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NOTICE.

The Forty-eighth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene at the Large Tabernacle in this City, at 10 o'clock a.m., April 6th, 1878.

JOHN TAYLOR
President of the Council of the
Twelve Apostles.

EDITORIAL NOTE.

The April number of *St. Nicholas* is to contain an article by Prof. C. C. Abbott, illustrated with various pictures, entitled, "How the Stone-age Children Played."

There are now six States in which the highest rate of forest allowed by law is six per cent. New Jersey having moved a line. There are fifteen other States in which six per cent is agreed upon by contract.

Strange how tastes differ. "Our Boys," a most excellent play of the period, didn't draw at all at Salt Lake, while in London, on the first night, it was produced before a crowded house for the one thousand consecutive night at the Vaudeville Theatre, netting about \$1,500. The Lord Mayor and other notables were present.

Salt Lake is making a move for a mint. Quite right. There is no part of the country better adapted for the purpose. This is the centre of the great silver-producing region, and here is the spot for the new mint which is about to be a necessity. A meeting is called for Thursday next. It will no doubt be largely attended. Read the call in another column.

The popular preacher of the new school is very zealous, indeed. He preaches to order, his congregation pay their mites, and take their choice. A committee lately asked one of this kind if he was willing to preach the old Calvinistic dogmas. He replies with a smile, "Gentlemen, just as the doctrines you want to have informed; I am acquainted with them all."

Aquack died at Brooklyn, N. Y. a few weeks ago, leaving property to the value of \$500,000, which he had accumulated as a "wonder doctor." He told people's diseases without any scientific diagnosis and, although it is said no cures were few in comparison to his failures, his claims to the supernatural drew applicants from the highest as well as the lowest classes. Humbug flourishes where starves.

John A. Sutter was recently honored with a sumptuous dinner at Washington, as a first discoverer of gold in California. The real discoverers were "Mormons" belonging to the "Mormon" Battalion, just discharged from service, who were digging a mine for the man who has just been winded and dined as the instrument of the development of California. Such is life. Due honor is shown upon the faithful discoverers.

Prof. Blits the Impostor, who swindled a crowd of the people of this city in a slight of hand and "glib" performance, came to grief at St. Jose, Cal., the other day. He made a mistake in giving out the ticket for his chief prize, and instead of a confederate receiving it, a crippled boy obtained it. Blits despaired but the audience compelled him to pay the boy a sum of money in default of the horse which the ticket called for.

Nebraska is receiving a large increase by immigration. The roads along the South Platte are rapidly filling up. The St. M. & P. R. R., in one county of the State, already sold nearly thirty-five thousand, and it is anticipated that the population will be increased this year by at least 50,000. It is also expected that the plains will be alive with cattle during the approaching summer, as many Nebraska purpose engaging largely in stock raising.

The electric telegraph is generally considered an invention of the nineteenth century. A writer to the New York Herald shows that as early as 1774, Dr. Watson transmitted the electric current through a wire two miles long, and that the communication of intelligence by this means was successfully tried by Mr. Le Sage at Geneva in 1774. *Scots' Magazine*, published in Edinburgh, Feb. 17, 1773, contains full description of Charles Manzill's electric telegraph, which shows that to him belongs the honor of confounding this great boon unto the world in modern times.

People who take it for granted that the literal interpretation of the first chapter of Genesis has been abandoned, may be interested to know that *Scouts* for April will contain a paper by a writer (Mr. C. B. Waring) who maintains that there is no discrepancy between the Mosaic account of creation and the actual demonstrations of evolution. Mr. Waring concedes the two accounts with reference to the different points in dispute, the origin of light, etc. The same magazine will contain a popular collection of the Phenomena and Applications of the Telegraph, by the electrical office, W. U. Telegraph Company, with explanatory cuts of the various kinds of instruments.

RUSSIA AND BRITAIN.

The news from Europe is not very promising for peace. The Russians are evidently preparing to close in on Constantinople and Gallipoli, the latter being really the most important point for their purpose, and England has obtained Turkish permission to place four more iron-clads in the Sea of Marmora.

It is barely possible that the con-

gress of the Powers will meet and that a peace may be patched up with a new general treaty, defining the rights and positions of the belligerents and stating what may be and what may not be done by the several parties to the agreement. But it is extremely doubtful; and if the meeting takes place, the probabilities are small for a satisfactory settlement of the disputes involved. And should a decision be arrived at which can be signed by all the representatives, it is more than likely that the ink will scarcely be dry before the terms of the treaty will be broken. Russia is determined to carry out the traditional policy defined in the document which we published on Thursday last. And while the subjugation of Turkey and the extension and aggrandizement of the Empire are the fixed objects of Russian ambition, pretense will not be wanting whenever the opportunity arises for rising over treaties and tearing up agreements.

The following extract from a letter written by Hobart Pasha is a plain statement of the course of Russia towards her now humbled and helpless enemy:

"No sooner had the Turks assented to my proposal of reform, when they had promulgated new laws, when they had elected to their newly-formed parliament representatives of all denominations and religions, when they had dechristened two Sultans as incapable, when they had dismasted many high officials for corruption, chosen their best men to govern the Provinces, commenced a system of *Democracy*, invited foreigners to join their naval and military schools, do, then Russia, fearing lest she might forfeit her long and safely-achieved influence over her neighbor, puts her hand round her throat, crying, 'Stop! No bad example, Mr. Turk; we shall have our principles and reforms too fast; we are going to force you to reform in our own way, not in yours. We are going to do so by making you throw all your energies and spend all your means, not in the path of reform, but in self-defense. After that you are ready to submit your people to drive to desperation and madness, to madness, then we will show you what to do. It may be that you will lose a province or so, but that matters not; never mind treaties. No answer! Fight you must.'

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