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#### GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The seventy-sixth annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convenent the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, April 6, 1906, at 10 a, m. A full attendance of officers and members is requested. JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER.

> ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency.

#### MEET THE ISSUE NOW!

The crisis that is approaching, and that will test the question whether unlawful combinations shall override law and order, as indicated in the disclosures made by the Deseret News of Saturday evening, forms a subject of vital concern to this nation. The threats uttered in behalf of certain federated jabor unions by the agitator Debs, are ominous of that which may materialize into actual revolution. They are too serious to be passed by in silence. They are intended to overawe legitimate authority, not only in the State of Idaho but throughout the country. The immediate purpose is to deter the judicial and executive officers in that State from legally prosecuting men accused of capital crimes, to irighten jurors, and to spread terror to the extent of obtaining the release of those defendants whether guilty or not.

How far this unlawful influence shall be permitted to go, rests largely with the officials who are charged with the enforcement of the law and the men who will be called into the jury box. If they are to be scared from the performance of their sworn duty, by fear of the anarchists who declare their intention to follow legal execution of the law with assassination and destruction, then there will be little hope for the maintenance of just and lawful government in this republic. For, success in this instance will mean encouragement to further lawlessness, and the end will be brought about by no less means than civil war. If we know what we think we do of the character of the Idaho authorities. we are impressed with the conviction that those gentlemen will not be deterred for a moment from the course they have lawfully marked out, for the trial of the men accused of the dastardly murder of the lamented Stuneenberg, by the threats of any number of organized anarchists (for that is what their own language shows them to be), to repeat the outrages and assassinations that are charged upon some of their fellows. The greatest doubt concerning the outcome, is as to the courage and fidelity of the men who will act as jurors to try the accused persons. They must receive assurances of complete protection and safety, or some of them may weaken when they should be strong, and fail when they ought to stand firm and unshaken for the right. As to the accused, they must receive fair treatment, a legal investigation, every opportunity for defense that the law provides, and freedom from the bias that may come from appearances and reports. The presumption of their innocence until they are proven guilty must be maintained. But no influences from any quarter that would set aside evidence and thwart justice, must be permitted to invade the courts, or interfere with the execution of right judgment. Now is the time to avert further anarchy by disregarding or throttling the menace presented by organized mobocracy!

complete, are published in magazines of the present day. We have formed the opinion that the names which appear in the Book of Ether, as quoted by our correspondent, were those of such ancient creatures, and therefore no translation of them into English would convey to present readers what they were or what they were like. As we have no means at present of

learning from the martyred Prophet his reasons for doing or nor doing anything, except that which we can glean from his history, we have to leave the matter to the good common sense of people who are able to read that which has been placed upon record.

By reference to the book of Alma in the same volume, chapter xi, verses 4 to 19, the names of the different coins which were in use among the Nephites will be found, and they are given in the language of the Nephites, as there explained. They are not translated into English terms because there are no coins now that would correspond with them, nor were they the same as were in use among the Jews at the time when Lehl and his family came from Jerusalem to the American continent. This corroborates the view we have expressed concerning the names of the animals that existed many centuries ago upon this land, as mentioned in the book of Ether, and we think is all that needs to be said on the subject.

### STRENGTH OF NATIONS.

A contributor to the March number of the North American Review argues very strongly for an increase of the United States army. According to him we are entirely unprepared for war with any of the large nations. If Japan made a move against the Philippines. he asks, what hope could we have of opposing to it a force that could cope with its \$00,000 Manchurian veterans" Then he says, in part:

"No nation in the entire history of the world has yet neglected its milttary strength without ultimately pay-ing the penalty. France was the fore-most military power from 1800 to 1812. and again in 1860, and Russia was presumed to be invincible less that three years ago. Yet we all know what terrible humiliation France un-derwent in 1870-1871 and what defeats Russia has just suffered. Do we fondly imagine that we are going We have gone on entirely too long la-boring under a grave delusion, and giving a new version to the old proverb so as to make it read. 'The Lord takes care of babes, fools and the State.

World-Power, with duties and re-sponsibilities which we never have had before. We have rich possessions upon which other nations naturally took with covetous eves; we have great country whose prosperity is un-exampled. Unless we are strong enough to hold the one and to protect r, our day of reckoning is sure to come.'

