

through the agencies that are established in the Church. The president then spoke of the responsibility that rests upon the seven presidents of the church and the work they are accomplishing.

The auxiliary organizations of the church are better organized and doing a greater work than ever before. The same is true of the spiritual improvement associations, the Primaries and Relief classes.

#### LIVING GODLY LIVES.

President Smith said he believed there never was a time when the Latter-day Saints were living better lives than today. One of the reasons for this is the fact that the president of the church is now a Latter-day Saint, and as a result of the Latter-day Saints observing this law, the bonded indebtedness of the church has been paid, and today the church is in a position to pay its obligations as they come due.

Referring to the fact that have been circulated by the enemies of the Latter-day Saints to the effect that the president of the church and the leading officers are conspiring to defraud the people, President Smith made the declaration that there is not one general authority of the church, not one apostle, nor one of the seventy, who is not a Latter-day Saint, and that draws a dollar from the tithing fund or uses a dollar of the tithing for their own use or profit.

#### ADDRESS TO THE WORLD.

President Smith announced that the presidency and the twelve had prepared a statement or document containing their views, their faith, and the doctrine concerning the rebuilding of Zion and the purposes and objects of the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and he desired to have this document read and presented to the people for their acceptance or rejection. It was desired that this statement, if accepted, should go forth from this conference as an authoritative announcement of the president and the twelve of the Latter-day Saints.

The document was read by Apostle C. F. Whitney, whose rich resonant voice filled every part of the great building. After it had been read, President Smith made the following statement and motion, which was seconded by Apostle John Henry Smith:

President Joseph F. Smith and my brethren and sisters—The council of the twelve and every part of the great assembly endorse the principles and views in the address that has just been read. The tone of this document is admirable, and it is a spirit of truth and moderation that will commend it to the judgment and approval of all reasonable men. As stated in the document itself, it desires peace, and as the first requisite of peace, it is a proper understanding of the position the church proposes to take with reference to the world, and it is very proper that a straightforward statement of the principles and policy by which the church will conduct its affairs should be made. The address just read covers that ground in a very comprehensive manner, and the times are propitious for its being read to the world. The address that has been read upon us for so long have subsided. They have passed over us, thank the Lord, without doing us any material harm. We are laboring under no strain of feeling, and hence we are in the right frame of mind to adopt the address.

I therefore move, that representing the church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in general conference assembled, we do now adopt this document presented by the first presidency, and that we accept it as an expression of the principles and policy of the church that we will advocate and sustain.

#### ADOPTED BY STANDING VOTE.

As President Smith was about to put the motion, Elder William T. Jack of Cassia station, arose and asked that a standing vote be taken on the motion before the assembly. President Smith said there was no objection, and he called upon all who favored the adoption of the address to arise to their feet. In response nearly every person in the congregation arose, thus manifesting their approval of the document. Before calling for the negative vote, President Smith stated that the subject was for the consideration only of church members, and if any such were present not in sympathy with the contents of the paper read in their hearing, they also should arise. No one responded, and the motion was declared to have been carried unanimously.

The conference then took a recess until 2 p. m., the choir and congregation singing, "Do What Is Right," and the benediction being offered by Patriarch John Smith.

#### JUDGE BOTKIN PROMOTED.

To be Transferred From Port Louis to Campbellton, N. B.

Word comes from Washington that Judge Theodosius Botkin has been promoted from the consulate at Port Louis, Martinis, to be consul at Campbellton, N. B., at an increase in salary to \$2,000 a year. Walter D. Shaugnessy of Salt Lake, now consul agent at Charlevoix, Belgium, is also promoted to go to Puerto Cabello, Venezuela, at a salary of \$2,000. Judge Botkin was prominent in the state Republican campaign two years ago, and has been elected to the sixth legislature. He was appointed to the consular service right after the legislature's adjournment in March, 1900.

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#### THE OVERTHROW OF EARTHLY GOVERNMENTS.

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## Spring Ailments

Pimples, boils, eczema and other eruptions, loss of appetite, and tired feeling, fits of biliousness, indigestion and headache, are some of them.

All are cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which thoroughly cleanses the blood and restores healthy functional activity to the whole system. This spring take Hood's Sarsaparilla.

In actual liquid form or chocolate tablets called Sarsapabs. 100 Doses \$1.

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## ALICE ROACH IS NOT GUILTY

Jury Brings in Verdict in the Birmingham Shooting Case This Morning.

After being locked up all night the jury in the case of the state against Alice Roach, now Mrs. Alice Wells, this morning returned a verdict finding the defendant not guilty. Mrs. Wells and her husband were in court when the verdict was returned and both were very much elated over the result of the jury's deliberation. After the order had been made discharging the young girl and the jury had been excused both she and her attorney, Harry J. Robinson, shook hands with the jurors and thanked them heartily for the verdict.

Mrs. Wells was charged with assault with a deadly weapon upon a Syrian pedlar named Tony Hanton at Birmingham on Oct. 25, 1900. The girl claimed that she shot the man because he threatened to assault her and her married sister, Mrs. Gibson, at the latter's home. The case was argued by Dist. Atty. Looftbourrow for the state and Atty. A. J. Weber and Harry J. Robinson for the defense yesterday afternoon and was submitted to the jury at about 3:30 o'clock.

