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Monday, May 7, 1877.

SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

A SPECIAL CONFERENCE for the State of Zion will be held in the New Tabernacle in this City on Saturday and Sunday, May 12th and 13th. The Latter-day Saints from the surrounding districts who can make it convenient are invited to be present.

BIGHAM YOUNG.

JOHN W. YOUNG.

DANIEL H. WELLS.

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

EDITORIAL NOTES.

An epidemic of baby shows is complained of in the States.

California mourns the unlooked-for death of John B. Felton, the Nestor of the bar of the State.

The Omaha Herald says the blackbirds are making terrible havoc with the juvenile hoppers.

If handsomeness is as handsome does, then some people ought to be a great deal handsomer than they are.

New York police are making war on children's percussion pistols for snapping caps, as the horses in the streets are frightened thereby.

People should be doing something to strengthen their jaws, for if the eastern war goes on there will be many a hard nut to crack in the shape of jaw-breaking words.

The New York Herald says the police of that city have organized a "Police Athletic Club," and have secured the services of Professor Miller, the celebrated Graciano-Roman wrestler, as their mentor.

The New York Herald says Wendell Phillips thinks his mission is, first, not to do anything himself, and second, to find fault with everything that anybody else does. Wendell is not the only person of that sort.

"Startling news from Utah!" is a common newspaper headline just now. Who's startled? Take a lantern and find one of those startled people in this part of the country, if you can.

The reports of a contemplated rebellion of "Mormons" in Utah, so industriously dispatched east and west just now, are among the latest desperate devices of a small coterie of deceitful and desperately wicked men, who are utterly unscrupulous and unprincipled.

The British residents of Petersburg, Va., anticipate having a good time on Queen Victoria's birthday, May 24. The co-operation of the Dominion dignitaries is expected, and the attendance of members of all the British Societies in the United States and Canada is invited.

It is no use looking for the Benders any more. They received rough phonological and physiological handling when they were here in Utah, and now it appears that they are really dead and buried, as an old citizen of Kansas, named Dubois, informs the Chicago Times that he was one of the party who followed the trail of the murderous Bender family when they left Kansas, and that a short sharp fight took place, which resulted in the summary burial of the whole of said family.

THE FIGHTING PARSON BROWNLOW.

WILLIAM GANNOWAY BROWNLOW, whose death at Knoxville, Tennessee, April 29, has been noticed, was born in Wythe County, Virginia, August 29, 1805. He had been afflicted for years with paralysis agens, which extended to his bowels, paralyzing their action and causing his death.

At the age of eleven he was left an orphan. He learned the trade of a carpenter, and spent his leisure hours in study. At twenty-one he became a Methodist preacher, and soon after a known disputatious politician. In 1837 he became editor of the Knoxville Whig, in which his pointed, personal, partisan editorials gained him the sobriquet of the "fighting parson," and a national reputation in that character. In 1858 in public debate at Philadelphia, he advocated the perpetration of slavery, but in 1860 he determined to stand by the Union. This excited so much bitter opposition that his paper was suspended in October of the next year. He was held a prisoner in the Confederate lines until March, 1865, when he was allowed to pass through the lines. When Nashville was captured by the Union forces, he returned to Tennessee, was elected governor in 1865 and re-elected in 1867. He recommenced publishing the Whig, with the title somewhat changed, and the matter bitter than ever. His rule was an iron one, and not to be commented, no punishment being too severe for the ex-convicts, in his estimation. He was elected to the United States Senate, and took his seat in 1869. He was a warm friend and an implacable enemy, possessing neither moderation nor magnanimity, but had the reputation of a good private character.

A BUDDHIST MISSIONARY.

THE New York Herald of April 30 notices the arrival in that city of Woo Ching Foo, a Chinese of rank and education, who is a Buddhist missionary, though not a Buddhist priest. He claims that the Chinese are not heathen in any sense of the word; that their religion is the same in all essential points as that of the Christians; that the principles Christ taught are most excellent and should be followed; that the Chinese people feel very grateful to the Americans

for sending them missionaries, and wish to send some here in return, so that the American people can learn the true principles of Buddhism; that God prepared religions to suit different nations; that man can be saved by sincerity of works; that the Almighty does not intend to take care of a few persons and leave countless millions to perish; that the missionaries in China do great injustice to that nation in the reports they send home; that they come in contact with the whole people and judge the whole people by them; that few of the missionaries understand Buddhism; that Buddhism is the only religion of the Chinese nation; that the Buddhist religion had all the Ten Commandments of Moses long before Moses existed; that the golden rule of Jesus was taught by the moral philosopher Confucius 550 years before Jesus was born. Wong Ching Foo, in reply to a question concerning Chinese morals, said, "I challenge any man to say that he ever heard a Chinese man, woman, or child take the name of Almighty God in vain, unless it was in the English language after he had become demoralized."

