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SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 4, 1909.

CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The 8th 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 2, 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 priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Monday evening, October 4, commencing at 6:30 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 R. WINDOPF,
ANTHON H. LUND,
First Presidency.

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 1, 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 the Society's work, and the General Board of the Y. 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 6, at 2 p. m., and it is hoped all officers of the Society will attend this important meeting.

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

"AMERICAN" BLACKLISTING.

A young man, a member of one of the oldest and most respected families in the State, entered the office of the city engineer the other day and asked for employment. Being requested to name his credentials, he answered that he graduated some years ago from the University of Utah as an engineer, and in addition, he produced certificates of efficiency from the engineering department of the O. S. L. and from the office of an important mining company in Bingham, in both of which places he had served.

The city engineer looked the applicant over and said, "Your references are all right and we need just such a man as you seem to be. What are your politics?"

The young man answered that he voted for men rather than parties.

"Well," was the answer, "We would like to give you work, and if you'll bring us an O. K. from the American party committee-man in your precinct, you can have the job."

The young man repaired to the address of the committee-man and stated his business.

"Ever been affiliated with the American party?" he was asked.

"Never," was the answer.

"Good day. I can do nothing for you."

That is the sort of thing the Citizens' organization will put a stop to. If it is successful in the coming campaign of uniting the voters on a business ticket.

We have no doubt it is also the sort of thing Mayor Bradford would like to put a stop to, but he simply does not dare.

FARMERS AND LABORERS.

We cannot wholly agree with Secretary Wilson's statement that the farmers of the West are living in relative luxury. While the average farmer is today fairly prosperous, yet the exodus from the farms to the cities continues unabated.

Men do not exchange luxury for hardship, or plenty for penury. Their actions say that the average city life offers more of the advantages of good living than does the average rural condition.

It may be true that many are misled by the excitement of urban affairs as contrasted with the quietness of country life; but soon it is therefore claimed that nearly all who desert the farm for the city make a mistake, the mere statement of the argument is its own refutation. It assumes that people do not, as a rule, know what they are doing when they decide to change their vocations. In many instances this argument must be a misnomer.

After making due allowance for the errors of judgment that in many cases lead both to forsake farming for urban occupations, it is still true that the real reasons back of this vast and steady current from country to town have not yet been satisfactorily assigned. And certainly the reason cannot be that the farm gives wealth while the city creates poverty. "The farmer" says Mr. Wilson, "is out of debt; he has paid for his farm, his fence and his machinery. He has money in his bank and big crops continue to come

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Newspapers were fined for daring to publish that these sentences had been imposed.

Poor, down-trodden Russia! Is it not strange that the civilized nations permit Russian conditions to exist without protest, or without any effort at helping the patriots to secure freedom? Of course, technically, no nation has the right to interfere in the internal affairs of any other nation, but are there no exigencies that cannot be ignored? A neighbor may not, ordinarily, have the right to interfere with the doings in a neighbor's house, but if he has reason to believe that his neighbor is murdering somebody, it would be his duty to interfere even if he had to break down the door to secure entrance. Are there no circumstances that would justify nations in looking after the internal affairs of other nations? If there are, the conditions in Russia seem to be a call to the Christian world for aid in the cause of humanity.

Census takers should be people with taking ways.

People who are looking for traps should buy steel traps.

Peace comes from preparedness for war as fire comes from matches.

A bond issue sometimes is over-subscribed, but a newspaper never is.

Harry Whitney's position is not unlike that of a referee in bankruptcy.

"The Gentle Art of Making Enemies" is said to be Commander Peary's favorite book.

The Gentewoman predicts a scarcity of hair. On many bald heads it is already scarce.

Mrs. Annie Besant's idea of the drunkard's hell is that of a Tantalus in a sea of whisky.

Why is it that the police in some cities insist on acting as press agents for Emma Goldman?

The courts have decided a Turk can be naturalized. The naturalization laws can do almost anything.

Let all the citizens opposed to the People-American party remember that in union there is strength.

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THE CHILD AS AN ASSET.

Springfield (Mass.) Republican.

There is undoubtedly a very grave problem connected with the birth rate. The church in past times furnished a religious motive for large families, and this tended to counteract the natural tendency of the birth rate to decline from economic causes. The period of infanticide seems to be prolonged in advancing civilization. If the religious motive be destroyed, the economic forces making for fewer children must enjoy free scope, and as the cost of rearing and educating children through a long series of years becomes heavier for the average parent to bear, the score over can hardly be long delayed.

Making the third, however, once more a pecuniary asset of the parents at a tender age would be suicidal to civilization itself.

That is the new reactionary maxim which is being impressed upon the Czar at every opportunity. Such iterations make all moderate men tremble.

"The Czar of all the Russias," the reactionaries preach, "need not care for the world's opinion." We have had enough of foreign opinion and methods. They will not save Russia. We are going to have the old Russian ways back again."

One of "the old Russian ways" is the persecution of the Jews who are unfortunate enough to live under the Czar's flag. That is always popular, for it means loot to those engaged in the work of massacre and pillage.

There is a reign of terror in Russia against which the friends of liberty are helplessly struggling. In August last, sixty-three political offenders were sentenced and all were put to death. Those death sentences are imposed by court-martial, which are still very busy in the provinces, whose governors have despotic powers, being responsible only to the Czar. In the eight months of

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The old methods are giving way to new and better, and thus through increased agriculture the people will be provided with farms, the large tracts of earlier days being divided into smaller while the total product of the country will be increased in the same ratio as the fertility of the soil is made greater.

WONDER MAKING OF CENTURY

Collier's Weekly.

And what a year it is! Flying a

Turkey reformed. Russia reformed. England's

ideas of the thief of taxation upset, India revives; China subjected to a mass of new impressions; the distance across the Atlantic further shortened; the distance across our continent about to be shortened; wireless improved; the everlasting power of sentiment dramatically illustrated in the fall of Czarism; and today he could hardly repeat his now famous declaration, "Romance is dead." By science, contrary to many years, wonder and mystery have been increased.

THE OPTIMIST'S CORNER.

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

A large quantity of water is necessary to carry on the functions of the animal economy. When shall this water be taken into the system? It will be introduced during the day when thirst requires, but it is a good practice to drink a quantity of water on rising in the morning and on going to bed at night. Thousands of dyspepses have derived great relief from these internal baths; these are, perhaps, of all baths, the best. Persons who would avail themselves of the advantage of these morning internal baths will make exercise a cause in becoming thin. The quantity should be small, say only a mouthful or two. Soon a tumbler will be borne, and finally the quantity drunk may be very large, and the advantage correspondingly increased. Water is the most important article of our food; good, pure water, with sunshine and exercise, are absolutely essential to good health. Spend those summer days in the sunbath, bathe and swim, drink lots of water, bathe frequently, forget your troubles and see how your clogged, over-burdened system will be rejuvenated.

JUST FOR FUN.

Hudson to Fulton: "You supply the steamboat and I'll supply the River."

The education of that boy has been very much neglected; he never got more than a foot and a half of it.

I may have remained a trifling late, but her remarks were too pointed. "What did she say, Fergy?" "Told me their lease was about to expire."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Mrs. Post: "Do you think you'll smoke when you're older, Johnnie? They say it makes one awfully sick at first." Johnnie (aged 10): "I don't expect any bother over it, mother. It isn't the slightest effort for me to learn to swear!"—Life.

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AS THEY PLEASE.

New York World.

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