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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Conference
of the Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter-day Saints will be held in the
Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday,
April 3, Monday, April 4, and Wednesday,
April 6, commencing each day at
10 a. m. A general attendance of
the officers and members is requested
and expected.A general Priesthood meeting will be
held in the Tabernacle on Monday evening,
April 4, at 7 o'clock.A special Priesthood meeting will be
held in the Assembly Hall, Tuesday,
April 5, at 10 o'clock a. m.A religion class convention will be
held in the Barratt hall on Tuesday,
April 5, at 2 o'clock p. m.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN H. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.The general conference of the Deseret
Sunday School Union will be held
at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday
evening, April 3, at 7 o'clock,
and the attendance of all officers and
teachers is desired. A general invitation
is extended to all Sunday school
workers and Saints to be present.A special meeting of Sunday school
stake officers will be held in Barratt
Hall, Tuesday afternoon, April 5, at
4:30 o'clock and a full attendance is
desired.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
JOS. M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

BEWARE OF THEM.

Much of the misinformation that is
now finding place in the distant press is
sent out from this city. Some of the
most infamous stories that have ever
been printed are furnished by Salt Lake
correspondents who are without conscience
and also without responsibility. To sue them
for libel would be a waste of
time and trouble, for they are as
impetuous as they are mendacious.
It is strange that such falsehoods as
they weave for outside use should be
reproduced at home. Respectable people
here ought to show their detestation
of such work in the most effectual
manner possible.Many of the tales that are told are
known here to be without foundation in
fact, while others are that kind of
"half truths" which are rightly reckoned
as "whole lies." The illustrations and
portraits that accompany them are
frequently of the same class. President
Smith's family is variously pictured,
and in almost every instance is either
a caricature, or imaginative, or a
mixed product. One reproduced here
in a blurred and almost unrecognizable
manner, contains copies of photographs
of children who do not belong to
the President, but have been grouped
as his, and even their names are
those of persons outside of his house-
hold.Accuracy in these particulars is not
apparently a requisite any more than
truth in the matter furnished for publication.
Our contemporaries east and
west that care for facts and do not desire
falsehoods, should beware of the
new correspondents here, who are reaping
a harvest from the worst species of
lies—desires ever sown by the hands of
malice and ignorance.

NEEDS TRAINING.

In correcting the error about the story
of "vandalism" that has been told on
the Temple block, the "News" has done
all that could reasonably be asked, and
the Tribune acknowledges this, in substance,
editorially. But "The Man About Town"
does not appear to be satisfied, and
disputes the statement that injuries
were instituted by the "News" of
the ushers at the Tabernacle. He mentions
the surnames of two gentlemen
who, he intimates, told the story that
he repeated, as proof that "ushers"
were his authority. Well, those gentlemen
are not "ushers at the Tabernacle,"
and his designation of them in that capacity
is one of the signs of his greenness
and unfamiliarity with local affairs,
which crops out in most of the
paragraphs in which he exhibits the
assumption that usually accompanies ignorance.
People who come here from afar,
not infrequently put on airs of wisdom,
and talk about this city and state in a
self-important manner that shows their
unfitness to discourse upon anything of
moment. And that is what's the matter
with the man from Missouri.

Since the foregoing was put in type

We have received the following communication
from the gentlemen named in the ill-mannered
and uncalled for rejoinder by "The Man About Town,"
who has vainly endeavored to fasten upon
somebody the responsibility for the tale he
first told to the public. The "News" simply
endeavored to do him justice, but it appears that its efforts
were thrown away upon a churl whose
veracity is still to be represented by x. The
gentlemen who send us the annexed letter
are men of unimpeachable reputation:

Editor "News":

After reading the articles in Sunday's
Tribune and the evening's "News" we thought
we had better make a brief statement as to the
matter written of by "The Man About Town."
Had the gentleman referred to sought to
give facts in place of resorting to a make-up
of "something sensational" he would have
reported differently in regard to information
given visitors by our guides on Temple block.The fact is that our tourists almost
invariably ask as to the Temple, admittance
to same, its use, etc., and they are always
told that visitors are not allowed in, in fact,
that only members in good fellowship in our
Church are permitted to enter what to us is truly
"The House of the Lord, and the most sacred
of places." On the occasion referred to by
"The Man About Town," one of our guides,
who was a laborer in the Salt Lake Temple
during the dedicatory services, incidentally
referred to the fact that at the completion
and prior to its dedication, a number of
people, regardless of their religious affiliations,
were permitted to go through the magnificent
building, and that a beautiful mirror was
damaged or cut, but he positively made no
assertion, or even inference, that any one
whether Church member or other, was charged
with the offense, nor that said action had
anything to do with barring people from
admittance into the Temple. No guide, to our
best information, ever has or does make or
even infer any such charge.We do not feel obligated, or even see
a necessity, for offering an excuse for
denying our visitors admittance to the Temple.
The statement that it is a sacred house of
worship we feel sufficient in view of the
condition of it, it is very improbable, to say
the least, that such a foolish statement as
that charged to our guides should be made,
when we consider that none of us ever had
any instructions as to information dispensed
to tourists, we are left to speak from
experience and knowledge in our plain and
straightforward manner, and no one has ever
been led to believe that the House of the Lord
was barred to visitors, for such a foolish
reason as that asserted.H. F. McCUNE,
H. C. JEX.

