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## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Confer-  
ence of the Church of Jesus Christ of  
Latter-day Saints will be held in the  
Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Sunday,  
April 3, 1904, and continue until Wed-  
nesday, April 6. A general attendance  
of the officers and members is requested  
and expected.JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
JOHN R. WINDEL,  
ANTHON H. LUND,  
First Presidency.

## THE HYPOCRITES!

To read the comments of some of our  
contemporaries, one not acquainted  
with the facts would think President  
Smith had gone to Washington and  
voluntarily exposed his family affairs in  
detail, for the purpose of astonishing  
people at home as well as throughout  
the country. In attempting to make  
something new and unheard of in his  
frank answers to questions propounded  
to him as a summoned witness, they  
ignore entirely the fact that the protest  
against Senator Smoot's retention of his  
seat asserted that President Smith was  
cohabiting with five wives.Certain religious ministers who pre-  
tend to be shocked at the gentleman's  
open acknowledgments made the origi-  
nal charge themselves, mingled with  
many statements that were untrue.  
When reminded by the Deseret News  
that there was at the time that plural  
marriages were prohibited, a tacit un-  
derstanding that existing plural family  
relations were not to be disturbed, and  
when the "News" stated plainly that  
a number of men were in such relations  
when the contracting of further plural  
marriages was stopped, and would not  
cast off their wives under any considera-  
tions, those religious preachers con-  
tended that no such "tacit understand-  
ing" was had, although it was a matter  
of common knowledge, and the subject  
was discussed here and at the seat of  
government before Utah was admitted  
into the Union.It was because of that understanding  
that the language of the Enabling Act  
was made so specific. It required the  
prohibition of "polygamous or plural  
marriages" just that and nothing more  
on that point. Therefore the Constitu-  
tional convention followed that lan-  
guage exactly, in the clause of the in-  
strument touching on the subject. It  
was done with the full understanding,  
after prolonged debate, that the re-  
quirement meant no more and no less  
than the cessation of plural marriage  
ceremonies. They were to cease, and  
nothing was put into the Constitution  
in reference to existing plural connec-  
tions.We can exercise charity and patience  
toward the ignorant railers who are  
unacquainted with the facts, but it is  
difficult to do so with the tricky writers  
and hypocritical preachers, who wilful-  
ly endeavor to deceive the public, and  
who make vain pretenses of their lack  
of knowledge of this matter. To make  
charges in writing and in print that  
certain persons are living with their  
plural wives, and then profess astonish-  
ment at the declarations of President  
Smith is the very height of impudent  
humbug and the very depth of moral  
depravity.Of the same character is the endeavor  
to charge the Deseret News with de-  
nying these things, when it has ex-  
plained them in this manner times al-  
most without number. We have dis-  
puted the falsehoods told by ministers  
and others concerning the Church and  
new polygamous marriages. We do so  
now. So does President Smith. It is  
on his word and that of his predeces-  
sors, Presidents Lorenzo Snow and Wil-  
ford Woodruff, that we did and do so.  
But we have not denied anything that  
President Smith testified to, at any  
time or in any way.The efforts to make newcomers be-  
lieve that the testimony at Washington  
has revealed something new and start-  
ling and previously unknown, is amus-  
ing and amazing to older inhabitants  
of this city and State, and they wouldmarvel at the audacity and gall of the  
writers who concoct such sensations,  
but that these are merely renewals of  
old anti-Mormon tactics, and origi-  
nate in malice that ever rankles in the  
hearts of their authors.