The attorneys and other interested parties waited in the court room for a verdict until 8 o'clock and then left but some of them returned at night and waited until nearly 10 o'clock for a verdict. At that time the jury was ordered locked up for the night and the verdict was not reached until just before 10 o'clock this morning. It is understood that one of the jurors held out for a conviction while the other seven were for acquittal. The one finally gave in and a verdict of not guilty was returned.

#### REYNOLDS NOW SUES.

Files Action Against Continental Life Insurance and Investment Co.

Charles R. Reynolds filed suit in the district court today against the Continental Life Insurance and Investment company to recover \$567.74 in wages and commission alleged to be due him and \$3,000 damages for breach of contract, and also the sum of \$450 as wages and commission alleged to be due him by Mayer and \$1,500 damages for breach of contract with him. It is alleged that on Dec. 7, 1900, the plaintiff entered into a contract with defendant whereby he was to accept the agency for the company in the state of Texas. He claims that he went to Texas and worked but the law of that state in regard to transacting business there and hence had to withdraw. Plaintiff had hired Mayer to work under him in that state and by the withdrawal of the company from the state they were damaged in the sums mentioned above through losing commission and commissions on prospective business. Mayer assigned his claim to the plaintiff herein.

#### VAUGHN CLARK ON STAGE.

Son of Former Mayor of Salt Lake Now in Vaudeville.

Vaughn Clark, a son of former Mayor John Clark of this city, is to begin a possible career on the vaudeville stage, at the Orpheum this afternoon. Young Clark is a symphonist of remarkable ability and under the name of "Merckle on the Horns" he appeared in the recent benefit performance at the Orpheum. He has been preparing an act in the music for several months, hoping to secure a permanent place on the Orpheum circuit with it, and the illness of one of the present cast has given him a opportunity to appear for the first of the week.

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## MISSION OF MORMONISM

(Continued from page one.)

trial, by patience, resistance only by lawful means to the wrongs, and by final submission to the laws of the land, though involving distress and sorrow, and in time of war, by willingness to fight the battles of the nation—then, unquestionably, are the "Mormon" people patriotic and loyal.

#### The Problem of Polygamy.

The only conduct seemingly inconsistent with our professions as loyal citizens, involved in our attitude during the controversies that have arisen respecting plural marriage, this principle was introduced by the Prophet Joseph Smith, Nauvoo, Illinois. The principle was introduced in Utah, and published to the world, as a doctrine of the church, in 1852. In the face of these facts, Brigham Young, whose position in the matter was well known, was twice appointed, with the consent of the senate, to the office of territorial governor, and afterwards President Pierce, to be the governor of the territory. It was not until 1862 that Congress enacted a law forbidding plural marriage, and the Latter-day Saints conscientiously disregarded, in their observance of a principle sanctioned by their religion, the enactment to the contrary. The enactment to the contrary of the Constitution, which provides that Congress shall make no law prohibiting the free exercise of religion, notwithstanding this attitude and conduct on the part of our people, no decision of the supreme court upon this question was secured until 1878, more than 30 years after the settlement of Utah; nor were determined efforts made to enforce the law until a further period of five or six years had elapsed. It is a well-known fact that the practice of plural marriage became firmly established, binds the United States and its people, and that the Latter-day Saints, by their exercise of mercy and wisdom, to the exercise of patience and charity in dealing with this question.

#### Respectful Submission.

The "Mormon" people have bowed in respectful submission to the laws enacted against plural marriage, and have not for many years contested the constitutionality of the law of Congress, and during that time acted in harmony with their religious convictions in upholding by practice, as well as by spoken and written word, a principle committed to them from God, still, when every means of constitutional defense had been exhausted, the church abandoned its intention to be obedient to the laws of the land. Subsequently, when it was determined that the constitutionality of the law of Congress, on the condition that her constitution provide by ordinance, irrevocable without the consent of the United States, that plural marriages should be forever prohibited, the "Mormon" people accepted the condition by voting for the adoption of the Constitution. From that time until now the church has been true to its pledge respecting the abandonment of the practice of plural marriage. If it be urged that there have been violations of the law of the anti-polygamy laws, and that some persons within the church have sought to evade the rule adopted by her, prohibiting plural marriages, the plain answer is that in every state and nation there are individuals who violate law in spite of all the vigilance that can be exercised, but it does not follow that the integrity of a community or a state is destroyed, because of such individual transgressions. All we ask is that the same common-sense judgment be applied in relation to our community that is accorded to other communities.

#### Church and State.

When all the circumstances are weighed, the wonder is, not that there have been sporadic cases of plural marriages, but that such cases have been so few. It should be remembered that a religious conviction existed among the people holding the order of marriage to be divinely sanctioned. Little wonder then that there should appear, in a community as large as ours, and as sincere, as a few over-zealous individuals who refused to submit even to the action of the church in such a matter, or that those few should find others who sympathized with their views; the number, however, is small.

