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GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Seventy-fifth annual conference  
of the Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-  
ter-day Saints will convene on Thurs-  
day, the 6th of April, and adjourn Fri-  
day afternoon until Sunday morning,  
and close Sunday afternoon.

A general Priesthood meeting will  
be held on Friday night, commencing  
at 7:30.

The special Priesthood meeting for the  
General and Presiding Authorities of  
the Church will be held in the Assem-  
bly Hall on Saturday morning, at 10  
o'clock.

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

The general semi-annual conference  
of the Deseret Sunday School Union  
will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt  
Lake City, Sunday, April 9, 1905, at 7  
o'clock, p. m. Officers and Sunday  
school workers are requested to attend  
and all are cordially invited.

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

NO ORDINANCE READY YET.

The Deseret News has not published  
the draft of the franchise ordinance  
with which the committee of the City  
Council has been wrestling because, not-  
withstanding the different versions  
which have appeared in the local pa-  
pers, up to the time of our going to  
press it had not been put into shape  
for presentation to the City Council,  
and therefore such pretended texts of  
the document as have been printed are  
and of necessity must be misleading.  
Endeavors to confuse the public and  
convey wrong impressions concerning  
the desires of the company and its re-  
lations with the city are still kept up,  
and the conversations and discussions  
on the subject that may be heard on the  
street cars and on street corners exhi-  
bit a lamentable misunderstanding of the  
whole matter. The Deseret News has  
given fair statements of the subject for  
the consideration of the citizens, and  
those who wish to know the true in-  
wardness of the entire movement will  
have to peruse those explanations, in  
order to arrive at an understanding of  
the truth. The problem before the City  
Council is simply a square deal between  
the city and the Utah Light and Rail-  
way company, for properties belonging  
to the latter, which the city needs, and  
has made overtures to obtain. It will  
be seen when the proposition which  
will be agreed upon is presented to the  
council that there is nothing in the na-  
ture of a "grab" or a "graft" attempt-  
ed by the company, but that the terms  
which it offers in exchange for those  
properties are of a most liberal kind,  
and more than equivalent to the advan-  
tages which it aims to acquire. There  
need be no disturbance or excitement  
over this affair, and the City Council  
should be left to exercise its calm judg-  
ment, with a desire to be just in its  
decision. The "News" will publish the  
ordinance when it is perfected.

THE KAISER IN AFRICA.

Considerable importance is attached  
to the visit of the German Emperor to  
Tangier. It is remembered that  
France, by the consent of Great Brit-  
ain, some time ago, concluded to con-  
sider herself at liberty to adopt what-  
ever policy might be thought necessary  
in regard to Morocco. Germany, how-  
ever, was not consulted as to this, and  
it has been surmised that the recogni-  
tion of the dusky Sultan by the Ger-  
man Emperor might be a notice to both  
Great Britain and France that no part  
of Africa can be disposed of without  
the consent of Germany.  
The Emperor, however, has  
intently manifested a decided leaning  
toward France. Only a short time ago,  
he took dinner at the French embassy  
in Berlin—the first event of the kind  
since the war that was so disastrous  
to the Empire. Then, Prince Henry of  
Prussia is to visit Paris at the time of  
the automobile races, evidently to feel  
the pulse of the French people.  
The Emperor's visit to Tangier is  
an attempt at rapprochement between  
his country and France, and, possibly,  
the visit to Tangier should be interpreted  
in the light of the newly kindled  
French sentiment in Berlin. It would  
not be consistent to do something to  
arouse the hostility of the French peo-  
ple and at the same time court the  
friendship of the nation, by visits and  
dinner-parties.  
The Emperor's speech to the Ger-  
mans in Tangier does not really fur-  
nish a key to the interpretation of his  
visit to that place. It may mean much,  
or it may only be a display of oratory.  
According to the German version, the  
Emperor told his faithful subjects that  
Germany has vast interests in Morocco,  
which must be safeguarded. He added

that his visit was a recognition of the  
independence of Morocco. If the Sul-  
tan takes such declarations seriously,  
as an oriental prince without much ex-  
perience in occidental diplomacy would  
be tempted to do, he will probably  
strike a defiant attitude. If France con-  
tinues to press her demands for the  
maintenance of civilized conditions in  
the country. And then, Germany's  
hand in the game for Morocco will be  
fully revealed.

CURIOSITY AND CRIME.

How enterprising "managers" some-  
times count on the gullibility of the  
American public for the success of their  
business ventures, was well illustrated  
the other day, when Mrs. Chadwick's  
furniture was sold at auction. The as-  
set was appraised at \$23,854. At the  
sale the bidding was most spirited,  
starting at \$10,000 and quickly jumping  
to \$21,500. The bidding from that time  
was between a dime museum manager  
from Chicago, and another from New  
York, the latter securing the prize at  
\$25,200, considerable in excess of the  
appraised value.

But the fellow who bought the furni-  
ture intends placing it on exhibition in  
various cities, and when he can no  
longer coin the morbid curiosity of the  
public into money in this way, he will  
sell it piece by piece, and he expects to  
obtain a high price for these "sou-  
venirs" of a criminal career.

