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VETERANS, ATTENTION!

This is for the "boys" of "Zion's Camp" and the "Mormon Battalion." Surviving members of those famous organizations that played such a prominent part in the events of the early history of the Church, are cordially invited to attend a reunion to be given in their honor by the First Presidency at the Lion House on Tuesday afternoon, April 9. This will be one of the great events of the April conference.

The First Presidency have for some time felt that such a reunion would be a proper acknowledgment of the importance of the services rendered by those who in the early days, cheerfully responded when the call was made upon them. The veterans are rapidly being removed from this sphere of action. There are very few survivors of "Zion's Camp," and, possibly, not more than fifty members of the "Mormon Battalion." They are scattered over a wide area of the country. Some live in Utah, some in California, some in Arizona. Some, probably, have settled in Canada. It would be well if as many as possible could be brought together at the coming reunion.

We hope this invitation will reach all for whom it is intended. Friends of the veterans could call their attention to it, in case they do not happen to see it themselves, and we suggest that those who live far away and may not be able to undertake the journey without financial or other assistance, should receive such from their friends, in order that the reunion may be complete and an event never to be forgotten by those in whose honor it is given.

We also suggest that Stake Presidents and Bishops look after this matter and see to it that none is absent for want of means to undertake the journey.

The invitation is also cordially extended to the wives and widows of the members of the two organizations.

We hope to see a general rally of the veterans. To many of them it will be the last before the great reunion on the other side.

Veterans, attention!

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

AN IMPORTANT ADDRESS.

The address of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints to the world, signed by Presidents Joseph F. Smith, John R. Winder, and Anthony H. Lund in behalf of the Church, and adopted by unanimous vote by the Conference today, April 5, is one of the great features of this annual gathering of Latter-day Saints. We reproduce it in full on another page and commend it to the thoughtful perusal of all interested in the controversy concerning "Mormonism." It is an official denial of the many false charges that are circulated about the "Mormons"—charges that are as absurd and without foundations as were the allegations of the atheists of the opening centuries of our era about the first followers of the great Nazarene. It is also an authentic statement of the position of the Latter-day Saints on some matters of faith and practice, concerning which there is much misunderstanding and ignorance among the untutored critics of the Church and her leaders. That address should be given wide circulation as possible, and we hope Church members will do all in their power to bring it to the attention of their friends and acquaintances. The Saints certainly have a right to be judged by their standard works and by their own understanding of their faith, instead of by the distorted pictures of it promulgated by men who are incapable of comprehending truth and unwilling to accord to their fellow-men the rights they loudly demand for themselves.

Like the apostolic writings of Justin Martyr, Athanasius, Tertullian, Minucius Felix, and other early fathers, directed against the assaults of Christianity, whether inspired by Hebrew prejudices or pagan pride and arrogance, this address covers a wide range. It declares in positive words the divine origin of the Church; that it is not the work of man but of God; and that the Almighty is still manifesting His presence among His people. It shows that the foundation, though humble, is traceable to the very first material of the human family, Puritan stock. It gives a brief but clear and concise statement of faith, and then meets the numerous charges

for which malice and ignorance are responsible, with straight forward statements of facts. "Mormonism" is not promulgated, it declares, in the dark. It is proclaimed in the open everywhere, wherever a chance is given. It is not opposed to education. It believes that the cultivation of the mind is a Christian duty. It is not destructive of the sanctity of the home. It is not commercialism. It has no Priesthood with arbitrary power. Tithing is not "enforced." It is a free will offering, and none is enriched by the diversion of those funds to private or personal uses. "Mormons" are not disloyal to the government of any country. On the contrary, no other Church members have so much reverence for the American form of government, or are more enthusiastic about the future of America than they are. The history of plural marriage is gone into, and the position of the Church clearly stated on the question of the proper relations between Church and State. All these topics are fully covered in the Address.

We have referred in this connection to the early apostolic writings. It is a curious fact that history has repeated itself in the matter of assaults upon the Church. The first defenders of the faith were called upon to meet just such unreasonable allegations as those hurled against the "Mormons" in our age. The first Christians were accused of atheism, because their conception of the deity was so different from that of the common crowd. They were said to practice immorality at their love feasts, and even cannibalism was ascribed to them, because they partook of "the flesh and blood" of the Son of God at their sacramental table. They were depicted as superstitious, ignorant, disloyal, and traitors to the Caesars. All such charges the first apostles denied, and proved to be absurd, and then they attacked their assailants and showed that the very crimes of which these accused the followers of the Christ, were committed by those who posed as indignant accusers. It took a long time before the discussion between the defenders and opponents of the Christian religion assumed a calm and dignified tone, one worthy of the great cause of eternal truth.

