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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-fourth semi-annual conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, will commence on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1903, in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City. A general attendance of the officers and members of the Church is invited and desired.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,

JOHN R. WINDER,

ANTHONY H. LUND,

First Presidency.

CHANGE OF PAST DAY.

The last Sunday of this month, Sept. 27, will be observed as fastday in the Salt Lake Stake of Zion, on account of the General Conference occurring on the first Sunday of October.

ANGUS M. CANNON,

JOSEPH E. TAYLOR,

CHARLES W. PENROSE,

Stake Presidency.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The general conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday evening, October 4th, at 7:30 o'clock, and the attendance of all officers and teachers is desired. A general invitation is extended to all Sunday school workers and Saints to be present.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,

GEORGE REYNOLDS,

JOS. M. TANNER,

General Superintendency.

INJURED OR BENEFITED?

The very large majority of the people of Salt Lake City will be glad to know that the committees of the City Council to whom the requests and petitions of the railroad companies for certain franchises were referred, have decided to report favorably on the Oregon Short Line matters, and are favorably entertaining and investigating most of the propositions of the Rio Grande Western. We hope the desired arrangements will be effected without delay. There seems to be no good reason why the Short Line question should not be settled by the council tonight.

We are in receipt of a letter from a gentleman on the west side, calling on attention to some statements by the attorneys for the railroads, admitting that some people in the vicinity of the proposed improvements would be damaged thereby, and our friend cites them, as he imagines, in opposition to the statement of the "News" that "property in the vicinity of the railroads would be enhanced in value by the proposed improvements."

We fear the gentleman is not a careful reader. The Deseret News contended that some property would be benefited by the Union depot, and that such damages as resulted would have to be paid for by the railroads. That is just what the lawyers argued, and so there is no conflict between them and us on that proposition.

We have not taken a one-sided view of this matter. We understand the position of the people on the west side of the city. We also perceive the haste and rashness with which a few of them rush in to protest against what they believe to be an invasion of their rights, but which will prove to be nothing of the kind, and no real detriment except to a comparatively small part of the city's population. A few persons will have to go a short distance out of their way to reach the upper part of the main business street of this city. This viaduct on North Temple street and the footway on South Temple street will, in our opinion obviate most of the trouble, and the safety that will be assured to foot passengers will overcome the anticipated difficulties, which will soon be dissipated.

Actual injury to property, if that shall occur will, as we have said repeatedly, have to be met by the railway company occasioning it. Personal damages must be similarly treated. The good of the whole community must not be selfishly construed. Nobody wants private property taken for public use, or public property put to a private use, without fair compensation. All these questions must be duly considered.

But we maintain that the improvements contemplated in the franchises to be acted upon tonight will be of general benefit, will increase the value of some property adjacent thereto, and that the injury occasioned will be to but a very small section and a very few individuals. The improvements are wanted, anyway, and the contingent affairs can, no doubt, be settled with satisfaction to all parties concerned.

HONOR TO WHOM, ETC.

The encomiums of our contemporaries on Hon. Thomas Judd of St. George, for his splendid efforts in aid of the fruit exhibit at the Irrigation Congress, are well and deservedly bestowed. He is President of the State Board of Horticulture, and is also in charge of the

Fair at St. George. The display from our Dixie was magnificent. It was not limited to apples, pears, plums and peaches, but included nectarines, grapes of many varieties, the finest almonds ever seen in Utah, pomegranates, melons, raisins and other varieties of those products arranged in a style that commanded universal admiration.

Without raising the question of the awarding of the prize cup, we cannot refrain from wondering why other fruits than those affected by the codling moth, were not taken into account. Flavor, too, should be considered as well as size, and the general features of an exhibit ought to enter into the competition. The magnificent display from Moab evoked genuine praise, and the variety and beauty of the collection were astonishing to beholders.

One thing should not be lost sight of in this connection: The plaudits for individuals reflect with shining credit on the entire Board of Horticulture, every member of which labored earnestly from the time of the announcement of the prize offer until the grand exhibit of the fruits, to procure a display worthy of Utah and fit for any exposition. They could not expel the worms from the apples, nor do more than they accomplished, taking all the circumstances into view. They have done well and the thanks of the whole State are due to them for their efficient and successful labors.

INFLECT THE PENALTIES.

There is no rational excuse for keeping on store in this city large quantities of explosive material to endanger the lives and property of our citizens. There is an ordinance forbidding it and providing penalties against those who are guilty of its infraction. That is of no use unless it is enforced. The vigilance of the fire department in seeking for and finding stores of explosives, and in causing the arrest of one violator of the law, is commendable. It should be followed up by thorough and general investigation. But even these will be of little avail if the guilty persons escape with a mere warning or reprimand. Let the law be vindicated and the public protected. There are places designated outside of the populated parts of the city where explosives may be stored. A very small quantity only is permitted to be kept as samples where they are sold. The provision is wise and absolutely essential to public safety. It must be observed, no matter who is put to inconvenience. It is astonishing that intelligent merchants and their employees will risk their own lives and those of many others, by keeping enough explosive matter on hand, in the business part of the city, to blow up large buildings and shake the entire city to the foundations. Vigorously enforce the ordinance, and rigorously execute its penalties without fear or favor!

