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ANNIVERSARY NUMBER.

The opening day of Conference April 6, 1899, being the 69th anniversary of the organization of the Church, the "News" will issue a special edition on that day with a handsome cover illustrated with pictures of the six Temples erected by the Church.

TODAY'S WEATHER REPORT.

Weather report showing observations at 8 a. m. today:

Salt Lake City—Barometer, 29.26; temperature, 41; minimum, 41; wind, northwest, 9 miles per hour; clear.

Forecast for Utah made at San Francisco for 36 hours ending 8 p. m. tomorrow:

Rain or snow tonight and Tuesday. Stationary temperature.

Local forecast for Salt Lake City and vicinity, for 36 hours ending 8 p. m. tomorrow:

Rain or snow tonight and Tuesday. Stationary temperature.

L. H. MUNDOCH,
Section Director, Weather Bureau.

To-day's Metals.

SILVER, Bar, 59 3-4
LEAD, $4.20
CASTING COPPER, 17 1-2 cents a lb.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

The market is again filled with ducks.

Henry Hergst, 58, and Annie E. Ashdown, 18, both of Salt Lake City, were today granted a license to marry.

This has been municipal pay-day in City Treasurer Morris's office. The sum of $1,300 was the amount paid out.

A good many Salt Lake people are going to California and Honolulu in search of health and pleasure these days.

Treasurer Morris today received five more of the city bonds for redemption. This leaves but seventeen now outstanding.

"No new cases of small-pox at Fort Douglas today and all of the old cases are doing well" was the official report this afternoon.

James A. Pollock, the well known stock broker, whose business interests are now being looked after by E. G. Wedler, jr., has gone to the coast for the benefit of his health.

Farmers are hard at work with their spring plowing in the outlying districts. Thanks to the blizzards we are blithe over the rainfall while those on the lower levels have had their spirits dampened as well as their soil.

An illustrated lecture on "The Moon" will be given as the regular weekly lecture at the University tonight. The lecture is by Prof. J. B. Pyenson of the University. The lecture will be given in the lecture hall of the laboratory building. It is without charge.

Quite a small city was organized at the intersection of East Temple and First South streets at 9 o'clock last night by a middle aged gentleman dropping to the sidewalk in a fit where he remained for fully twenty minutes until a friend happened along and assisted him to his residence in the sixth ward.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hopkins of Bingham sustained the loss by death yesterday of Lawrence, their twelve-year-old son. His death was caused by what the doctor diagnosed "spotted fever." The lad first complained of illness on Saturday night. At noon yesterday his body was covered with blotches. He died at 5 o'clock and will be buried tomorrow.

"The re-appointment of Arthur Pratt as chief of Police," said one of the leading members of the City Council today, "will probably reach the meeting of the Council one week from tomorrow, though it may be two weeks. I do not think it will be longer than that." Asked as to whether the appointment would be confirmed the councilman replied: "I have strong doubts on that score."

Mrs. Mabel Thomas entertained Friday and Saturday. On Friday her guests were Mrs. M. A. Scott, Mrs. Augusta Grant, Mrs. G. D. Pyper, Mrs. H. G. Whitney, Mrs. J. E. Owen, Mrs. Philip Wells, Mrs. Mel Thomas, Mrs. W. C. Olive, Mrs. Rob Kimball, Mrs. J. H. Milligan, Mrs. A. H. Park, Mrs. R. A. Allen, Mrs. Joseph Grant, Mrs. Rodney Badger, Mrs. Orson Rogers, Mrs. J. Wash Young. On Saturday her guests were Mrs. M. A. Scott, Mrs. Augusta Grant, Mrs. G. D. Pyper, Mrs. H. G. Whitney, Mrs. J. E. Owen, Mrs. Philip Wells, Mrs. Mel Thomas, Mrs. W. C. Olive, Mrs. Rob Kimball, Mrs. J. H. Milligan, Mrs. A. H. Park, Mrs. R. A. Allen, Mrs. Joseph Grant, Mrs. Rodney Badger, Mrs. Orson Rogers, Mrs. J. Wash Young. On Saturday her guests were Mrs. M. A. Scott, Mrs. W. Squires, Mrs. Rob Spencer, Mrs. Jed Cline, Mrs. Warren, Mrs. M. J. Dooney, Miss Florence Ward, Mrs. Frank Kimball, Mrs. Woolley, Mrs. Dr. Dorr, Mrs. Armstrong.