Our Christian friends who peruse the Address and note the statement of faith there offered, will be struck by the fact that it is thoroughly Scriptural. The only feature which they may suppose to be strange is this, that we believe the Lord speaks now to His children, as He did formerly, whenever He sees fit to do so for the accomplishment of His purposes. But, can the statement that God, who is a living God and a loving Father, speaks to His children, be controverted by anyone who claims to believe in former revelations? We are hearing the blessed day of the Millennium. But God has never before ushered in a new dispensation without new revelations. He spoke to man before the flood; before the Mosian dispensation; after the Captivity, when the temple services were to be restored again, and before the first advent of the Son of Man. Can anyone acquainted with the holy Scriptures believe that the Millennium, the greatest of all dispensations, will be ushered in without a word of revelation from the Almighty? That would be contrary to all the experiences of the past.

God has spoken. That is the message of the Latter-day Saints to the world. For testifying to that truth they have been misunderstood, vilified, wronged, as no denomination in modern times. In this land of liberty. But the message is nevertheless true, and it is through that truth that the world will ultimately be saved.

BATTLE OF "BIG INTERESTS."

If it be true that the "big interests" of the country, otherwise known as trust combinations, have inaugurated a movement to discredit President Roosevelt before the industrial, business and political world, as the discharger of yesterday's aver, then there is a battle royal ahead, for the man now in the White House can be a warrior on occasion as well as an exponent of peace. If, as he reads the declaration that he is not to be permitted to carry out his railroad and other reform policies, and that the domination of any man for the Presidency, that he favors, is to be opposed, he does not make a vow within himself to accept the challenge in behalf of the people, and make ready for the fight of his life, we mistake his temper.

It is stated with an air of authority that President Roosevelt has received this information from sources that cannot be questioned. That in fact, he places absolute reliance in it and that he is fully convinced there is a "rich man's conspiracy" against him. At the same time it is noted that the President, with characteristic equanimity, is quietly content to take up the gauntlet of battle. The contest may be said to be already on, and already have some brisk skirmishes been fought. The echoes of some of them are the defeat of corporation managers, court injunctions, Wall street stampedes and various disturbances, financial and otherwise. If an actual warfare shall be waged with the President, backed by the machinery, power and influence of government, on the one side, and the trust magnates with all their vast and allied interests, on the other, then it will be a sorry day for the country. It means a great shrinkage in values, loss of labor and capital, and the temporary destruction at least, of the public confidence which is one

of the greatest assets after all. That is a condition that is much to be deplored. It is a condition that wise statesmanship and good business policy should make impossible. Should the citizenship of the United States be made to believe that the President is about to become the target of an attack such as is charged, the prospects are that it would so rally to him, irrespective of party that no combination could be formed to defeat him in his purpose to enforce the anti-trust law, a task which he is performing with such signal vigor and success. Besides, it is not improbable that it may prove a very potent factor in making President Roosevelt a candidate for another term, a contingency that his opponents may well take into account.

BENEVOLENT RULE.

According to present plans the Philippines will this year be accorded the privilege of selecting representatives to a legislative assembly to co-operate with the Commission in the administration of the government of the islands. Only the so-called Christian Filipinos, we believe, will be represented, though why any distinction should be made on the line of religion is difficult to understand. The advancement in civilization might be considered in the determination of the qualities of voters, not of religion.

The United States has done a good work in the Philippines, notwithstanding the fears and gibes of "the little Americans." It has established schools, and introduced over a thousand American teachers. The Filipinos have been taught to teach, and to build school-houses. They have been taught the necessity of sanitation, and this, it is claimed, has reduced the death rate in Manila nearly one-half. Roads and bridges have been built. The tax burdens have been made easier. New railroads have been constructed and inter-island lines of transportation have been improved. These are among the benefits conferred upon the people under American rule, looking toward self-government.

