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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The seventy-sixth annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, April 6, 1906, at 10 a. m. A full attendance of officers and members is requested.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School union will convene at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday, April 8, 1906, at 7 o'clock p. m. Officers and workers are requested to be present and all the Saints are invited. The subject of "Parents' Classes" will be considered.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
JOSEPH M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

A SPLENDID APPOINTMENT.

The people of this city, and especially those who have business with the railroads, are delighted with the appointment of Mr. A. E. Welby as general superintendent of the Rio Grande Railway system. Mr. Welby is a thorough railroad man, being familiar with all departments of the business and the work, and at the same time is popular with the officers and employees of the roads under his charge as well as with the general public. He is so well known here that no eulogy of ours is necessary, but we are pleased to add our congratulations to those of his immediate friends, both to him on this recognition of his eminent abilities, and to the company which will have the benefit of his services. His fidelity to the interests of that company and his appreciation of the wants of the patrons of the road have been fully tested, and we are sure that both the railroads and the public will have cause for satisfaction in the appointment. We wish him long life and full success in his onerous position.

"LET THE HEATHEN RAGE."

It is the custom with a certain class of petty and profligate writers for the press, who cannot contribute anything to the enlightenment of the public, but who fill up space with faultfinding and abuse, to attack their contemporaries with a view to inducing them to reply and thus furnish excuse for unprofitable controversy. When they cannot find anything to suit their purpose in the journal that they oppose, they invent sentences, which they pretend to have copied therefrom, and then proceed to attack it as though they were fighting a real antagonist. This is the manner in which the Deseret News is frequently assailed, but it provokes no response in these columns. We prefer to let our readers judge for themselves of the spirit and letter of our remarks upon any subject that we touch upon, without reference to the malicious or puerile vapors of our maligners. If the contemptible course thus pursued by such writers affords them any gratification, they may continue their paltry efforts without retaliation on our part. If their readers like that sort of thing, they ought to have their fill of it until they become surfeited. We are well assured that the better class of people in this community either pay no attention to it, or are disgusted with such miserable and transparent mendacity. Without the Deseret News to peek at, those mouthing birds of prey would find little or nothing to send or hold up for public notice. They will not provoke us to pay to them that attention which they covet, nor can they injure this paper by anything they can do or say. The Deseret News increases daily in public favor, the proofs of which may be found in our great advertising patronage and our swelling subscription lists. We are content.

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS.

Editor Deseret News.
"Would you please answer through the columns of your paper whether the law of consecration has been taken from the earth, or whether it still remains with this people, or whether the Lord has ever at any time revoked that law since He first gave it to the Prophet Joseph Smith?" S. K.

The law of consecration given to the Saints in Missouri, when they commenced to lay the foundations of Zion, was not obeyed, except by a few, either in the spirit or in the letter. This may be readily learned by reading the revelations concerning it in the Doctrine and Covenants. In consequence of neglect and rebellion and covetousness and selfishness, they were driven by their enemies from that State, as fore-shadowed in Sections 63, 97 and 105. In consequence thereof, the Lord gave the

law of tithing in the place of the law of consecration. It was not thereby "revoked" or "taken from the earth," but it remained to be carried out when the Saints are prepared to obey it. We quote the following from section 105, Doc. and Cov.

"Therefore, in consequence of the transgression of my people, it is expedient in me that mine Elders should wait for a little season for the redemption of Zion. Verse 9.

"That they themselves may be prepared and that my people may be taught more perfectly and have experience, and know more perfectly concerning their duty and the things which I require at their hands. Verse 10.

"And let those commandments which I have given concerning Zion and her law be executed and fulfilled, after her redemption. Verse 31.

"And inasmuch as they follow the counsel which they receive they shall have power after many days to accomplish all things pertaining to Zion." Verse 37.

The word of the Lord is sure and steadfast. It will all be fulfilled. Zion will be built up at the place appointed, upon the law of the celestial kingdom, while the law of tithing is in operation, to prepare the Saints for the higher law, in the spirit of which they should live, holding all things they possess as stewards, God being the real owner of the earth and the fulness thereof. When Zion is redeemed and the higher law is renewed, His people will be willing and obedient and be entitled to receive the fullness of the blessings that pertain to that law.