It may be pointed out, by way of issue. comment on this military argument that the real origin of the disasters that befell France in 1870, and Russia recently, can be found in moral, rather than in military weakness. And this is always true in cases of national defeats. Israel did not cease to be an independent nation, until its moral status became intolerable. Greece, Rome, Poland tell the same story. We do not underestimate the importance of an efficient military force, but we claim that the moral soundness of a nation is even still more important, and that the experiences of France "Considerations" were first published and Russia prove this truth. in Italian, and then translated to Eng-The French Emperor was at the belish, and were everywhere well reginning of the year 1860 at the zenith ceived by Protestants, on account of of power and influence. He was looked the excellent truths they set forth in up to as the arbiter of the fate of the plain, and yet elegant language, for world, almost. Then came his interthat period in which it was written. ference with the affairs of Mexico. He The present edition is a copy of the induced England and Spain to join one printed at Oxford in 1838, and even France in a punitive expedition, to the old spelling and construction of collect some money due, but Napoleon sentences are retained. It is really was not satisfied with this. He went remarkable to see how the divine Spirit farther and joined the enemies of illuminated the minds of those who President Juarez in Mexico, in a consought His divine light, even in those spiracy to make an empire of the reages, and amid surroundings one would public and place a brother of Francis think plunged in utter darkness. For Joseph of Austria, the archduke Maxinstance, speaking of man created in imilian, on the throne. Neither Great the image of God, this author expresses Britain nor Spain would participate in the view that "the image of God was this plan, but Napoleon carried it out in the person of Christ," and that and maintained French troops in Mex-"they, who being called, and drawne ico for several years. In 1867 Napoby God unto the grace of the gospell leon had to withdraw from Mexico. make the justice of Christ to become For his villainous attack upon the their own, and are incorporated in liberty of an American republic Napo-Christ, doe in this present life recover, leon paid the penalty, and Bismarck in part, that part of the image of God. was clearly the instrument prepared which appertaines to the soule, and in for the purpose of executing the dithe life everlasting, they recover that vine plans. On July 19, 1870, France part also which appertaines to the declared war against its neighbor body. And by this meanes we shall across the Rhine. The army was all come through Christ, to be like unto God, as Christ is." How much said to be "ready to the last galter button," and the prime minister said he accepted more scriptural is this view of God and man, than that commonly held, even by professed Protestants! As a voice the responsibility "with a light heart." from the past, it is an interesting little A few months after the declaration of war Napoleon was a captive; the embook, and one that can be read with pire was overthrown, and the French profit. armies were scattered as chaff before the whichwind.

while the remoter ones are apt to escape attention, although they are as real. The Lord once assured Abraham: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee," (Gen. 12:

3), and this promise holds good to this day. History is full of illustrations of the great truth that whatever import-

ance attaches to military equipment and training, the moral status of a nation is its real strength.

# WHERE THE LINE WAS.

To the Editor. "Kindly inform me and others what e are to understand by the words, And also every tract lying westward, even unto the line running directly be-

tween Jew and Gentile." as contained in Soction 57, Doetrine and Covenants. What line is this and who are the Jew and Gentile spoken of? "Respectfully "J. "." "Respectfully We are requested to answer through the Deseret News, the question propounded above. Reference to the revelation quoted from will show that when the site was chosen for the city of Zion, the Saints gathered upon the place designated, at Independence, Missouri, were counseled to purchase all the land in the immediate neighborhood, as far as their means would permit, and to acquire legal title to it as far as the western boundary of the State. The terms "Jew" and "Gentile" were understood to signify the In-

dians and the white race, the former heing descendants of the house of Israel and ocasionally referred to as 'remnants of the Jews," because their ancestors originally came out of Jerasalem. The line running between their possessions and those of the whites at that time was the western houndary of the State of Missourl.

It was announced as "wisdom" that purchase should be made of the land reaching to that line, so that there might not be cause for difficulty between the Saints and other settlers,

and that sufficient country might be secured for the gathering of the people near the spot where the central city and Temple are to be built, when the prophecies concerning them shall be fulfilled. The law of consecration under which the land was to be settled and the Temple reared and Zion established, was not obeyed by the Saints at that time, and so, according to the prediction in the event of their failure, their enemies came upon them and drove them from the spot and from the county and finally from the

The "wisdom" of the counsel given at that time is easily perceived now, and the consequences of its rejection are matters of history. That subject, however, is but incidental to the question propounded, and our correspondent and his associates in the class that has the matter under consideration will doubtless understand the point at

# AN INTERESTING BOOK.

"Divine Considerations," by John Valdesso, has just been published by the John Lane Publishing Co., London and New York. It is a quaint little volume. The author was a Spanlard who lived during the time of the Reformation, but he did not leave the

candal from two and a half millions to ten militons.