The Filipinos have benefited by American rule. They have been eager to learn, and they will, undoubtedly, before long be in a position to make and administer their own laws. American rule has been beneficent. It is recognized as such by the better classes of Filipinos.

NORTH POLE OWNERSHIP.

It is rather surprising to know that eastern newspapers, notably the New York Tribune, is somewhat disturbed over a question that has been agitating certain Canadian lawmakers of late, as to the ownership of the north pole. The fact that the American explorers are showing continued determination to discover this wonderful and hitherto unreach-able spot has quite upset them.

In the carrying of the Stars and Stripes to bounds crossed by the hardy adventurers of no other country, Peary and his companions have apparently triumphed on that part of the lion's tail that reposes in the rapidly expanding Dominion of the Northwest. Citizens of that country, or Great Britain, claim that they own all of the land extending to the north between the meridional limits of Canada. The contention has been seriously debated in the Canadian Parliament, and it is stated that the matter will be brought to the early attention of Ambassador Bryce, who will be called upon by his fellow countrymen on this side of the Atlantic, to secure a definite and final settlement of the perplexing problem before serious complications shall arise. Singularly enough they declare that it can be disposed of in but one way, and that is to their advantage. They have carefully worked out the longitudinal limits to the possessions of nations whose territory abuts upon the Arctic sea. They hold to the theory that Norway should have a clear title to all lands discovered or undiscovered, between the 5th and 32d meridians of east longitude, Russia all from the 32d east to the 150th west, the United States all from 150th to the 181st west, Great Britain or Canada all from the 181st to the 60th west, and Denmark all from the 60th west to the 5th east. This grants to the United States exclusive rights to the lands or islands north of Alaska, but excludes explorers flying the American flag from the regions north of Canada and Greenland.

INSTITUTE FOR STAMMERERS.

We have been requested to call the attention of those of our readers who possibly may be afflicted with stammering, or who may have children so afflicted, to the Institute of Mr. Wm. E. Bassett, at Provo, where according to our information, many cures have been effected. Stammering is a bad defect, but fortunately, it is more easily remedied than some others, especially in children.

We are reliably informed that many persons, who on entering Mr. Bassett's institute were so sorely afflicted as to be unable to utter a single sentence without great difficulty, have been cured in a very short time. Mr. Bassett himself, we believe, was afflicted with stammering, but he overcame it by a determined effort, and he is now in a position to give to others the benefit of his own experience and observations.

Our Conference visitors, all hail!

The sting in the wasp-like waist is the tight lacing.

Blessed are the poor. They shall not be investigated.

A strike is to a controversy very much what a bet is in an argument.

In this Brownsville investigation someone somewhere is having the whitewash out on thick.

The question propounded to jurors in the Reef trial read uncommonly like a census taker's inquiry.

The Thaw lunacy commission has proven itself to be eminently sane. What a whack it gave the expert alienists!

Nicaragua has registered a kick with Uncle Sam because of the course of Secretary Brown in the matter of bombarding Amapala. A country that would

go to war over a mole would naturally be expected to kick.

"Vegetarians," says one of them, "have more endurance." But they haven't enough to make their theories triumph.

The strike is growing less and less in favor as a means of settling disputes, which shows that reason is coming more and more into vogue.

Baron Speck von Sternberg has been teaching the Roosevelt boys how to take hurdles. And they took them in a way to make glad the heart of their father.

One would have expected the sea to give up its dead before the great coal companies would have offered to turn back to the government their illegally held coal lands.

Mr. Jerome has lost his contention that Thaw is now insane. If Mr. Delmas shall only lose his contention that Thaw was insane when he killed White, then justice may yet be vindicated.

No one ever read a demand in the columns of "the organ" that those in charge of the city administration make an accounting of taxes collected and expended or make an explanation of the creation of so huge a deficit. Here is a matter in which every citizen of Salt Lake City is financially and vitally interested.

The railroad managers and the trainmen and conductors have reached an agreement, and there will be no strike. Many conferences and conversations have triumphed. The parties to the agreement and the public are to be congratulated on the final settlement of what at one time looked like a disagreement that would end in a strike.

THE RIGHT TIME.

Home Herald.