Mr. Eli M. Allison, as counsel of the "News," has considerably gathered over a succession of telegrams received from Denver Colo., where his brother Fred was last heard from. Yesterday he received two since that one from Denver, one from Grand Junction, and one last night. Send $20 to Howard Indy, Pennsylvania." This morning he received two more. "Send all strong, we are all right. Fred." "Able to travel Tuesday. Fred." Mr. Jones and his brother have for Denver tonight in order to investigate the mystery. However, they are of the opinion that their brother has left Denver and is in trouble, from which he is suffering.

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COMMUNICATION WITH SPIRIT WORLD

President Snow Writes to a Relative on the Subject.

SHOWS THE GOSPEL PLAN.

How the Lord Reveals His Will to Mankind—Communications from the Evil One—Good Advice.

The Deseret News has been permitted to publish the following letter from President Lorenzo Snow to a relative in the East, in response to inquiries made of him, as set forth in the letter, which bears date of March 16, 1899, and reads as follows:

My Dear Mina—Your welcome favor of the 14th inst. was duly received. Notwithstanding my many duties and my pressure for time, I now and as opportunity to give your letter attention.

I am truly happy to hear from you again. Your last writing is of peculiar interest to me. I might make a few brief allusions to the questions of your letter. You ask me if I believe in spirits. You write also regarding a mysterious "word," and ascribe to it the power of a medium between the living and the dead. You tell how you submitted the mysterious word, that "board," how you supplied—and an unknown power through the medium—a number of letters, and how, by this unknown power, through the same medium, answered your questions, gave you particulars of events, made certain predictions that were afterward fulfilled; and you even tell how, you, by picking words dictated by this "board," were placed into communition with departed spirits. Now, this you say, caused you to tremble within your heart and even "frightened" you, as you state, to the extent that you felt upon your knees before the power that actuated the mysterious "board."

Now before investigating these matters, permit me to tell you, dear niece, does all the sound anything like the manner in which God deals with His children? Did you ever hear, either from the Word of God or from the inspiration of His servants, that the Lord ever communicated His will through the medium of a "board" to the Patriarchs, children of Israel, Apostles, Prophets, in former days or to His Apostles, Prophets or Saints in the Church today? I think not. But we know Heavenly Father is perfect and all powerful and does not resort to such methods, the manner of speaking to His children is more simple and natural. But let us thoroughly test the workings of the "board," and compare them to the Workings of the Spirit of God. This is not the first time that the deceiving operations of the "Odic" and of the "Planchette" boards have been brought to my attention, but I am pleased to notice that the workings which you have experienced are the same as those in the experiences of other people. I am somewhat surprised and even grieved that you have been influenced by such means, but I understand that you have written on concerning this subject.

Satan, the king of evil spirits, has many ways in which he seeks to deceive mankind, and to increase these methods and exerts himself to the utmost so as effectually to blind those whom the Savior shall come in glory to His people. Satan always did seek to counterfeit the work of God, and if he does not counter the world before Christ's second coming he will be bound, as we read in the Scriptures.

The glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ is not difficult to understand. If we sincerely endeavor to understand it. It is plain and simple, and is not a great mass of mysteries that confound the understanding of men. It is necessary to become familiar with the life of Christ that we might understand the Gospel in its simplicity, as it was taught about through His great sacrifice. In the New Testament we have records of the life of the Savior, His teachings and prophecies are recorded for our benefit, that we, through obedience to those teachings, may gain our salvation.

Let us see now what this Gospel is that Christ taught.

We read that Christ was baptized, then He was tempted by the devil, after resisting these temptations He went among men and commenced the great work of preaching the Gospel, and then were His first words: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the Gospel." (Mark 1:15.) It was then and is now necessary that mankind might believe the Gospel, and that it be the Word of God, and the "power of God unto salvation," unto all who believe and obey it. When one does really believe in the Gospel as the power of God, and believes in Christ as the only begotten of the world, and that mankind can be saved only through the atonement and vicarious obedience to the teachings of Christ, then comes remorse of the many weaknesses and transgressions in the past, and then comes the desire of his soul to be baptized in the name of Christ. This true repentance is a natural sequence of a faithful belief in the Gospel and the great gratitude in the soul for such a boon as this, which one does not feel, unless he has felt