In reply to a question from a correspondent at Menasco, Colorado, we refer him to section xlii, verse 21, Doctrine and Covenants: "Thou shalt not lie. He that lieth and will not repent shall be cast out." Also section xlii, verse 36: "And if he or she shall lie, he or she shall be delivered up unto the law of the land." That ought to be sufficient. If some of our correspondents would only use a little common sense and study for themselves the revelations which have been given and printed for their guidance, they would save themselves and us much time and trouble.

A SHAMELESS SLANDERER.

The attempt of the creature Clemenson to imitate the libelous Lellich in fabricating a charge of polygamy against Senator Reed Smoot, appears to have fallen as flat as did the falsehood of his prototype. Nobody of any consequence seems to take any stock in his story. Certainly it is utterly discredited here, where the life of the Senator he assailed is so well known, and where the pretended details of the charges are seen to contain the proofs of their untruth and absurdity.

As to the vile stories he concocted about alleged outrages committed by a German in Cache county, they simply serve to show the salacious character of his mind, and the nastiness of his imagination. The facts in the case were thoroughly investigated by the authorities on the spot, and the proofs were obtained of his untruth and untruthful attempts to make a mountain out of a mousehole. The vile stuff he furnished to the willing receptacle for slander and slush in this city, had almost as little foundation in fact, according to the Logan papers and the reports of the officers there, as the story he fabricated about the Senator. His apologists are in most despicable business.

DEVIL WORSHIP IN POLITICS.

The papers had something to say, a short time ago, about a stone-cutter in Detroit, one Herr Menz, who had conceived the idea of erecting, in his front yard, a statue in honor of the devil. The gentleman is now said to have declared his intention of running for the office of alderman, and the question naturally suggests itself whether his devil-worship was merely a means of obtaining notoriety, preliminary to entering upon a political career.

The gentleman says he wants the position so that he can better protect the images of the prince of darkness, and look after the interests of free thinkers. "My friends," he says, "insist on my running. They want to be represented by somebody who is not a religious crank. Several politicians have asked me to allow them to use my name. They say the present aldermen are forced to give much to charities and religion. I know one alderman who gave more than his salary to different churches."

The case is, to say the least, peculiar. Mr. Menz was at one time, it is said, a devout Episcopalian. What made him suffer shipwreck of faith is not known, but it appears that, after he no longer placed his trust in God, Lucifer seemed to him to be the most reliable superhuman power to give allegiance to. And now he defends Satan. He insists that this dignity is not as black as painted, and if better understood would be seen in bronze and marble in the best galleries. If elected an alderman, he says, he will introduce a resolution to have a devil statue set up in the council chamber and a picture hung in the mayor's office. He is especially surprised that the clergymen do not encourage him, for, he argues, with thinly veiled sarcasm, that "the devil is the best stock in trade that the churches have, as without the devil the churches would not be necessary and the ministers would have to become actors or something else."

It is impossible to judge from the accounts published of the motives of the man—whether he is sincere in his fanaticism or whether he merely uses his singular device as an advertising scheme. The latter is the more probable supposition.

THE BRITISH EMPIRE.

The British empire, according to recently published official figures, contains 11,905,378 square miles, which is more than one-fifth of the world's habitable area, and a population in round numbers of 400,000,000 souls. Of these, however, only 54,000,000 are classed as white.

For the sake of comparison, it can be stated that the United States, exclusive of Alaska and insular possessions, has 3,699,777 square miles and 76,000,000 inhabitants.

China has a population estimated at about 400,000,000 souls confined to an area of 1,500,000 square miles. Russia embraces about a sixth part of the land of the earth, or 8,800,000 square miles, with a population of 131,000,000 souls. France, with colonies and dependencies comprises over 4,000,000 square miles with 32,500,000 inhabitants. This includes French India, Indo-China in Asia, Algeria, Tunis, Madagascar in Africa, and French Guiana, Martinique and other dependencies in America. The German area, counting everything, is about 1,200,000 square miles with 69,000,000 inhabitants. Great Britain is the largest empire in the world, perhaps the greatest and most powerful that ever existed.

A significant fact is disclosed by the figures, and that is the decline in the birthrate noticed everywhere throughout the British domain, and particularly in Australasia where the contrary was supposed to be the fact. It seems that the decline of the natural increase of the population, which has been noted in France especially, is not confined to one country, but is general among the most advanced nations. In Prussia, it has been shown, the birth rate of 49.7 per cent in 1876 had shrunk to 32.2 in 1901. In Germany as a whole the decline for the same period was from 49.7 to 35.7. In the United States and most European countries the same tendency was noted. In the United States the decline among immigrants begins to show itself in the second generation.