Three boys in a house were told to go and take the exact time by a clock in the hall. The first boy went at the clock, came back and said: "It is 12 o'clock." In after life he became a prosaic bookkeeper. The second boy was more cautious. He said on returning that it was three minutes past 12. He became a doctor. The third lad looked at the clock, found out how long it had taken him to walk back to the house, returned to the clock, then added the time of his walk to the time of the clock and reported the result thus: "It is at this moment 12 hours, 10 minutes and 15 seconds." The result was to distinction as Helmholtz, the scientist.

EVOLUTION OF "FELLOW."

London Chronicle.

The degeneracy of a good word was illustrated in the case of Brankins (Dorset), in which a witness spoke of the defendant as "this fellow," and was ordered by the bench to substitute "this man." "Fellow" began very honorably by meaning a person who put down money with others in a joint undertaking, its competent parts being akin respectively to "fee" (property) and to "law" and "law." To this day it is dignified to be a fellow of a college, and nobody minds being called a "fellow citizen," a "fellow Christian," or a good fellow. But ordinarily "fellow" in the modern century is a painful scene in which Mr. Tuppence said, "Sir, you're a fellow," and Mr. Pickwick retorted, "Sir, you're another." In the fourteenth century it was customary to call a servant "fellow" in kindly condescension. Perhaps that explains the word's decline, though it may be due to the use of "fellow" in the sense of boon companion. "Companion" and "mate" also were contemptuous at one time.

WOMEN AS RAILROADERS.

Kansas City Journal.

The number of women employed on the Russian railways is increasing. According to the latest returns, there are now working on the twenty-five Russian state railways a few more than 22,000 women as gatekeepers, clerks, telegraphers, etc. The average wage varies from 130 to 155 rubles yearly (\$65 to \$75). The experience is great. Thus the women clerks receive on an average from 150 to 160 rubles, or about \$22, while the women attending at the station are paid only 100 rubles, or about \$15 50 a year, in addition to free lodging and a few extras.

SURGERY FOR TREES.

Boston Herald.

One of the curiosities of modern forestry is the cure of beautiful old shade trees. The amputation of diseased or dead limbs is as carefully performed to prevent further decay from the elements as in surgical operations on human beings. Decaying cavities are cleaned and filled with a preserving cement, as is done by the modern dentist. And the latest advance is to build a tin roof along the upper surface of widespread branches where little hollows might hold dampness and promote decay. Some handsome patriarchs well deserve it.

JUST FOR FUN.

Bad Break.

She (after the first kiss)—Do you like my lips?
He (enthusiastically)—My dearest, they are simply immense!—Young's Magazine for March.

Welcome Music.

Crabbe—Today for the time I was really delighted to hear my neighbor's piano going.
Friend—Something worth listening to, I suppose.

Crabbe—I should say so. I heard the installment men taking it away.—Tit-Bits.

Strength Exceeding.

"My new cook says she lived once with you and that she was sure you could give her a strong recommendation."

"Strong! I should say so! She broke the peace, my husband's spirit and the kitchen range."—Baltimore American.

Deadly Talk.

"I'm dying to see that show."
"You ought to. It's perfectly killing."—Cleveland Leader.

She Asked no More Questions.

A kindly faced woman showed great interest in going through the Industrial Home for Blind Men. Seeing one sightless man busily eating a chair she said sympathetically: "I don't see how you men do that work at all."

"That's the way with us, madam," said the worker, cheerfully. "We don't see how we do it ourselves."

To another blind man she said: "Do you close your eyes when you sleep?"
The answer came quickly: "Oh, no, madam, we have a watchman that goes around and closes 'em for all of us at 10 o'clock."

The kindly faced woman asked no more questions.—Eks.

Rejected.

Gerald—I'd like to be your father's son-in-law.

Geraldine—I don't know how it can be arranged. I haven't any sister.—New York Press.



VISITORS

WELCOME

Conference Sale!

OUR GREAT CONFERENCE SALE IS NOW ON. Many price reductions have been made for the benefit of our visiting friends. Visitors are cordially invited to make our store their headquarters while in the city.

Suit and Coat Dept.

Striking Showing of the Season's latest creations in the newest fabrics and styles.