THE JEWISH NEW YEAR.

The Jewish new year commences today, and the event will be properly commemorated in the places of worship. The Jews count from the creation of the world, and call the new year 5664 after that event. According to ancient tradition, the present order of things will last six thousand years, or a "week" of millenniums. With the expiration of the sixth millennium, a new era will come, a Sabbath Millennium, a thousand years of peace, of righteousness and truth. Were this tradition true, and were the Jewish chronology correct, there would still be 326 years before the Millennium. But of course, no chronology that dates from the creation of the world is accepted as correct.

The Hebrews have reason to celebrate the coming of their new year with hopeful feelings for the future. The long night of dispersion seems about to be broken, and the day of gathering is coming. The activity among themselves in this direction may be compared to that of Ezra and Nehemiah anciently. It is one of the signs of the times. And although the probabilities appear to be against success, as far as the regaining of Palestine and the resurrection of the nationality are desired, this may be changed in the twinkling of an eye, at the proper time. The chief thing is for the people to hold themselves prepared to go, whenever the divine command goes forth. And this preparation seems to be going on, as never before, in the history of dispersed Judah. The "Tikvah Israel," the hope of Israel, shines brighter than ever before.

AS TO DANCING.

The officers of the Mutual Improvement associations, and others interested in the amusements of the young, do well in considering what can be done to throw proper restrictions around dancing. There was a time when dancing was about the only kind of amusement available, owing to the peculiar circumstances in which the people had been placed. It was but natural that it should be largely indulged in then, for amusement is an absolute necessity. But that time is long ago past, and it is proper that that particular form of amusement should be looked after. We do not believe that amusements should always be of an instructive, or intellectual character. There must, at times, be a relaxation of mental activity. But propriety should never be lost sight of.

Some of our friends are very much opposed to dancing. They have inherited that aversion from Puritan times. It is about all they have retained from those times, and they criticize and condemn all who take a liberal view of life.

Now, the fact is that dancing, in itself, is neither immoral nor harmful. It is, when moderately indulged in, a healthful exercise. Any physician will tell us so.

But one of the dangers of dancing is late hours, overexhausting through too violent exercise, and the breathing of the dust that is sure to fill a ballroom. Many a young person has killed himself, or herself, by not being careful in the ballroom. Others have laid the foundation for incurable sickness. The organism of the body has been injured beyond repair. Many cases of consumption, it is believed, can be traced to overheated, not properly ventilated, dancing halls.

Then there is the danger of bad associations.

The girls and boys who are most fond of dancing, are in the age when impulse governs more than reason. They meet companions not fit for them to associate with. Conventional barriers that properly separate the sexes, are very much let down at the dance, and the result is too often seen in the ruin of the innocent.

For these reasons the dancing hall should be well guarded. Even the best thing can be made an evil, when abused. Dancing, like singing and music, was once a religious act. The "poetry of motion" was used to express joy in the divine presence. This may be safely concluded from the fact that the Hebrew word for festivals, which were occasions of public religious observances, is from a verb signifying "to dance." It is not so now. But the nearer it can be made to approach that ideal, the more certainly it becomes a desirable enjoyment.

BROTHERHOOD OF THE KINGDOM.

An organization of clergymen and others, and calling itself The Brotherhood of the Kingdom, seems to exist in this country, though not very much known. Recently it held a conference at Marlborough, N. Y. Its chief aim is the reorganization of society under the domination of the teachings and character of Jesus. Such reorganization of the society is conceived as identical with the Kingdom of God, and everything which can be included in the field of human activity as pertaining to that kingdom. The existence of such an organization clearly indicates the need of the divine guidance, the divine authority and power which characterize the Kingdom of God. It shows that there is a desire that seeks expression, in the heart of man for something more perfect, than that which human institutions offer. But it should be self-evident to the students of the Bible, and history, that the Kingdom of God cannot be established by human wisdom, even if it tried to apply the teachings of the Bible to social conditions. The learned and devout rabbis in the beginning of our era, might have tried, with all their might, to apply the teachings of Moses and the Prophets, to the then existing conditions, but that would not have been sufficient for the establishment of the church. New revelations of truth were given; there were new laws, new principles, new ordinances; the ancient gifts and graces were revived, and new were added. In the same way now, the Kingdom of God cannot be established except by the power of the Almighty as in former days.

It is well, however, that human thought and effort are directed toward the necessity for the establishment of that kingdom, which is destined to take the place of all kingdoms, for that is a necessary preliminary work. We wish the brotherhood of the Kingdom success. Particularly is it to be hoped that its activity will lead to the closer study of the word of God, and a full understanding of the conditions under which alone the kingdom of heaven can be established upon the earth.

The cold spell has slumped.