CAUSE OF APPENDICITIS.

That the trolley car is responsible for
many of the mortal dangers of modern life
is well known, and now that great
institution, without which suburban
growth would be but slow, is accused of
being the source of a great many cases of
appendicitis. Only indirectly, however, it is
explained that the trolley car has made
people lazy. Walking is almost a lost art.
We "take the car," even when we need
some exercise, and this lack of exercise,
it is claimed, is largely to blame for the
increase in the cases of appendicitis. According
to the opinion of a New York physician, if the
entrance to the vermiform appendix is not
kept tightly closed small particles of waste
are forced into it, inflammation sets in and
results in that dreaded disease. When the
abdominal and intestinal muscles are kept
continually active by walking, the entrance
to the appendix is closed, and there is no
danger.

NONSENSE ABOUT RADIUM.

Mr. Cleveland Moffet, a contributor to
the April Success, warns the reading public
from placing too much confidence in the
announcements made about the wonderful
cures of radium. He has studied the subject
in the laboratory of M. Curie, Paris, and he
may be supposed to know something about it.
He mentions especially that speculators
in human misery are about to advertise a
sort of "radium consumption farm," where
wonders are promised by means of "radium"
and large fees, and where he thinks it likely
that many patients will be imposed upon.
Eventually, he says, radium may do good,
for the theory may prove sound, but people
should know that thus far there is an entire
lack of evidence from reputable physicians
to show that radium has actually cured cases
of consumption. Years must pass before we
can have any certain knowledge on the subject.
Then he continues:"Even should it ultimately be shown that
consumption may be cured by the use of
radio-active air, there still remains the
problem of finding a sufficient supply of
radium to bestow these precious properties
upon the air. Great quantities of this air
would be needed—think of the army of
consumptives!—and there is very little
radium in the world—only an ounce or so of
the highly purified product, and that is
enormously expensive. To be sure, we read
of radium deposits in various parts of America,
and we are told that soon, with better
processes of refining, the price will fall from
a million dollars a pound, or thereabouts, to
something reasonable. As a matter of fact,
the price of radium has been steadily
advancing for the past six months."

BUDDHISM IN AMERICA.

If Buddhism should ever become the
religion of millions in this country, or
Europe, Sir Edwin Arnold is sure to become
the object of reverence, not to say worship,
as are the pioneers of any great religious
movement that endures and succeeds. For no
European has done more to arouse popular
interest in that Asiatic faith, than he did,
when he gave to the world his celebrated
"Light of Asia." Professor Max Mueller
created interest among scholars for the
study of Sanscrit, which became really
the study of the Buddhist sacred books,
and philosophers became in-fluenced by some of the ideas found in the
age-stained records. But through the "Light
of Asia," popular interest in those ideas
was awakened. That publication was read
and commented upon everywhere, and caused
no end of discussion and controversy.The "Light of Asia" is a poem. It
professes to set forth the story of Buddha
and to give an exposition of Buddhist philosophy.
Competent critics claim that his knowledge
of the subject was superficial, but it was
accepted by the general public. The result
is that Buddhism has actually gained a
foothold in the western world, and is now
spreading.Thus, for instance, we are told that
no less than four Buddhist temples are now
being built in this country, on the Pacific
coast, and that Buddha believers, among
which there are many Americans, are scattered
from Vancouver in the north to San Diego in
the south. In San Francisco a monthly is
published in the interest of Buddhism, and it
is said that a translation of the Sutra, the
sacred records of that faith, may appear before
long.Regarding the spread of Buddhism on
the Pacific coast, a writer in the Boston
Transcript tells us:"It was set afoot in 1885 when the main
temple of the Honganji sect in Japan sent
two priests by the name of Rev. Sokai Sonoda
and Rev. Kakuryo Nishijima to San Francisco,
where many hundred thousand Japanese
might require their heavenly services, and
which was considered the right headquarters
for beginning the work even among Americans.
As soon as they reached this continent they
founded the Young Man Buddhist Society in
Polk street, San Francisco. And the young
women's society followed soon after. The
priests gave their lectures every Sunday,
open to both Japanese and Americans. The
Americans showed much interest, and the
numbers increased month after month. Today
they are said to be over one thousand. They
formed a society Sanjo Koryukai in Japanese
(that is the Dharma Sangha of Buddha), and
applied to the American government to be
recognized as a religion of America. The
government acknowledged the Sanjo Koryukai
as a religious society. And further than that,
the government gave the privilege of treating
with any Buddha priest as with a Christian
minister. By and by, many branch offices
were opened in various places."Nor is the eastern part of this country
neglected. The leader of the faithful in New
York is already planning the construction of a
temple in that city.Makaroff dared Togo to come and fight,
and Togo didn't dare to.The director of the weather bureau, through
his forecasts, has become persona non grata.If she cannot make a success at Port Arthur,
Japan has been able to make successive failures.Where the carcass is there will the eagles
be, accounts for the strength of some of the
"booms" of the day.The latest venture of the Japanese at Port
Arthur has convinced them that the Russian
Bear is waking up.Governor Peabody is showing an immoderate
love for the flag combined with an unusual
zeal to prosecute Moyer.Some of the men deported from Telluride
were told never to return. Is martial law in
Colorado to be made perpetual?A wild man of barbarous appearance has
been caught near Nome. What more natural?
Is not Nome in a wild country?"Transparent umbrellas are a late novelty
in London," says an exchange. They enable
those who carry them to see through the fog.The Japanese must be poor marksmen after
all. They cannot hit the channel leading into
the harbor of Port Arthur with a steamer.If the Northern Securities company takes up
its domicile in Omaha, it should change its
name to the Southern Securities company.In the Colorado counties under martial law,
the military authorities are fairly revelling in
arrests. The Mayor the merrier, is their motto.Again is Chili going to sell the Captain Pratt.
So many times has she been going to sell this
battleship that she must be an Indian trader.The statue of Frederick the Great, presented
by the Kaiser, is said to be a white elephant
in the hands of the government. If it is a
white elephant it should be sent to Siam."Somebody with leisure to spare has figured
it out that no man who parted his hair in the
middle was ever president," says an exchange.
How about one Thomas Jefferson?Boston is much worried over the action of
the master bakers of that town reducing the
size of the loaf. But has Boston forgotten that
man does not live by bread alone? May be she
holds that the size of the loaf makes it impossible.Two more negroes have been killed at De Witt,
Arkansas, within a week. The dispatches
announce that "it is the belief that the most
objectionable negroes have been slain, and no
further trouble is looked for." In other words,
Now will you be good?