The "race suicide" question has become a world-question. Possibly it will be solved only by direct interference by Providence, and possibly such interference is to be looked for in a not distant future. One of the important features of the mission of human beings in this world is the propagation of the race for the benefit of those spirits who are to dwell upon the earth in the flesh, and if economic conditions become such as to make the fulfillment of that mission exceedingly difficult, or if the moral conditions cause degeneration and rebellion against the laws of nature, why should not the Almighty interfere, as formerly, in human history?

SPEAKING THE TRUTH.

A western contemporary, speaking of "morality in business" takes occasion to ask, among other things, "How pleased would the public be if a newspaper told the plain truth about everything and everybody?" said a public speaker, was dull if he was dull; remarked that this ball or that dinner was a 'frost' if it was such; described a judge as a fool if he was a fool? Other questions are asked as to what the consequences would be, if clergymen should tell all they know, or what would become of political candidates, if they spoke nothing but the truth, and the whole truth.

We can appreciate the sentiments that prompt such questions, but behind them it is easy to discern a misunderstanding of the obligations of public writers and speakers. It certainly is their duty to be truthful in all they say, or do, but that does not mean that they must tell everything they hear about everybody; even if rumor is based on facts. Unless some public good can be gained thereby, the repetition of gossip is condemnable.

An artist who desires to exhibit his art-productions to the public, is doing only his duty when he turns the reverse side of his paintings to the wall, and shows up the other side in the best possible light, and within appropriate frames. Truthfulness does not require him to turn every picture over and over again, in order to give the spectators a view also of the rough canvases and the back of the frame. In the same way, the tourist who visits a palace, does not consider the guide dishonest because he does not show him the receptacles for garbage and their contents, in addition to the other features of the buildings and the grounds. They may, indeed, form a subject of profitable study to specialists, but the general public is looking for something else.

These are but illustrations of the self-evident truth that honesty does not require the exposition of everything there is everywhere to full public view. The fact is that writers and orators who assume that their business is to "expose" all they hear and all they think they know, are doing more harm than good.

There is a class of newspapers that have assumed the functions of the old-time village gossip, that used to go from place to place and tell tales about everybody and give everybody a black character. But that class is speedily becoming contemptible in the estimation of all right-minded men and women. It is perfectly well understood that it is an easy task for "yellow journalism" to bespatter any man's character, until it appears fit only for the gutter. The mere whisper of scandal is sufficient to that class to furnish long columns of sensational "stories" under the blackest of headlines. All such "enterprise" is excused under the pretense of telling the "truth" but it is nevertheless condemnable in the highest degree.

Public men are necessarily under the searchlight of publicity, as far as their public acts are concerned. They are justly subject to criticism, adverse or otherwise, because as officers they are the servants of the public. The press, when it confines itself to such criticism, is within the boundaries of its duty, but when it goes beyond this and trenches upon territory that is not public, it becomes no better than a gossip and a scandal-monger.

About a year ago the editor of a New York paper favored the public with some "confessions" regarding the methods of "yellow journalism." He said among other things that no person is too exalted in character or otherwise, to be the victim of that class of journalism. He quoted the continually that was poured out upon the memory of Andrew H. Green, when he was murdered, and in this connection he said:

"Knowing how his life has been, knowing how his time had been spent for so many years in daily association with and the administration of public affairs and splendid enterprises, knowing, in fact, the whole scheme of his time and thought, it was not in us to

pause for a moment, when his negro assassin's bullet struck him low, and ask, 'Can this be true? Can such a life as this have been hidden behind all that the world believes him to have been?' Can it be that he has been the consort of a low negro? No; we snatched at his name, as birds of carrion snatch a morsel from some rotting carcass, and dragged it down to the purlieus of fetid city. No man in my time, and I do not think in all the history of the United States, went to his grave with his memory lashed as was that of the 'Father of Greater New York.' At no time did we permit any act of his long, good life to weigh as against our summing up. We went out of our way to take some trivial incident in his career, to take some man's recollections of a peculiar trait to justify our plan of damnation."