## EXCEEDING ITS POWER.

Some discussion has been raised over  
President Joseph F. Smith's objection  
to the interference of Congress in mat-  
ters that belong only to this State. He  
had answered numerous questions as to  
his family affairs, which were beyond  
the purview of the committee of in-  
vestigation and that would not have  
been permitted in a court. Pressed and  
pushed repeatedly on the same matters  
that he had frankly replied to already,  
he showed, according to the press dis-  
patches, "more feeling than he had pre-  
viously exhibited, and said as he leaned  
forward:""But it is to the laws of Utah that  
I am answerable and it is the law of my  
State that has the right to punish me.  
The courts of Utah are of compe-  
tent jurisdiction. Congress has no  
business to interfere with my private  
affairs."President Smith was exactly right in  
that assertion. It should be understood  
that there are no laws of Congress on  
such matters that apply to any State  
in the Union. The statutes defining  
polygamy, and other bad different of-  
fenses, are applicable only and solely  
to the Territories. Every lawyer  
knows that, and so do all persons ac-  
quainted with our national system of  
government. And then Senator Smoot  
is in no way responsible for President  
Smith's actions, beliefs or avowals.  
And the investigation was originally  
ordered to find out Mr. Smoot's quali-  
fications or otherwise to a seat in the  
Senate.If people who think Congress, or the  
Senate, or a committee of that body has  
any lawful authority of the kind re-  
ferred to by President Smith, we would  
like the law or clause of the Constitu-  
tion conferring it to be cited for gen-  
eral information. On the subject in  
hand, the Nebraska State Journal has  
the following pointed editorial:"It would appear from the perform-  
ances of the senate committee on elec-  
tions and privileges that a gentleman  
of the name of Smith, had also been  
elected to that body from Utah, and  
that the committee had him in hole.  
Either that or the committee is making  
itself quite ridiculous in its in-  
vestigation of the private character  
and domestic habits of Mr. Smith. It  
is true that Mr. Smith is also an  
apostle, but apostles may perhaps dif-  
ferentiate themselves more or less in  
these little matters. What power  
does the constitution confer upon the  
senate to star chamber a private citi-  
zen and make him answer such ques-  
tions as those propounded to Mr. Smith  
by Mr. Taylor, the attorney of the  
committee? What are we coming  
to anyway? Chairman Burrows may  
not know any better but surely Sena-  
tors Hoar, Foraker and Pettus must  
have lived long enough to learn the  
limitations of senatorial authority over  
Apostle Smith."The questions propounded to Smith  
as to the law of the Church in the mat-  
ter of polygamy were proper enough as  
the charge has been made that it is in  
violation of the statutes of Utah. But  
after he had definitely answered that  
the law of the Church had forbidden  
polygamy since the admission of Utah  
as a state, and that no polygamous  
marriages had been celebrated by any  
Mormon authority since the anti-poly-  
gamy rule had been adopted, it was per-  
fectly impertinent and scandalous to  
insist on requiring Smith to narrate  
his personal experiences in the mat-  
ter. The senate is skating on thin ice."It was equally impertinent to elicit  
from Smith the fact that Mr. Smoot  
had to obtain the permission of his col-  
leagues on the board of apostles to be  
a candidate for the senate. It opens  
the door very wide. Is it a matter  
of inquiry for this committee whether  
a senator had to ask his wife or his  
mother-in-law or his business partner  
for permission to be a candidate? Next  
thing they will be asking whether he  
asked permission of a railroad magis-  
trate or a local politician or a wor-  
shiper that employed him. It is but a  
step from your spiritual adviser to the  
keeper of your privy house, your  
medical adviser or the door keeper of  
your skeleton closet. Is it the inten-  
tion of the committee to take the lid  
off entirely and open a confessional for  
all sundry persons who may come  
down to Washington with credentials  
entitling them to seats in that august  
body?"

## A VILE STORY IN THE "POST."

During the present agitation caused  
by the religious and political protests  
against Senator Reed Smoot, it is not  
surprising that the class of newspa-  
per correspondents known as "penny-  
alliners," take advantage of the occasion  
to furnish sensational matter to papers  
that pander to the appetites for the mar-  
velous. There are some such writers in  
Salt Lake City, who are reaping a  
harvest of nickels from that kind of  
literary labor.One of them, who is known for his  
mendacity coupled with ignorance of  
Utah affairs, is sending out stuff of  
which the following is a sample. It ap-  
pears in the Denver Post with a lot of  
mingled fact and fiction, and of course,  
is gulped down by readers who delight  
in such fabrications. It is dated Salt  
Lake City, March 5."In the southern end of the state a  
prominent bishop announced at the  
Sunday services that he had received a  
wonderful revelation. He said that an  
angel had revealed to him that a sec-  
ond Christ was to be born, and that he  
(the bishop) was to be the father of the  
new Savior. That night the bishop  
called at the home of a member of his  
flock, who was the father of a hand-  
some young woman. To the delighted  
parents the bishop declared that their  
daughter was to be the mother of the  
new Christ. The daughter, too, was  
proud and overjoyed at the great dis-  
tinction which it had been her lot to  
gain. Some time later the girl's con-  
dition became evident and the people be-  
gan to call upon her and, as the story  
goes, fell down before her and wor-  
shipped her. The bishop's congregation  
was in a state of suppressed excitement  
for the next few months. The girl and  
her parents were proud and happy. The  
bishop remained firm in his belief that  
his revelation would come true and a  
new Christ would be born. Finally there  
were developments. But the bishop's  
reputation as a prophet was shattered,  
for it was a girl that was born."There is no word of reprobation in  
the English language strong enough to  
apply to the shameless scribe who in-  
vented the batch of falsehoods thus  
printed by the Post. Utah has suffered  
from just such villifiers for many years.  
They are too low and contemptible to  
be associated with decent members of  
the journalistic fraternity. The entire  
story is false in every particular. Thealleged occurrences never took place,  
and the faith of the "Mormon" people  
in reference to the personality, mission  
and second advent of Christ is so pro-  
nounced, that none of them could give  
the slightest credence to such a story.  
The main thread of it, too, is an old  
 yarn spun by way of a jest. The adap-  
tation to Utah is the work of the cor-  
respondent. The Post is being imposed  
upon by a wilful falsifier, and is throw-  
ing money away on an unscrupulous  
and prurient deceiver. But perhaps the  
Post wants that kind of nickel novel-  
ette matter by way of "spice." How is  
it, neighbor?

