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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will commence in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, April 4th, 1896.

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

WILFORD WOODRUFF,
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CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS.

Relief Society, Assembly Hall, Friday, April 3, 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Mass meeting, Fourteenth Ward, seventy hall, Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday School Union, Tabernacle, Saturday, April 4, 9 a.m.

Scandinavian meeting, Assembly Hall, Sunday, April 5, between 12 and 2 p.m.

German meeting, Assembly Hall, Sunday, April 5, 6 p.m.

Priesthood meeting, Tabernacle, Sunday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Grand concert, Tabernacle, Sunday, April 6, 8 p.m.

THE APPOINTING POWER.

In this country there is but one manner of choosing public officials, the people directly or indirectly electing them to position. In the former case the choice is expressed by their immediate vote in the ballot, by the appointment through agents duly constituted. In either case their wishes are presumed to be consulted and three or four years of them at least gratified. It thus behooves the appointing power in whatever sphere of official life to be careful, judicious and as nearly as possible to harmonize accord with the duly ascertained wishes of its constituents and supporters in every case; otherwise the representative system which should be a shield to the public is but a lash of it and destroyer.

These remarks have no special reference to any particular case. They are designed for general application, to apply with the President of the United States—whose patronage list is so enormously large as to be a menace to our institutions when improperly dealt with—and ending with the least consequential officer in our midst to whom is delegated the authority to make appointments. It is true that in an overwhelming majority of cases the choice of a nominating body is placed upon the appointing power, and wisely was it so ordained; otherwise a powerful branch of the public service would continue to be autocratic engine antagonistic antiversive of republicanism and justice itself. But there who appoint do not always stand in dread of the restraint upon their action nor fear the consequence of deliberate opposition to the popular will as they should; relying upon the commissions of a certain quantity of successful henchmen acting in concert with a few cronies who will secure the same administration of property and right for the sake of harmony, appointments are made that are wholly objectionable, if not altogether unfit. It is then that the voice of the people is heard, first in a murmur, then as a protest, and finally in an outcrop of general indignation, all of which might as well be avoided, by exercising in those first instances a reasonable degree of prudence.

We would like to see our executive officers and all who have the appointing power so exercised in the church of the public service that confirmations would be the direct result of love and the ordinary by-play and plot a figurehead, and in such manner the people are ordinarily have reason to be thankful that such only exists.

THE SUGAR REFINERY.

A German paradox, Dennis Hickenlooper, in a recent letter to a friend in Germany, says he is in a country where the laws are made for the benefit of the rich and for the exploitation of the poor. Now, we are perhaps the least of sinners, but we have been accused of being a democrat, and we can sympathize with our own personality. The sugar trust, having purchased the factory and shut down, leaving hundreds of men without work, it stood to reason that the factory should be kept in operation, and the employees, who are mostly working men, should be kept at work. The result is that a great amount of well-educated women have to remain idle and contrite in this address which speaks for itself. The sugar trust factory can do as it pleases, it is supposed, for the reason that the laws place it in the management of the idle. Formerly the house was a center as one with the rich as in the other point. Now society consists of the idle world and those who are not, one personality. The women were parading in carriages and silk robes, bought at the dollar or cent. In Paris were numerous to receive the selfish force of modern civilization. Their sons with pages of dark labor, intoxicated, and in the lap, intimate friends. These were fashionable as a national and to have were stood not own family relations, commenced already in the days of early manhood.

All this is changed. The home of the modern rather shows office or merger opportunities for outside employment, and the consequence is that a thirst for all kinds of amusement has taken its place. Many women are suffering on account of the employment of their sons, and it is evident that there is no possibility to turn the development of the world back into the former groove, the changed conditions demand that new fields of labor be opened up for that part of the women being fitted for the change most speedily.

The reasoning here presented will probably be attributed to be logical and forcible. The problem is to solve the difficulty without creating an opposition to the unmistakable trend of events. It is not the path the solution will be. At present there are two ways in which the sugar refinery and factory, but unfortunately the first would be a new, from the altered conditions, in full harmony with the new era that is about to dawn.

THE JACK RABBIT.

