The measures in which general interest is feit, however, are the ship sub-sidy bill, the Nicaraguan canal bill, the re-apportionment bill and the bill for the reorganization and increase of the army. Each of these measures is of more than usual importance and should be closely scrutinized before enacted of the shipbuilding and shipping interests were summoned to Washington in advance of the opening of the session for consultation, indicates that a strong effort will be made to pass the subsidy bill before the close of the session in March, despite opposition to the scheme within the Republican party.

San Francisco Chronicle.

There is reason to believe that the railroad opponents of the canal will endeavor to defeat action at this session, by getting up debates over the treaty questions involved and over the relative merits of the Nicaragua and Panama routes. It must be remembered that the extra profits of one year will far more than pay the cost of a strong lobby, and each year saved is so much to the good of the railroad treasuries. The friends of the canal will doubtless do their best to force action at this session, and should be sustained by a paperal expression of the sent. by a general expression of the senti-ment of the country.

St. Louis Pioneer Press. shall provide for superannuated or dis-abled government employes who, dur-ing the period of their employment, have falled to save up anything, out of xceptionally good salaries, to save themselves from want when ousted from their places. But the only condition on which the American people will ever consent to the establishment of civil service pensions is that the money therefor shall be deducted from the salaries now paid, and put aside to be used when the time comes. No earthly charged with the perpetual care of an army of improvidents simply because for a certain number of years they happened to be employed by the government instead of by private indi-viduals or firms.

### RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The December number of Table Talk The December number of Table Talk opens with a poem, "The Turkey's Jubilee," and this is followed by a number of well written articles on "The Cooking of the 'May Flower' Women," "A Borrowed Christmas," "Cheerfulness at the Table," "The Making of Men," "A Dainty Christmas of Ye Olden Days," "Christmas Facts and Fancies of Many Countries," "The Children's Christmas" and "Gifts of the World," and similar topics. Illustrated Cookery is an attractive feaustrated Cookery is an attractive fea-ure of Table Talk.—The Table Talk Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

The Christmas number of Harper's Weekly is an exceptionally fine contribution to the holiday literature, offering a wealth of good reading and excellent illustrations. Among the articles are "Going Home for Christmas," by A. C. Wheeler; "A Century of Achievement," Charles H. Coffin; "Making Christmas Toys!" "The Transvaal War and the New Empire," John W. Russel; and numerous others. Among the illustrations, "The The Christmas number of Harper' mong the illustrations, "The laus of the Sea." "The Christmas Possum." "Winter in Porto Rico,"
"Music of the Sea." "Nora Stopped in
the Doorway," "Peace on Earth."
"His Christmas Dinner," and "Love" "Winter in Porto Rico the Sea." "Nora Stopped Christmas Gifts" are very striking Several of these are full-page color execution.-Harper & Bros., New York.

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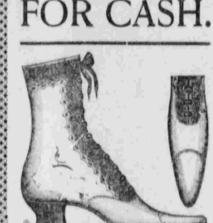
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