President Woodrow Wilson lays down the proposition that nothing has spread socialistic feeling in this country more than the use of the automobile. That's because it travels so fast.

Bishop Stang, of Fall River, traces the divorce evil to the Reformation. And now what the divorce evil needs is reformation. It seems to be a sort of similia similibus curantur affair.

The Idaho authorities will not be deterred by the threats of any organization from prosecuting Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone for the murder of ex-Governor Steunenberg. They are but doing their duty and they have the moral support of every state in the Union.

Secretary Taft is authorized by the President to deny that he has reached any decision as to the selection of a successor to Associate Justice Brown of the U. S. supreme court, Mr. Taft himself does not care for the appointment at this time but should he be decided upon for the place it is understood that he would accept it. In other words, Barkis is willing.

DISAPPEARING HOTEL TOWELS. Philadelphia Bulletin.

"We lose money enough in stolen towels every week to bord half a doz-en porters," said a hotel clerk. "We never know exactly where they go, but hever know exactly where they go, but they certainly disappear, and that right fast. If some of the people who take our towe,s would exert their energies in a more laudable vocation they would have been rich many moons ago. There is scarcely a room in the hotel that does not lose a towel at least three times a week. Of course, we place sev-eral kinds-face towels bath towels eral kinds-face towels, bath towels and just plain towels-in each one, and some one finds them so attractive that they are dropped into a grip and hus-tied out with the remainder of the lug. sage. When you figure that a good bath towel costs from ten to twenty cents, and other towels anywhere from three gage. to five cents, you probably can estimate the dead loss to a hotel. It is very convenient to drop them into satchels, suit cases or trunks, and they are right handy to wrap shoes or other dirty articles of clothing in."

#### BUSINESS IN OHIO.

Cincinnati Enquirer. Farmers of Wooster, O., report that they have been victims of a trick played upon them by a man engaged in the business of renovating feathers. They have reason to believe that the fellow carried bedbugs with him which he would drop into pillows and ticks when opening the articles to convince the women folks that the feathers needed renovating. The farmers declare that they had reason to suspect that the fellow had worked the trained bedbug scheme on the wives, and 'phoned to neighbors to watch the chap when he called at their homes. The men notified were on the lookout, and when the feather man thought they were not looking, dropped a half dozen bugs from his hand into a pillow. The farm-ers consulted with Prosecuting Attor. ers consulted with Prosecuting Attor-ney Carlin with reference to causing the fellow's arrest, but were informed that he knew of no law by which the feather repovator could be punished.

# AS TO THE PHILIPPINES.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch. In the Philippines a political boss is known as a cacique. If the Filipinos have caciques, what more evidence do we need that they can govern them-selves on the same plan as that on



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#### ANCIENT NAMES.

Editor Deservet News:

Account for the presence of the words "curelons" and "cumoms" in Ether ix; 19. Are they supposed to be Nephite IX, 19. Are they supposed to be Nephite names? Some suppose that the words have reference to the alpaca; if so, why did not Joseph Smith use that word, or if it was not in his vocabu-lary, give descriptions of the animals so as to convey a definite meaning?

The foregoing letter is rather percmp. tory and conveys the impression that the writer imagines we are able to explain not only all that Joseph Smith the Prophet did, but his intentions concerning what he didn't. However, it is information that is desired, and such as we have we are willing to impart.

We do not regard the words quoted as Nephite names, nor do we think there were any animals with which the translator was acquainted which would correspond to those named in the book of Ether. That record was written long before the Nephites became acquainted with the history of the colony that came upon this continent just after the building of the tower of Babel. Therefore we regard the names mentioned. as those occurring in Ether's record, and that Mormon gave them in his record as he found them in the more ancient writings.

From that we suppose that the animals so named were of a species now extinct. Once in a while the fossilized or other remains of animals that once existed on this continent are discovered and pictures of the imperfect "finds" and also of their supposed forms when

Centuries ago it was foretold that destruction would be the portion of anyone endeavoring to establish a "king" on these continents:

"And this land shall be a land of liberty unto the Gentiles, and there shall be no kings upon the land, who shall raise up unto the Gentiles; and I will fortify this land against all other nations; and he that fighteth against Ziou shall perish, saith God; for he that raiseth up a king against me shall perish." (Book of Mormon, 2 Nephi, 10: 10-14.)