Wong Ching Foo mastered the English language at school in Washington, D. C., in 1863, and is now lecturing in New York.

BY TELEGRAPH.

PEL WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH LINE.

Last Night's Dispatches.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Eastern War News.

LONDON, 6.—The Turkish forces appear to be making towards Erzurum and Rusehuk, and this is the direction in which the Russians, by their movements, would appear to indicate a desire to pass the river, but the Turks seem still content to remain passively on the defensive, and make no endeavors at a counter-stroke or forward movement which might aid them to form an accurate judgment as to the point at which the attack may be made in Asia.

The Russian forces are advancing in a semicircle towards Erzurum, whilst the Turkish forces are concentrated in a triangle towards Erzurum, Oltan and Kars.

According to information received there are no less than 140,000 men conducting and supporting the movements, so that it would be prepared to hear of the first battle having been fought south of Kars, followed by an advance, forcing the passes between Gieschevan, Deli, Musser, Midecher, and Karsa, where the Turks will have to take up their position for the defense of Erzurum, for if once the great of the mountains bordering Erzurum is lost to the Russian troops, the town is lost.

The Russian consuls of Batoum, Kars, Erzurum, and Trebizond accompany the headquarters, and will be situated with the civil administration of the districts occupied. Very significant of the thoroughness of the Russian advance, so far, is the fact that each corps has kept up communication with the others throughout. This has been accomplished by the Cossacks.

The number of Turkish troops at and between Erzurum, Kars, and Batoum amount to 84,000 regulars, of whom 2,000 are cavalry, and about 4,000 artillery. In addition there are about 6,000 militia and about 5,000 Kurdish regular cavalry. Kars is well fortified, but the detached forts are badly placed, and cover each other insufficiently, or not at all; nor are any of the fortresses well provisioned, with the exception of Erzurum, where there is a large stock of rice and Indian corn.

The Czar, on his return to Moscow, was received enthusiastically. On the bombardment by the Turkish mortar the inhabitants of Rani, Ibrail and Oltanizer fled. Duke Nicholas telegraphs as follows: The passage of the Pruthi is retarded by the unusually swollen condition of the river. Necessary steps, however, have been taken, that the concentration of troops will not be interfered with.

The insertion of the Meridies in the Daily News has been arrested and brought to Scutari.

BRITISH AMERICA.

HALIFAX, 6.—Luke Doucet, who arrived to-day, says he shipped at Publico on the American fishing schooner, Zetter, and proceeded to the Island of Newfoundland, where the vessel was wrecked in a gale ten days ago, and all hands lost, except himself and another.

WEST INDIES.

HAVANA, 6.—In a fire at Matanzas 1,000 hogsheads of sugar were burned.

ITALY.

ROME, 6.—Fifteen hundred pilgrims were received this morning at the Vatican. The Pope entered the Duomo Hall, where the pilgrims were gathered, accompanied by twelve cardinals and many distinguished prelates. Viscount Dumas read an address, and presented each of the offerings of the pilgrims. The Holy See, standing on the throne, delivered an eloquent speech. He addressed the pilgrims in affectionate terms, and blamed governments who continued to persecute the religious manifestations of the people who demand liberty for the head of the Catholic Church.

AFRICA.

TRANSVAAL PROPOSED BRITISH TERRITORY.

CARLETON, 6.—Transvaal has been annexed to the British Empire, and the British flag was hoisted at Pretoria. Mr. Shepstone, the British agent, was accompanied by twelve cardinals and many distinguished prelates. Viscount Dumas read an address, and presented each of the offerings of the pilgrims. The Holy See, standing on the throne, delivered an eloquent speech. He addressed the pilgrims in affectionate terms, and blamed governments who continued to persecute the religious manifestations of the people who demand liberty for the head of the Catholic Church.

The Cape Colony ministry have agreed, in accordance with Lord Carnarvon's wishes, to incorporate Orange and West with the Cape Colony.