SPECIAL—A Panama Eton Suit, in fancy tans, grays, plaids, browns, navies and blacks, braid and button trimmed, pleated skirt, a very jaunty suit for the money, only **\$16.00**

Three-quarter length black silk coats from **\$14.50 to \$30.00**
Coats in fancy and staple self colors, Eton effects, all sizes **\$18.50 to \$21.50**

NEW SPRING COATS—Ladies' and Misses' Spring Coats, beautiful in style, make-up and effect, in novelty checks and stripes, ranging in price from **\$6.50 to \$12.50**

Ladies' silk Eton Jackets, very handsome and smart in style, from **\$9.50 to \$30.00**
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NEW SPRING WAISTS—Beautiful sheer materials, handsomely trimmed lace and embroidery fronts, long and short sleeves, open front or back, round or square yoke, from **\$1.50 up**

Silks and Dress Goods.

Our Silk and Dress Goods department is now complete with a satisfying variety of materials suitable for Spring and Summer wear. To make the department attractive for Conference visitors, we make the following reductions on Silk and Dress goods.

SATIN STRIPED CHALLIES, in the newest colors and designs, suitable for Kimonos, Wrappers and House Gowns. They have sold regularly at 40c per yard; during Conference sale, per yard **40c**

PLAID DRESS GOODS for Spring or Summer waists, worth 40c yard, during Conference sale, per yard **25c**

PLAID DRESS GOODS for Spring or Summer waists, worth 50c a yard; during Conference sale, per yard **35c**

COLOR DRESS GOODS, checks, plaids and stripes, new effects that are now much in evidence, suitable for Spring and Summer Gowns. Regular price, 60c per yard, during Conference sale **55c**

LADIES' SUN UMBRELLAS, 25 in., regular price, \$1.50, for **\$1.15**

Staple Dept. Attractions

Superb line of materials suitable for Spring and Summer Gowns. Delicate and attractive designs and colorings in Beau de Soie, Drap de L'Inde, Boile de Soie—Imprimé, Printed Silk Mull, Soie Imprimé, Banzai Silk, Mousseline de Soie, Voile silk, Cotton Batiste, A. R. C. Gingham, Red Seal Gingham and Bates Seersuckers, ranging in price from **15c to 75c a yard**

LINENS AND NAPKINS—All Table linens and Napkins, the very best quality linens, made by William Liddell & Co. of Belfast, Ireland, who has a world-wide reputation for the excellent linens he manufactures, will be sold during Conference **15% discount**

GRADUATION AND SUMMER DRESS MATERIALS at reduced prices. You had better take advantage of this money saving opportunity. White waists, embroidered Mulls, India Linens, Persian Lawns, French Mulls, to be sold during Conference at a **15% discount**

FANCY WHITE WAISTINGS, in beautiful stripes, dots, checks and floral designs **25% off**

REMAINTS—A variety of remnants consisting of all kinds of Dress Goods, Cutting Patterns, Canton Flannels, Gingham, Satens and Chevrons. A large assortment to select from, during Conference sale will be sold **33 1/3 off**

We have a full line of Bed Spreads, Quilts, Cotton and Wool Blankets, the very best goods of this kind obtainable. During Conference sale they will be offered **15% off**

Crockery and Glassware

We are showing a beautiful line of crockery—all first grade goods, in dainty and attractive patterns and every piece perfect—Dinner sets, Chamber sets, cups and saucers, plates, salad or berry bowls, sugar and cream sets, in fact, we have everything you need in fancy China and Art Ware.

We are also showing an exceptionally large line of glassware for every purpose. An immense line that will be particularly attractive to out-of-town merchants. Decorated and Cut Glassware in exclusive and original patterns, carefully selected for their brilliancy and purity.

SEASONABLE GENTS' CLOTHING

The styles of the hour in Spring and Summer clothing for men, boys, and children. Our line of men's clothing is exceptionally attractive, beautifully finished, stunning effects in the new checks, shadow plaids, grays, and all the latest styles, ranging in price from **\$15.00 to \$45.00**

We are showing a very becoming line of Cravattes and Spring overcoats, stylish and dressy, and very appropriate for the cool evenings.

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Everything you need in the furnishing line. Splendid qualities, very reasonably priced. Shirts, neckwear, underwear, hosiery, gloves, suspenders and handkerchiefs. Also a splendid assortment of well made, substantial trunks, bags, suit cases and men's umbrellas and canes.



SHOES

STYLISH YET DURABLE
Conference visitors are invited to inspect the new Spring Shoes we are now showing

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Strong, honestly built all leather shoes for men, women and children at the lowest possible prices consistent with the quality of the goods.

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