VOICES FROM NORTHWEST.

Spokane Spokesman.
Up to date they have not found anything
against Reed Smoot, although there have been
many interesting disclosures concerning the
private life of some of the big men in the
"Mormon" Church.

Washington Oracle.

By the examination of Joseph Smith the
senatorial investigating committee is trying to
prove that "Mormons" obey what they believe to be divine law in preference
to human law. Is that not what every Christian
church does? But how does the fact that Smith hasfive wives and forty-two children damage the
official title of Smoot, who has only one wife?Arlington Record.
It is very difficult for an ordinary unskilled
layman to understand how Senator Smoot can
be turned out of the United States Senate because
President Joseph Smith has five wives and
Apostle Taylor thirty-five children. It seems
as if the fact that Senator Smoot has only one
wife and never had any more ought to have
some bearing on the question.

Spokane Outburst.

The fact that there is polygamous cohabitation
in the "Mormon" Church has been admitted.
But it is not even charged that Smoot is a
polygamist. Ever if it is proved that polygamous
marriages have been contracted with the approval
of the Church, of which Smoot is a member of the
hierarchy, it would be still necessary to prove that
it was done with Smoot's approval. If these
marriages were contracted with his cognizance,
but without his approval, and even in opposition
to his judgment and wishes, it would be unjust
to exact him for the sins of his co-religionists.

Victoria Province.

The inquiry of the United States Senate
Committee into the right of Reed Smoot of Utah
to retain his seat in that body, has elicited plenty
of proof that President Smith of the "Mormon"
Church has several wives, but it has not heard a
scrap of evidence tending to show that Mr. Smoot
has violated any law. Mr. Smoot has but one wife
and he has not been a party to violation by others
of the law forbidding polygamy. His opponents
seek only to show that he has not protested against
the unlawful conduct of other members of the
"Mormon" hierarchy, and they argue that his
silence makes him an accessory to the offenses of
his associates.The practice of polygamy is unlawful, but belief
in the morality of plural marriages is not an offense
against the law of the United States, and cannot be
forbidden or penalized without violation of freedom
of religious belief. In the absence of personal
participation by Mr. Smoot in unlawful acts, inquiry
concerning his attitude toward the doctrine of
"Mormonism" amounts to the application of a
religious test to his qualification for office, and that
is forbidden by the Constitution of the republic.Persons holding any religious beliefs and persons
destitute of religion, provided they are law-abiding
citizens of the United States, are eligible to office
in that country, and may not be excluded because
of the conduct of others holding similar opinions.

Spokane Chronicle.

Elder Neph Pratt of the "Mormon" Church is
president of the Northwest States mission, having
under his charge some 50 Elders and five branch
churches.

Concerning the Smoot trial Elder Pratt said:

"The Mormon Church is entirely unconcerned
with the question of the seating of Senator Smoot.
Neither the Church nor the Church authorities had
anything to do with his election. He was elected by
a legislature composed of Mormons, non-Mormons,
and at least one Jew. For that reason, we are
entirely disinterested in the result.""It did not affect the Church when B. H. Roberts
was unseated, nor will the result of the Smoot trial
have any appreciable effect. What the Church is
chiefly concerned in is that its members shall live
up to its laws, nor is there anything in those laws
that in any way conflicts with the laws of the
country."The only result of the Smoot trial that I have so far noted has been to make our
enemies more bitter and our friends stronger. My
work has not been affected in any way by the present
investigation."

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