The buyer shrewdly calculates that  
the mere fact that a woman of Mrs.  
Chadwick's character has owned a  
chair, or a table, will draw large  
crowds to see them, and command a  
high price, when offered for sale, no  
matter how ordinary they may be. It  
seems, on reflection, almost incredible  
that people with common sense can run  
to see anything of that sort, but the  
fellow no doubt, knows what he is  
about. The same curiosity that will  
attract crowds to a house where a mur-  
der has been committed, will draw them  
to any show that suggests bold crimes.  
Human nature is a queer composition.

NOW FOR VLADIVOSTOK.

According to the reports from the  
seat of war, the Japanese are now pre-  
paring to lay siege to Vladivostok.  
That port is the terminus of the Trans-  
siberian railroad, and while it is in-  
ferior to Port Arthur on account of its  
higher latitude, it is an important pos-  
session of Russia, and its capture by the  
Japanese would deprive Russia of its  
only harbor on the Pacific, and would  
make the Transsiberian road of small  
importance in general commerce. It  
would also deprive Russia of a harbor,  
in which to coal and make repairs.

At one time it was thought that Vla-  
divostok was better provisioned and  
more strongly fortified than Port Ar-  
thur. This may not be so, but it, no  
doubt, will tax the valor and genius  
of the besiegers to the utmost, if it is  
well defended. And unless the Russian  
peace party prevails at home, the place  
will be held as long as possible. The  
Russians are said to have strengthened  
the land defenses and been pouring in  
food and war supplies for the garri-  
son since hostilities began, in anticipa-  
tion of a siege. They should, there-  
fore, be even better prepared for the  
defense of this port than they were for  
the holding of Port Arthur.

The internal troubles of Russia, how-  
ever, are of such a nature that the war  
must necessarily be continued less vig-  
orously than before. All over Russia  
the peasants are rising, murdering  
landlords, burning and pillaging houses.  
And this they do, because the revo-  
lutionists have told them that the  
Czar and the country are in danger  
from the land-owners and the well-to-  
do classes. Even the conservative pa-  
pers now admit that the domestic dis-  
orders are as serious as the repeated  
defeats of the army in Manchuria. So  
the empire now fairly stands between  
two fires. One must be quenched at  
a time. And the war with Japan is  
more easily ended, than the revolution  
at home.

A MORMON WOMAN SPEAKS.

The following letter to the New York  
Sun expresses the sentiments of a host  
of people in Utah, who hold in the  
highest esteem the man who stands  
on earth at the head of the Church of  
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It  
was written by a daughter of the late  
President Brigham Young, and ap-  
peared on the sixth page of the New  
York Sun of March 30, following its  
editorials. The Sun is to be com-  
mended for its fairness in giving this  
side of a subject that has been widely  
agitated. It is headed "A Mormon  
to Christians."

"To the Editor of the Sun—Sir: It is  
quite the thing to lift scornful eyes  
when the name of an honest polygamist  
is mentioned; but when another sort  
of polygamist goes to the Mothers' Con-  
gress, he is hailed as the defender of  
home and the spotless knight who is  
to cast his lance for the purity of babes  
and women. Ye gods!

"Joseph F. Smith is the leader of a  
deceitful and misunderstood people. His  
life is an open book, into which God,  
angels and men may look without  
shame or regret. Not one suggestion  
of anything but the deepest integrity,  
the highest morality was developed in  
his inquisition a year ago at Washing-  
ton; not one word of accusation was  
raised against him, except that he had  
married five wives, and had honorably  
acknowledged them and their children.  
Come, gentlemen, men and brethren,  
in this great country of ours, come and  
cast your stones! Come! Oh, he should  
be disgraced, dishonored and destroyed;  
for lo, he has dared to do an unpopular  
thing, which he thought was right!

Yes, ladies and ministers, he thought  
it was right. No matter what the  
ladies may say, no matter what the  
ministers might think; he thought it  
was right. Ladies, do your husbands  
think their polygamy right?  
What is the essence of sin? Is it not  
the motive which underlies the act?  
Could a selfish, wicked man face the  
popular clamor and refuse to bend when  
it would be so much easier to turn  
off a few helpless women?  
And why is all this hue and cry?  
Begin in political strife, and fostered  
by growing hatred and revenge, this  
attack has been focussed on the son  
and nephew of the murdered prophet  
and patriarch, Joseph and Hyrum  
Smith. These two were hated, reviled  
and finally slain by a mob at Carthage,  
Ill., in 1844. And that, too, before the  
principle of plurality of wives had ever  
been published to the world. And now,  
when a similar spirit is rampant here in  
this beautiful city, founded and built by the

very men and man whom these mob-  
ocrats would like to destroy.

Will the American people be content  
forever to accept the statement of our  
enemies about us? Can good come out  
from Nazareth? When we cry out to  
be heard, we are answered with shouts  
of derision. Our whole Church is put  
on trial! And yet why not? Will truth  
ever be popular?