Poor Andrew H. Green was dead when the character-assassins completed the work of the other assassin; it was nothing to him. But often the assault is made upon the living, and no savage ever found more delight in inflicting torture than do these pretenders to the position of public watchmen and expounders of "truth."

Any kind of weather is reasonable for March.

Idaho, with the Canyon county jail full, has her hands full.

Is the deadlock at Algebras of the spring or positive variety?

The Moros didn't die in the last ditch. They died in the last crater.

Why not let Mitchell and Baer settle it according to Marquis of Queensbury rules?

At the battle of Mount Dajo the Moros acted like women and the women like men.

A plot to murder Rev. Dr. Parkhurst? Posh! No one takes the doctor so seriously as that.

Susan B. Anthony's body lies mouldering in the grave, but her soul goes marching on.

Motto for the street department: "Taleigh 'round the street, boys, Raleigh once again."

"Have you no local heroes?" asks Lorado Taft, the sculptor. What a question. Just look at our city fathers.

The "storm 'Andy' Hamilton" has turned and what a scattering he is making among the New York Life trustees!

Three times Senator Knox has refused to accept a place on the United States supreme bench. That equals Caesar's record.

The movement to improve and beautify the city is a good one and deserves encouragement. To love one's country one should make his country lovely, as Burke said.

Chicago announces that it is going to have "the best police force in the world." A long while ago Chicago announced that it was going to have municipal ownership.

It is said that the boy king of Spain smokes an average of thirty cigarettes a day. It's lucky for him that he doesn't live in Utah, for if he did he'd be sent to the reform school.

The Senate has called on Secretary Taft for copies of all reports of the fight on Mount Dajo, Jolo Island. Evidently the Senate thinks that there is a Moro in the woodpile.

When the imperial high commissioners get back to China, of course they will all say that they were assailed by the powers which said they talked about a constitutional government for China.

The original draft in Admiral Lord Nelson's handwriting of the historical "general memorandum" to his captains at the battle of Trafalgar, has been sold at auction for \$18,000. Admiral Villeneuve would have given double that amount for it.

Secretary Bonaparte says there has been a conspiracy among the midshipmen at Annapolis to discourage a high standard of scholarship. If such is the case those engaged in it are a disgrace to the country that is bestowing upon them a higher scientific education tree.

A Cornell professor claims to have discovered a process whereby he is able to extract the material from the watery part of milk, and will soon be able to distribute milk powder. It should be very popular with the ladies, as its use might give them a milk-white complexion.

"The advantages of wealth are trifling," says Andrew Carnegie. "Beyond a competence for old age, which need not be great and may be very small, wealth lessens rather than increases human happiness. Millionsaires who have the laugh on the other fellows."

Probably Senator Tillman will always be radical, but he certainly is taking a very prominent position in the Senate and is being listened to, not as a freak, but as one who possesses some sound views and expresses them in an honest, easily comprehended and straightforward way. If not a coming man he certainly is a growing one.

NAPOLEON'S HANDWRITING.

"The Players." In Everybody's Magazine.

M. Houssaye attributes the middle order orders at Waterloo to Napoleon's execrable handwriting. This was the opinion of the writing master of Alexander Dumas. "The Emperor never lost a battle except by his bad handwriting. His officers could never make out what he meant. Remember this, Alexander, and make your down-strokes heavy and your up-strokes light." Grouchy declared that during the battle of Waterloo he could not make out whether Napoleon wrote 'bataille gagnée' or 'bataille engagée,' and he consequently read "bataille gained."

FRENCH DRAMATIC STANDARDS.

Everybody's Magazine.
If only it were possible to train American players as these French are educated in the art of reading lines,

in the significance of every movement, in all the multitudinous details which make up technique and give distinction as well as understanding? When an actor, whether a star or a humble member of a cast, reads lines intelligently and intelligently, we are grateful. Before a French player is considered competent to speak a line in public he must prove that he can pronounce at least two hundred and fifty words a minute and make every syllable plain. It is the general excellence of the French companies that makes us overlook the quality of the French stage settings, which, measured by the American standards of this day and generation of theatrical progress seem inadequate and rather shabby.

ONE LITTLE YEAR.

Boston Herald.
It is only a year ago that there was a falling out between President Alexander, of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, and James Hazen Hyde, Meanwhile, what a tremendous shaking up there has been in the life insurance business, all growing out of that little disturbance. And it isn't over yet.

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