TO-DAY'S DISPATCHES.

EASTERN.

A Reporter from London.

New York, 7.—The Tribune, in an account of the findings of the body of Daly, has the following episode: Mrs. Bagley led the reporter to the

corner of the room where lay a dark pool. In the gloom of the evening every object was indistinct. The reporter thought he detected a piece of cord lying upon the edge of the blood, and imagining it might have been something used by Daly in his fatal act, he took it up, but dropped it instantly, with a shudder. It was a snake, which with its tail coiled round the body of the dead man, and was several of these reptiles in the house, most of them in the room where Daly hanged himself.

The Whiskey Prosecutions.

The World's Washington special says it is more apparent every day that ex-Secretary Bristow acquitted many of the conviction of a few in the famous whiskey ring, and now that the promises, which the members of it fulfilled to get free, are to be re-opened and for their bondsmen are in a great state of excitement. Sherman is thus far unrelenting, and will only restrain new prosecutions where it is evident that government pledges were positively given.

Death of U. S. Consul.

A cable dispatch reports the death of Henry Sawyer, the American Consul at Pernambuco, South America. Sawyer, in his official capacity, had a difficulty with a sailor, who struck him, inflicting injuries which resulted in his death.

Without Foundation.

WASHINGTON, 7.—The Turkish Legation have received information from Constantinople saying that the reported persecution of Christians in the Danube is without foundation; so far as regards the bad treatment of the Israelites in Lieburn, the Israelites in Turkey have equal rights with all the Ottoman subjects of whatever religion.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Eastern War News.

LONDON, 7.—An Alexandria dispatch says the Russian Consul General and the whole staff of the Consulate have left for Trieste. A telegram from St. Petersburg, dated Sunday, says Lord Loftus, to-day, handed the Russian Government Lord Derby's reply to Gortschakoff's circular. It is stated on good authority that Russia does not intend to reply.

The Czar in his address at Moscow on Saturday said, "Six weeks ago I expressed the hope of a peaceful solution of the Eastern question. I wished to spare to the utmost the precious blood of my subjects, but my efforts have been in vain. My Kleinschmidt manifesto announced the war, and the moment which I foresaw had arrived. To-day I am happy to be able to thank my people for their patriotism, which has been proved by deeds, and their readiness to undergo sacrifices exceeds our expectations. May God assist us to fulfill our task and bless our troops who are about to engage in a combat for the faith of the Emperor and fatherland."

An Erzurum dispatch, dated May 2nd, says the Russian column, numbering 12,000, operating east of Kars, attempted to force the Sognova Pass at Vardahan, and was repulsed. The Russians twice assaulted Kars, but were repulsed with heavy loss.

Abdullah, the famous Kurd chief of Van, is about to start with 10,000 Kurds for the Russian frontier.

A dispatch from Constantinople states that Mukhtar Pasha telegraphed on Thursday last that in consequence of the recent arrangement before Kars the Russians were obliged to move back their camp.

Eight thousand Russians are encamped near Ardighan, but Ardighan has not yet been attacked. A dispatch, dated May 2nd, says five columns of the Russian army have crossed the mountains and effected a junction with the bulk of the army near Kars.

A Belgrade special says the members of the military administration, which dissolved last February, have been ordered to resume their posts within a week. Government is purchasing warlike stores. The question of Serbia's neutrality will very shortly be decided.

Lord Derby's answer to Prince Gortschakoff's Circular Note.

London, May 1st. I forwarded to your Excellency, on the 24th ultimo, a copy of Prince Gortschakoff's circular announcing that the Emperor had given orders to the frontier of Turkey. Her Majesty's Government have received this communication with deep regret. They cannot accept the statements and conclusions with which Prince Gortschakoff has accompanied it, as justifying the resolution thus taken. The protocol, to which Her Majesty's Government, at the instance of Russia, recently became a party, required from the Sultan no fresh guarantee for the reform of the administration. With the view of enabling Russia to better abstain from isolated action, it affirmed the interest taken in common by the powers on the condition of the Christian population of Turkey. It went on to declare that the powers would watch carefully the manner in which the promises of the Ottoman government were carried into effect, and that should their hopes be once more disappointed, they reserved the right to consider in common the means they might deem best fitted to secure the peace and well-being of the Christians. To these declarations of the intentions of the powers the consent of the Porte was not required, or required. 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