Napoleon sealed his own doom by endeavoring to establish a "king" upon this continent, dedicated to the cause of human liberty. No armles, no matter how strong, could have saved him from the divine retribution Russia's defeat was not due, in the first place, to any lack of soldiers. Russia had a stronger army at the outbreak of the war with Japan, than she had when she conquered the brave but ill-armed Turks under Osman Pasha. But the Russian government went to the war against Japan, with the blood of thousands of Jewish martyrs crying from the ground to high heaven for vengeance, as the blood of Abel was crying against Cain. That was, without the slightest doubt, the real reason why the Russians fled like sheep, on the battlefields, and the

The grand fury is trying to find out what manner of Mann he is, Mr. Schwab sick arouses more interest than does Mr. Schwab well. After a while the Moros will learn not to monkey with the buzz saw. Eugene Debs' jast attack of Debsomaha was by far the worst he has ever

backing and filling.

had. It was simply awful. Jan Kubelik, the Bohemian violinist, denounces American cooking. But he just dotes on American "dough." The feats of athletes is the beginning of wisdom, seems to be the theory of the schools and colleges these days. Rhodes Scholar Jacobsen of Utah, still remains among the "torpids." There may be something the matter with his liver. The manner in which Senator Burrows knocked out Senator Dubois' pet anti-"Mormon" scheme was beautiful to behold. Was it intended in the

first instance? Russian ships were sent to the bottom The effect of the great snowfall this of the sea. Human eyes see generally winter is already becoming noticeable.

selves on the same plan as that on which we have so long been governed? Catholic church. He spent a great deal of his time in Italy, where he gathered a circle of friends around CHINA'S DESIRABLE ATTITUDE. him, whose teacher he became. His

# From Life.

We hope to see China strong enough to expel al! the missionaries and other foreigners whom she doesn't want, and wise enough to welcome and protect all those, missionaries included, whom she ought to want. To bring her to that condition of efficiency and self-respects is one thing the missionaries have been working for. We have reached that condition already, and there is no vis-ible prospect that we will allow any more Chinese coolies to come into our country than our people find expedient. That we should be more polite and discriminating in our exclusions is desir-able, and the boycott on American goods by China shows an effective de-sire to improve our manners, for which we cannot be too grateful.



"Yes," said the westerner, "my boy is old enough now to begin seeing something of life. He wants to go and spend a few weeks with his chum in Philadelphia, and then..."

"In Philadelphia?" interrupted the New Yorker, "Does he call that see-ing life?"--Chicago Tribune.

The Young Man-Gregory, your The Foung anan-Gregory, your sister is an angel. The Small Boy-Huh! Does an an-gel wear curl papers an' sing ragtime? ---Chicago Tribune.

Miles-By the way, old man, do you Miles—By the way, old man, do you believe in dreams? Giles—You bet I do. One night about a month ago I dreamed that an angel appeared at my bedside and said, "Prepare for the worst," and then

said, "Prepare for the worst," and then disappeared. Miles—Well? Glies—The next day our cook left and my wife has been doing the cook-ing ever since,--Chicago News. At Algeciras there is a great deal of

> Citiman-You hear of "journeymen plumbers" "journeymen carpenters" and all that, but you never hear of "journeywomen" at all. Funny, isn't

Subbubs--Yes, it certainly should be right to speak of "journeywomen cooks;" they merely journey from place to place-Boston Herald.

Towne-My sister was telling me that old Roxley's young widow is in "second mourning." What does that

Browne-I think it means that she has modified her mourning just enough to let the men know she's ready for the second-Philadelphia Press.

"I suppose, daughter, you are keep-ing the diary I gave you New Year?" "Yee, indeed, papa. I'm keeping it wrapped in tissue paper. It's too pret-ty to write in."-Philadelphia Ledger.

"Kind words go a great way in this orid." said the gentle philosopher. "Yes," answered Senator Sorghum. "but people are getting wary. It isn't as easy to trade kind words off for yotes as it used to be,"--Washington

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the current issue of Leslie's Weekly Harriet Quimby tells of the wonderful intelligence of trained dogs, ascribing to them a high degree of reasoning power, teachableness and dexterity. Other noteworthy articles, each accompanied by a page of ex-cellent flustrations, are La Saile A. Maynard's account of the flowing the but the nearest causes of given effects. A big corporation has just increased its Maynard's account of the flourishing