It is said of Jim Jeffries that his fist is his fortune.

The Macedonian cry is: "Help, Cassius, or I perish."

The conservation of water is the conservation of energy.

As winter approaches happy the man who lives on the sunny side of Easy street.

Curtis Jett has a very black character if half the testimony against him is true.

Admiral Dewey says the North Atlantic fleet is not formidable. But why should it be?

The Sick Man of Europe is suffering from that tired feeling as he never suffered before.

To make both ends meet—fasten one down securely and pull your hardest on the other.

The Sultan's head lies more uneasy than all the other crowned heads of Europe put together.

If Turkey and Bulgaria were at war it is likely there would be less killing going on than there is now.

One of the most interesting race problems of the day is: Which is the faster, Lou Dillon or Major Delmar?

The irrigation congress is a thing of the past. You cannot run irrigation congresses with the water that is passed.

The old saying, "Butchered to make a Roman holiday" should be changed to "Butchered to make a Turkish holiday."

Mr. Chamberlain, by resigning, has achieved world-wide notoriety if not fame. It may be said to be his crowning achievement.

Lieutenant Peary is confident that he will reach the North Pole. If he does not do that he will likely overreach himself.

The Garland farmer who was awarded the Havemeyer cup for the best sugar beet is entitled to have a garland upon his brow.

When Emperor Francis Joseph and Emperor Wilhelm met, they kissed. They are not afraid of the kiss microbe for they are brave men.

Coming events cast their shadows before. Germany is anxious to know if Russia thinks the time has arrived for the break-up of Turkey in Europe.

The work of breaking up the American's cup challenger, Shamrock II, has begun. Sir Thomas Lipton himself also feels considerably broken up.

While Utah horticulturists could not take the cup for the best display of fruit they can take thought for the morrow, and see that there is no worm in the bud next time.

The rumor that King Peter of Serbia had been assassinated proved to be unfounded. But some day there will likely be another such rumor and it will not be unfounded.

It is not improbable that Mr. Chamberlain wishes to be asked by King Ed-

ward to form a government. His resignation looks like a preliminary step for a campaign with this object in view.

THE BALKAN CRISIS.

Pueblo Chieftain.

It is difficult to see how war can be averted between Turkey and Bulgaria. Whatever cold-blooded and mercenary scruples may prevent the powers of western Europe from putting an end to the horrible outrages perpetrated by Turkey under the pretense of government, the Bulgarians can scarcely be expected to rest in quiet while their friends, neighbors and kinsmen are being massacred by thousands across their border.

Memphis Scimitar.

When contemplating the accounts of outrages and atrocities that come from the scene of Turkish military operations in Macedonia, it may be well to bear in mind that every movement of the Turks in that distracted province is sanctioned by the Christian powers of Europe, and that not for an instant would the present state of affairs exist if it were not for explicit permission of those civilized peoples who are the first and loudest to cry out against the unholy massacres.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

The Porte is under pressure from within as well as from without. It is hard to tell what it will do. Its usual course is to do nothing but under the existing pressure it may do something desperate. A war with Bulgaria would arouse enthusiasm among the followers of the prophet, but might bring the combined forces of Christendom clattering about the sultan's head. Its speedy effect might be to expel Turkey from Europe.

New York Evening Post.

But the horror of the situation lies not so much in the bloodshed of yesterday and today as in the certainty that such things must happen so long as the Turk rules a Christian population. Relief lies only in the expulsion of the Turk, and we should be greatly surprised if these last tales of rapine should not incite Bulgaria to that desperate but heroic work. As for Christian Europe, she is numbing the worn phrases of Palmerston, while the Kaiser seems to be covertly playing that role of protector of the Porte which Lord Salisbury lived to ridicule.

New York Mail and Express.

War is a terrible thing, but war between nations cannot be more wasteful or destructive than such a senseless warfare as that going on now in the vilayets of Macedonia where Moslem and Christian villagers are fighting each other, and where Turkish soldiers and Bulgarian brigands are preying on both. If Sofia is right in charging that 99,000 persons have been killed by the Turks in putting down the uprising that it is in Macedonia, and that most of these are old men, women and children, the "pacification" of Macedonia is more terrible and wanton than a Turkish-Bulgarian war would be. And even when accomplished, it will settle nothing.

Baltimore Sun.

The Kaiser has been for years interested in the "near eastern question." He is on good terms with the sultan of Turkey. He desires, it is understood, to maintain the integrity of the Turkish empire, and is consequently not in favor of any intervention which may cause the disintegration of the empire. He has obtained valuable concessions of Germans from the sultan, and is credited with the intention of establishing a German sphere of influence in Asia Minor. In some respects, therefore, the Kaiser holds the key to the Balkan problem. He is interested in the final disposition not only of the sultan's Asiatic domains, but of the latter's European provinces also. If he is opposed to intervention his influence may prevent the "concert of Europe" or any group of powers from taking action. The Pope's suggestion to the emperor of Austria was made in the interest of humanity.

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