## AT A RIPE OLD AGE.

Eastern exchanges notice the death,  
on the first of this month, in a town  
poor house in New Jersey, of Noah  
Raby, who claimed that he was born in  
North Carolina in the year 1772, so that,  
at his death, he would have attained to  
the ripe old age of 132 years. That he  
was very old, there seems to be no  
doubt, for he had been an inmate of the  
poorhouse for about fifty years, and he  
was reputed to be an old man, when  
first admitted to that institution. His  
father was an Indian, and his mother a  
white woman. For several years he  
was blind, but he is said to have retain-  
ed a clear memory until a few months  
ago.Noah Raby was fond of talking of his  
experiences in the eighteenth century,  
but it is feared that he did not always  
strictly follow the lines of truth. Thus,  
for instance, when he asserted that he  
had been present on one occasion when  
George Washington made a speech, in  
the course of which he said: "Go right  
on, fellow citizens, as you have been  
going on, and I can assure you we shall  
have the — to pay in this republic, and  
no mistake." It is thought that he has  
drawn largely on a too lively imagina-  
tion.It is perhaps worthy of notice that  
most people who attain to an extremely  
old age have lived in straitened cir-  
cumstances, if not in absolute poverty.  
Thomas Parr, of England, was a farm  
laborer who worked hard for far over  
a century, married at 120, at 150 became  
"the fashion" and died two years later  
of overeating, having become the pet of  
great people. Other illustrations of the  
rule are: Peter Torton, who was ready  
to swear that he was 185 before he died;  
John Rovin, who thought he was 172,  
and Thomas Danne, who was sure he  
was 154. Hard work, freedom from  
anxiety and worry, plain food and sim-  
ple habits seem to be conducive to long-  
evity.

## WEARING AMULETS.

On the authority of the "Chatterer"  
in the Boston Herald it can be ascertained  
that the craze of wearing real amulets  
is increasing in our most civilized and  
enlightened society, which boasts of ab-  
solute emancipation from superstition.  
Amulets, we are told, are worn for  
every day in the week, and the jewelers  
are working hard to invent new designs  
in rings and charms. The writer says:"The other day I saw a disk of crystal  
framed in hammered gold suspended  
by a fine gold chain round a girl's  
neck. She informed me it was an  
amulet to protect her against germs!  
But this isn't half so funny as wearing  
a ring of clear amber, having no gem,  
that is warranted to constitute a charm  
against appendicitis. They say, too, an  
amulet set with an emerald has great  
powers for good or evil, and if the  
wearer is born under Mars it will en-  
able him or her to triumph over adver-  
saries in any material matter."This is astonishing, and yet it is to be  
expected. The further away a genera-  
tion, or an age, draws from the bright  
source of heavenly light, the more its  
ideas become confused, and its mind  
darkened. It was the withdrawal of the  
heavenly light, after it had been re-  
jected because it revealed the dearly  
loved defects of morals, that left the  
ancient pagan world free to grope about  
in superstitions. The re-kindling of the  
light brought truth and reason again  
to the fore-ground, but the rejection  
of that light has again the effect of  
bringing on pagan superstitions. Those  
who do not believe in God, believe in  
and fear ghosts. Those who reject the  
Gospel, will accept old Hindu philoso-  
phies, sun worship, anything. Human  
nature remains the same in all ages.  
People will reject prophets of God, but  
place implicit confidence in astrologers,  
palmists, fortune-tellers. They will  
scorn at the manifestations of the di-  
vine power, but believe in schlarism.  
Why should they not adopt amu-  
lets? Easy is the descent.Mine, Patti should entertain Wos y  
Gil at Craig-y-Nos.The advent of spring is causing the  
political bees to buzz.An idealist is often a man who has  
more time than ideas.Almost any morning the angle worms  
can be seen to turn.In public affairs higher salary never  
did mean higher capacity.All that it needs to make the canal  
zone healthy is plenty of ozone.The song of the robin is heard in the  
land. And there is none sweeter.And now the "Josephites" have "but-  
tered" into the Smoot investigation.  
Next!Alfred Austin says that poetry is no  
longer read. He shouldn't judge others  
by his own.Mr. Schwab finds Monte Carlo very  
restful. It relieves him of his cares,  
and some of his cash.The joy over the thought of smaller  
coal bills is cooled by the thought of  
the ice bills.General Chaffee disarmed a man who  
applied to the shameless scribe who in-  
vented the batch of falsehoods thus  
printed by the Post. Utah has suffered  
from just such villifiers for many years.  
They are too low and contemptible to  
be associated with decent members of  
the journalistic fraternity. The entire  
story is false in every particular. TheActors' salaries are to be lowered.  
This does not mean that the standard  
of acting is to be raised.