"The last issue of the Utah Farmer" on the subject of bulletin No. 9 of the U. S. department of agriculture (division of ornithology and mammalogy) by Dr. T. S. Palmer, entitled "Jack of rabbits." The objects of the bulletin are: (1) To give a general account of the distribution and habits of the four species found in the United States; (2) to show the serious which have been used in extermination the animals and to protect crops from their depredations; and (3) to bring together facts and figures concerning the economic use of rabbits in general, for the purpose of indicating how our rabbits species may be more generally utilized. We assume that the latter phase of the subject will not be deemed of much importance in local results, but will there be much desire to devote time to the first substitute a most which the improved rabbit is to treat. What the rabbits have done for Australia, however, since their introduction years some thirty years ago, imparts a degree of interest to the matter in all agricultural Utah's own experiences in these goes by will to det incidents as attention to the serious threats of the subject, at least so far as relates to the reports given from this state.

In California and Oregon the worries of destruction of the animal, which his members have increased so rapidly as to become a menace to agriculture and horticulture generally, has been by "virtue" large patches of men digging themselves over a given area of country at time, converging toward a common point, herd the rabbits gradually into a small enclosure. Where with dirks they are killed by the thousands. In Utah the pretext a practice has been to organize rabbit hunts, though it is reported, by Mr. H. Roberts Jr., a Patriarch, that the city was formerly used to battle drives on the south lands adjoining on Little Salt Lake, where as many as 5,000 were killed at a single occasion. Hunts, however, have been place since the settlement of the State, and it probably long before, by the Indians. A correspondent report of the geographical survey of the Interior Department, indicates that the Piutes, Utahs and Paiutes Indians were accustomed to resort to a large valley near Great City during the month of November, on the occasion of having a great hunt and thousands of rabbits were apparently slaughtered. Strangely enough, the first hunt among the whites of which we have any record occurred very near the place, and was participated by a party of emigrants on their way from Salt Lake City to California in 1849. I was a member of the same company which soon after experienced misfortune in the desert, and an account of which reflecting the non-existence Dead Valley in Cedar City appeared in the Deseret News. The early fall hunt, apparently took place in the month of November, Mr. Roberts in the article referred to, in Salt Lake, either in Tooele County. Mr. W. L. Rogers, one of the members of Dr. Palmer's party, does the thing as follows:

"We rode like a long, narrow valley with wooded with sage, and the rabbits were flying out in all directions. We had not gone far before we saw a large number of rabbits, and we commenced to shoot them with our guns. Everyone who had a gun put in his action for the occasion, and there was quite a number of rabbits killed. I think I killed about 50 myself. We then rode on and the hunters separated, and the rabbits were driven ahead of us. We rode on for some distance, then we met. Many had the right number for horses, and others the half of them, and we started for home. We had killed 300 rabbits with a club. At one end of the valley we went into a pen, and on counting up the piles we found that we had killed 1,000 rabbits, or about one for every person in camp."

The rabbits were without doubt the well figures well in the time, place and manner of the hunts in Utah, and the amount of the rabbits killed and have to a close and lots of enjoyment, mixed in the wind in days gone by. It may appear somewhat strange to a modern that rabbits are considered as an article of food. Excepting the common or cottontail, and a "species" now common in 1871, the rabbits in question failed from 1868 to 1874, and by the time Mr. Roberts came in the statistics show 1882. A total of 10,000 is given, with twenty-five thousand of reports killed in a single year of 1886. These figures are much more compared with those of the cottontail in California, but they are sufficient to show that hunts in the days of Utah may have been in other respects they were profitable results, and for the information of those interested, it may be mentioned that there are still jacks left.

A NEEDED CHANGE.

The change in the southern Utah service of the Union Pacific railway, to begin on Sunday next, is one that the traveling public will duly appreciate. As proposed the schedule is as follows: Leave Salt Lake City, going in either direction, 8:00 the day at 8:45 a.m., requiring one to go up at an unseasonable hour, carry a breakfast into his system, if indeed he is fortunate enough to get one at such a time, and then put off for the evening at Milford is in the same, with about an hour and a half. Now one is enough to spend in and the evening having to be made so much earlier. The trip is not an enjoyable one at general time, particularly in view of the fact that in Utah, the great outlook of it being over landscapes stretches of country which are to be pitiless and productive sometimes, in which at present it is more pleasant to pass along when night has spread her mantle of charity over the scene. Those who only go as far as Nephi will not need to take the night train, a day service being provided for their benefit.

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