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ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

To the Presidents, Councils and Saints
in the various Stakes of Zion.

It is thought advisable to hold our
next Annual Conference in the city of
Loran, Cache County.

Meetings will commence on Saturday
April 12, 1885, at 10 o'clock a. m.

Very respectfully,
Your Brethren

JOHN TAYLOR,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,

Of the First Presidency of the Church
of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

NOT ALL DISADVANTAGEOUS.

This anti-"Mormon" press, in league
with the crusaders, is constantly set-
ting up new and ridiculous theories
regarding the present status and final
outcome of the local situation. One
after another of these flimsy fabrications
crumbles to chaos owing to the want of
ingenuity in their construction and be-
cause of inconsistency being stamped
upon every utterance in their forma-
tion. Thus has the prospective revela-
tion, abrogating polygamy, subterfuge
been demolished. And the absurdity
of business men calling a General Con-
ference of the Church to be held in this
city, that their pockets may be made
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THE STORMING MANUSCRIPT STORY COMPLETELY EXPLODED.

"Ox by one the roses fade." So are
the prophecies of those who make a hobby
of seeking to show that "Mormonism"
is a fraud, kicked from under them.
And they find themselves sitting in the
mud puddle of disappointment and
perplexity. The religious denouncers
of polygamy have gradually receded
from the theosophical ground, and the
Bible does not sanction, sustain nor
enjoin plural marriage. It is now gen-
erally acknowledged that such a propo-
sition has not the shadow of a leg
on which to stand. In consequence
fanciful anti-"Mormon" religionists,
having no argument to offer, keep up
the unreasoning whoop about a "super-
ior civilization," and demands for
the application of force to suppress
that which they cannot exhibit as an
error by argument.

Another of the piles which have sup-
ported the opponents of "Mormonism"
has been swept down by the swiftly
flowing river of later develop-
ment. The story about the Spaulding
manuscript and the Book
of Mormon being identical is
now proved, by incontrovertible
evidence, to be a part of the fabric of
"the refuge of lies," as we always
knew it to be.

Before us is the April number of
Frank Leslie's Illustrated Sunday
Magazine. It contains a *re-visit* of the
religious department of the
New York Observer of February 20th,
1885, on which appears this interesting
statement:

SOLOMON SPAULDING AND THE BOOK
OF MORMON.

The theory of the origin of the Book
of Mormon is a traditional story, and
script of Solomon Spaulding will prob-
ably have to be relinquished. That
manuscript is doubtless now in the
possession of Mr. L. L. Rice, of Hono-
lulu, Hawaiian Islands, formerly an
anti-slavery editor in Ohio and Ken-
tucky, and many years State printer of
Columbus. During a recent visit to Hono-
lulu, I suggested to Mr. Rice that he
might have valuable anti-slavery docu-
ments in his possession which he would
be willing to contribute to the rich col-
lection in the Library of Congress. Mr.
Rice, in pursuance of this suggestion,
Mr. Rice being looking over his old
papers, and papers, and at length
came upon an old, worn and faded
manuscript of about 15 pages, small
folio, purporting to be a translation
of the migration and conflicts of the
ancient Indian tribes which occupied the
territory now belonging to the States of
New York, Ohio and Kentucky. It was
the last page of this manuscript is a
certificate and signature giving the
names of several persons known to the
signer, who have assured him that
to their personal knowledge the manu-
script was the writing of Solomon
Spaulding. Mr. Rice has no recollection
of having seen this manuscript, and
it came into his possession. It was de-
veloped in a coarse piece of wrapping
paper, and endorsed in Mr. Rice's
handwriting, "The Book of Mormon."
There seems no reason to doubt
that this is the long lost story. Mr.
Rice's discovery of the manuscript
with the Book of Mormon and could
detect no resemblance between the two.
The general or details. There seems
to be no name nor incident common
to the two. The solemn style of the Book
of Mormon, in imitation of the English
Scriptures, does not appear in the
manuscript. The only resemblance is
in the fact that both purport to set
forth the history of the lost tribes.
Some other explanation of the origin
of the Book of Mormon must be found,
if any explanation is required.

From Billings' Standard.

We wonder who will be the inge-
nious fabricator who will furnish the
"other explanation of the origin of the
Book of Mormon," for doubtless some
of the conscienceless enemies of
"Mormonism" will consider that au-
thor subterfuge is "required."

"A bath has been found to be almost
as effective a deterrent upon pauper-
ism as labor," says the New York
State Charities Aid Association. The
latter-day tramp will resist a long
time before he will consent to wash
himself. We commend this to the con-
sideration of our city marshals, who
are so far as known here he has never
been a public officer. For two years past
he has delivered lectures on the
graduating class of Yale College. Mr.
Phelps is son of ex-Senator Phelps of
Massachusetts, and his father was his
legal preceptor.

The New Assistant Secretary of the
Interior Dead.

WASHINGTON, 23.—E. D. Clarke, of
Vicksburg, Miss., the newly-appointed
Assistant Secretary of the Interior,
who has been suffering from an attack
of pneumonia about ten days, was
considered out of danger last evening
had a sudden relapse about midnight
and died at an early hour this morning.

Nominations.

To be Exports Extraordinary and
Ministers Plenipotentiary of the United
States, Edwin J. Phelps, of Ver-
mont, to Great Britain; Robert M.
McKain, of Maryland, to France; H.
B. Dickinson, of Ohio, to Germany;
Henry R. Jackson, of Georgia, to Mex-
ico; and Macenas E. Benton, of Mis-
souri, for attorney at law in the State
for the western district of Missouri.

The Senate in Secret Session.

WASHINGTON, 23.—(230 p. m.)—Mes-
sengers and door-keepers of the Senate
have been instructed not to talk to
outsiders. An additional clerk has
been stationed at the gallery door of
the Senate opening upon the press
gallery. The purpose is to prevent
the publication of executive
secrets, which Senators think has
been an evil of great magnitude. It
shall no longer continue. At this writ-
ing the Senate, in secret session, is
discussing the Wright bill, and
Senators Morgan and Voorhees
have spoken in its support.

Passing Away.

NEW YORK, 23.—General Grant re-
quired at 10 o'clock and slept fitfully
until this morning, when he died in
his sleep. This morning he was
chattered with Mrs. Sartoris. The pa-
tient is not feeling as strong as he
yesterday, owing to the undue excite-
ment of yesterday and wakefulness
last night.

More Snow in Virginia.

FORT MONROE, Va., 23.—A snow
storm set in at 3 o'clock this morning,
which lasted all day. It is the heaviest
here in ten years.

Sticks.

NEW YORK, 23.—(3 p. m.)—A
4th St. Pacific R. R. Central R. R.,