"But oh, do you wonder that the poor,  
hated Mormons cling closer and closer  
together? Do you wonder that they  
ask whether it be Christ and women and  
Christian ministers who thus incite and  
inflame an already terrible prejudice?  
Do you wonder that they ask them-  
selves why those would lead them into  
the whiter light, and purer way, do not  
come with outstretched, merciful  
hands, instead of piercing the soul with  
ridicule and oppressing the hearts with  
sorrow and hatred? And can you wonder  
that Mormons love their brave leader  
and prophet, whose whole life and  
splendid character is and always has  
been lived out honestly before the peo-  
ple?"

"If you 'Christians' would teach us,  
if you would convert us, bring with  
you the law of love and tender kind-  
ness. Generosity and frank, brotherly  
dealing. These are the weapons which  
ever disarm error and destroy imposi-  
tures. Do you accord us these?"

"President Joseph F. Smith said at  
Washington that he had not talked face  
to face with God, although he had re-  
ceived many revelations in his heart.  
And how truly he spoke, thousands of  
Mormons can testify. And does he  
know, through revelation, that this is  
the Church of Christ, and that Joseph  
Smith was a prophet of God? He does,  
he does, for I have heard him say so  
time and again. And do I know it?  
Yes, I know it as Peter knew that Je-  
sus was the Christ; and on that rock,  
the rock of personal revelation from  
the Father to the Innermost heart of  
Peter, Christ built His Church, both  
in that day and in all days. And do  
I know that my Redeemer lives? Yes,  
I know that I know any visible and  
tangible thing. For this living, burn-  
ing testimony is like a flame within  
me, glowing brighter and brighter with  
each day's struggle and toil. And have  
I had a personal revelation that Joseph  
Smith was a prophet of God, and that  
he saw in open vision the Father and  
Son? Yes, a thousand times yes. I  
know it, as I know that I live. And  
do I know that polygamy is a true  
principle? Yes, I do. And know, too,  
by personal revelation, that the Mani-  
festo was given by God, and that it  
is now the law of the Church and of  
the Lord. And would I break that law?  
I would sooner die. For it is a part  
of my passionate love for my religion  
that I am constrained to live it at whatever  
cost to me.

"I have had personal revelations to  
guide and comfort me in my own do-  
mestic and public affairs. I have had  
the gift of prophecy and the gift of  
tongues; and in all the whisperings  
of the Spirit to me, I have been taught  
to honor and love my noble and pure  
husband, and seek his happiness and to  
rear his children to respect and revere  
him, while they worship God and adore  
their native country. And when God  
has any revelation to give to the  
Church, He will not give it to me nor  
to my husband, good and noble as he  
is! It will come through President  
Joseph F. Smith, and him only. God  
bless Joseph F. Smith! Do I know  
through revelation, that he is a pro-  
phet of God? Yes, I do. I have known  
him these many years as my own  
brother; and a juster, nobler, cleaner,  
greater man I have never known on  
this earth, unless it were my own be-  
loved and honored father, Brigham  
Young.

"I may be mistaken. President Smith  
may be mistaken. We Mormons may be  
mistaken. But we are not corrupt, we  
are not vile, we are not degraded. We  
are as good as we know how to be. Do  
you teach us how to be better! We  
are men and women, like yourselves;  
and we are American citizens. Do not  
fan the flames of prejudice against us  
until murder and mobocracy again  
stalk abroad in our midst. Let us  
work out the problem of our existence,  
with schools, colleges, libraries and  
churches to aid and deliver us, if we  
are in error.

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Chicago Record-Herald.  
The Senate by refusing either to rat-  
ify or reject the treaty with San Do-  
mingo left that unfortunate island, its  
creditors, its government and all, hang-  
ing in midair. The particular region  
in midair which it occupies is one in  
which there is apt to be trouble. Be-  
tween foreign battleships and local revo-  
lutionists no San Domingo man knows  
one night what the next day may bring  
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suages Naples' reputation.

It is charged against James H. Hyde  
that he decorates his horses with vi-  
olets. He himself is a daisy.

If the President has any desire to  
hunt wolves in sheep's clothing he need  
not go so far as Oklahoma.

In the Ute language shorts means  
heap, much. So in digging the canal  
shorts is expected of shorts.

It seems that the juvenile court is to  
have no particular focus, in this respect  
following the example of its judge.

An Ohio man is kicking in the divorce  
courts because his wife kicked him  
while he was praying. One good turn  
deserves another.

An English judge has decided that  
\$1.50 is enough for a man to pay for  
his wife's Easter bonnet. But the wife  
will appeal and win her appeal.

The Czar is beginning to make some  
concessions towards a cessation of ter-  
ritory. It is the first step that costs.  
He will go further and easier yet.

The new Isthmian canal commission  
has no hundred thousand dollar man  
on it. But like Barkus there are sev-  
eral on it who are willing to be.

If Emperor William were to repeat  
the Lord's prayer, and the fact was  
bruit abroad, a portion of the Euro-

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