The vast extent of sea that it covers

accounts in a measure for the radio-  
activity of the Japanese fleet.Those who think the year 1904 has  
stirring times in store for Utah should  
hark back to the year 1872.It is still charged against ex-Govern-  
or Steunenberg that he never wears a  
necktie. It shows that whatever his  
faults there are no strings on him.Senator Dubois expects his deductions  
to go in face of all the evidence. If  
facts stand in the way, what are they  
to him?They can lynch a negro as quick in  
Ohio as in Mississippi. And the  
prompting cause doesn't have to be the  
"usual crime" either.Dr. Carlos Montezuma declares foot-  
ball to be the coming salvation of  
the American Indian. Just how is not  
explained. Is the goal to be his sal-  
vation or is salvation their goal?In the strife for naval supremacy,  
why should the United States be con-  
tent with second place? If this country  
has entered the great naval power race  
then it should be content with nothing  
but the first prize. But Uncle Sam  
should look before he leaps.Oscar J. Ricketts, foreman of the  
government printing office, made a  
statement before a House committee  
that the introduction of type-setting  
machines in the government printing  
office would reduce the force thirty per  
cent and make a saving to the govern-  
ment of twenty-five per cent. Such  
talk is less majestic to the Typographi-  
cal union. It is preposterous to think  
of exercising economy in government  
affairs.

## THE RACE PROBLEM.

Worcester Spy.

The latest news from Mississippi in-  
dicates that the governor can prevent  
lynchings if he chooses. By quick ac-  
tion he prevented a mob from burning  
a negro at the stake. Nevertheless,  
the published letter from Booker T.  
Washington to the public is just as im-  
portant as if another lynching had  
taken place.

New York World.

The slight witnessed twice within two  
weeks of southern governors extending  
military protection to negroes in danger  
of lynching is eloquent of the growth  
of a new sentiment in the south re-  
garding the sanctity of life. What Gov.  
Montague did on Feb. 16 at Norfolk  
in guarding with troops a negro charged  
with assault Gov. Vardaman of Mis-  
sissippi at greater cost to the state and  
in circumstances requiring a more vig-  
orous exercise of authority, has done in  
providing an escort of militia to protect  
a negro from mob violence at Bates-  
ville. The Norfolk culprit was found  
guilty by due course of law, and it is  
unlikely that in the more recent case  
the respect shown for order will suffer  
in the courts.

Boston Transcript.

The race question was made the sub-  
ject of sane, wholesome and fearless  
treatment by Rev. Dr. Rowley in his  
sermon at the Commonwealth Avenue  
Baptist church, Sunday morning. It  
was the response of a man who felt  
his Christianity challenged and his hu-  
manity hurt by southern apostles of  
and northern apologists for negro dis-  
franchisement, whether they came from  
the halls of Congress or from a pulpit  
made famous by the champions of free-  
dom and human rights. He showed by  
incontrovertible evidence what the  
present relations of these laws to the  
citizen interests of the blacks are  
logical, and his plea was logical, eloquent  
and sincere. Sermons like this help  
to clear the atmosphere. They are not  
academic; they are not theological, but  
they are Christian.

Boston Herald.

Isn't Booker Washington's request  
that the press and pulpit speak out  
against the burning of negroes some-  
what superfluous? It is our impression  
that our newspapers and our clergymen  
have been devoting a good deal of en-  
ergy and eloquence to that subject for  
some time, and they seem disposed to  
keep it up spontaneously.

Los Angeles Times.

Booker T. Washington is right when  
he declares that the barbarous burn-  
ings of negroes at the stake "are more  
disgraceful and degrading to the peo-  
ple who inflict the punishment than to  
those who receive it," and that "if the  
law is disregarded when a negro is  
concerned, it will soon be disregarded  
when a white man is concerned." There  
is but one safe way—respect the  
law, and enforce it with impartial jus-  
tice.

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