Those who refer to "Mormon polygamy" as a menace to the American Republic, or as a source of American problems, make themselves ridiculous. So far as plural marriage is concerned, the question is settled. The problem of polygamy, existing among our people is rapidly solving itself. It is a matter of record that in 1890, when the manifesto was issued, there were 2,441 plural families; in nine years this number had been reduced to 1,448. Four years later the number was 997; and many of these have since passed away. In answer to the charge of disloyalty, founded upon alleged secret oaths of fidelity against our government, we declare to all men that there is nothing in the constitution of the church, in any ordinance, ceremony, or ritual of the church, which is inimical to the government.

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educating morality, guarding the purity of the home, honoring authority and government, fostering education, and exalting man and woman, our religion denounces crime, and is a foe to tyranny in every form. "Mormonism" seeks to uplift, not to destroy, society. She seeks to bring the civilization of the age, proclaiming herself a special harbinger of the Savior's second coming, she recognizes in all the great epochs and movements of the past, steps in the march of progress leading up to the looked for millennial reign. "Mormonism" lifts an ensign of peace to all people. The predestined fruits of her proposed system are the sanctification of the earth and the salvation of the human family.

#### And now, to all the world:

Having been commanded of God, as much as we, in order to be obedient to the heavenly commandment, send forth this Declaration, that our position upon the various questions agitating the public mind, concerning us, may be known. We desire peace, and will do all in our power on fair and honorable principles to promote it. Our religion is innovent with our lives, it has formed our character, and the truth of its principles is impressed upon our souls. We submit to you, our fellow-men, that there is nothing in those

principles that calls for execration, no matter how widely in some respects they may differ from your conceptions of religious truth. Certainly there is nothing in them that may not stand within the wide circle of modern toleration of religious thought and practice. To us these principles are crystallizations of truth. They are as dear to us as your religious conceptions are to you. In their application to human conduct, we see the world's hope of redemption from sin and strife, from ignorance and unbelief. Our motives are not selfish; our purposes not petty and earth-bound; we contemplate the human race, past, present and yet to come, as immortal beings, for whose salvation it is our mission to labor, and to this work, broad as eternity and deep as the love of God, we devote ourselves, now, and forever. Amen.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
JOHN R. WINDER,  
ANTHONY K. SMITH.

In behalf of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, March 26, 1897.

Adopted by vote of the Church, in General Conference, April 5, 1897.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

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**Conference Visitors are buying Mc. DONALD'S Dutch Chocolates - they're on their tongues, too!**

#### We thought they would.

McDonald, exclusive manufacturer of all kinds of chocolates.



**Walker's Saturday Bulletin**

Monday, the annual rose bush sale begins. Last year's great success insures even greater this year—the assortment is even better than a year ago and the quantity almost double. Come and lay in your Arbor day supply. Saturday's ad will give full particulars.

Phones, Independent—227, Bell—EXCHANGE 22, Call all departments.

## Morning and evening specials from the linen and domestic aisle.

These from 8 to 10 o'clock Saturday morning only.

Fine sheer Persian lawns, 32 inches wide, worth 25c the yard, 14 yard limit 12½c 8 to 10 a. m. . . . .

India linens, 40 inches wide, worth 25c the yard; limit 10 yards—8 to 10 a. m. . . . .

White Turkish towels, worth 8c each—limit six to a customer, 8 to 10 a. m. . . . .

Heavy check loundice napkins, worth 75c the dozen, two dozen the limit; 8 to 10 a. m. . . . .

Sheer linen cambric, worth 50c the yard, 10 yards to the customer; 8 to 10 a. m. . . . .

Heavy check loundice table linen, 60 inches wide, worth 65c the yard; limit 6 yards; 8 to 10 a. m. . . . .

Pequot sheets, size 81 by 90, worth \$1.00 each; limit four to a customer; 8 to 10 a. m. . . . .

Pequot pillow cases, size 45 by 36, worth 25c each; limit six to a customer; 8 to 10 a. m. . . . .

These from 4 to 7 o'clock Saturday afternoon only.

Sheer Paris lawn, 48 inches wide, worth 45c the yard; limit 10 yards to the customer; 4 to 7 p. m. . . . .

Fine dress and seersucker gingham; very special, with a limit of 12 yards; 4 to 7 p. m. . . . .

Embroidered all wool flannels, embroidered on the finest grade of flannel, worth \$1.00 the yard; limit 4 1/2 yards; 4 to 7 p. m. . . . .

Cotton challies, best Persian patterns, ten yard limit, special from 4 to 7 p. m. . . . .

Indian head shrunk linen finish suiting, worth 15c the yard, limit 10 yards to the customer, 4 to 7 p. m. . . . .

White pique suiting, worth 40c the yard, 12 yard limit; 4 to 7 p. m. . . . .

Irish batiste lawns, all fast colorings; worth 10c the yard; 4 to 7 p. m. . . . .

One more day of the greatest dress goods sale yet.

One more day in which to buy the newest creations in dress fabrics for spring at prices wonderfully less than values. One more day to select from the finest assortment of fancy suitings sold by the yard we ever offered. Entire stock reduced; no exceptions.

## Saturday bargains from the shoe department.

Women's oxfords at \$2.95

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