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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Sixty-sixth Semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday morning, October 4th, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m. A cordial invitation is given to the officers and members of the Church to be present.

WILFORD WOODRUFF,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,
JOSEPH F. SMITH,

First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

LOUIS PASTEUR.

The eminent French bacteriologist, Louis Pasteur, who for a considerable period has been suffering from paralysis and who passed away last Saturday, September 28, surrounded by members of his family, obtained a rank among the foremost of the scientists of this century. His last years were marked with almost constant sufferings against which all his skill was unavailing, yet he devoted his genius to the alleviation of the sufferings of others who came to his famous institute. Others he helped, even while death was slowly closing himself in its cold embrace.

Pasteur was born in the town of Dole, in the Jura district, Dec. 27, 1822. His parents were poor, but they gave their son, at great personal sacrifices, the advantages of a good education. It is told of young Pasteur that he early manifested a great interest in chemical studies and nearly drove the teachers wild with questions they were unable to answer. So eager was he to work that on retiring for the night, he was sometimes heard to murmur: "Seven more hours to wait before I can get back into the laboratory."

Pasteur's first experiments were devoted to the process of fermentation, and a result of this was the discovery of a method whereby delicate vintages might be kept from spoiling. A few years later he was appointed to conduct investigations of a disease among silk worms. For five years he labored on this problem, which he finally solved, but the constant use of the microscope brought on an attack of brain disease which terminated in partial, and finally in total paralysis.

Before Pasteur's time, the belief was common that organic decomposition was due only to chemical action. He proved that it is brought about by forms of life in the atmosphere, which under favorable conditions consume the decaying substance, and thus the foundation was laid for the science of bacteriology by means of which medical science was with one stride advanced beyond a stage of uncertainty and placed on a surer scientific basis, for it was found that germs could be employed to destroy germs.

At first Pasteur employed his scientific discoveries for the benefit of the animal kingdom, and later turned his attention to the human system. His victory over hydrophobia, a disease that nobody before him had tried to conquer, made him famous throughout the world. The first experiment on a human being was not undertaken without much hesitation on the part of the great discoverer. It was a serious matter, says one of his biographers, to introduce the active element of so horrible a disease as hydrophobia into a man's blood. What if, instead of making him proof against rabies, he should give him the disease? The possibility was not a pleasant one, and it was a hard thing to find a subject who was brave enough to accept the scientist's confidence as certainty and submit himself to the experiment. But at last one was found. He was a shepherd boy, and the hours that intervened between the giving of the first dose and the time when it would be possible to ascertain whether the medicine would cure or kill were anxious ones. But they ended at last, and the medicine was found to have cured.

Like all pioneers in the path of human progress, Pasteur was at first bitterly opposed by regular physicians, who considered him a charlatan, but he obtained recognition at last as one of the greatest physicians France ever produced. His work is now continued by Dr. Roux, the expert on cancer and consumption, and by Metchnikoff, a Russian, who made the startling discovery of the nature and use of the white corpuscles of the blood.

TODAY'S "SPORTSMANSHIP."

Beginning with today, October 1, the wild ducks and geese which people Utah's lakes and ponds and streams are turned over to the tender mercies of the gunner for a period of five or six months. During that time every human being who is able either to own, hire or borrow a gun has the sweet privilege of slaughtering wild fowl to his own large heart's content. It is not necessary that he possess the first element of a sportsman; he may not know a snipe from a bittern or a teal from a mud-hen; he may understand none of the habits of his prey and be animated by no sentiment higher than that of killing as much as he can of everything that either swims, wades or flies which comes within his range; he may prefer to shoot into a flock, and perhaps wound half a dozen creatures that he never gets but which go off and die, than to aim at a single individual and rather miss it entirely than hurt it unto death and yet not get it for his game-bag and table. All that is necessary is that he know how to acquire temporary possession of a gun, how to load it, and how to pull the trigger.

Oh, there are differences—and none of them more striking than the difference between the average gunner and the true sportsman! Of the former there are many, of the latter few. The one has his chief delight in slaying as often and as many as he can—even the law hardly restrains his thirst for blood. He deems it the height of skill to hurl deadly ammunition in untold quantities against innocent and unwary creatures, and reckons his prowess less by the science and humanity employed in securing his quota of plunder than by the amount of powder and shot expended. With him no bird or beast has any sort of chance if he can sneak up upon it and murder it in cold blood. Compared with him, the pigeon-shooter, who fires with deadly aim upon tender doves held in traps for his detestable marksmanship, is an angel of humanity. Yet he is abundantly in evidence this year as every other, and that there are fewer of his unamiable species who harm themselves in a pastime for which they have no qualification, is as much of a regret as ever.

Before daylight this morning the furious fusillade began. People inhabiting this city's outskirts were awakened by the continuous roar of the shotgun, and the same elevating music was kept up all day. Along toward night the brave warriors will come stringing home, some with buggy-loads of game, and all with big stories as to what they have seen and done. For the sake of humanity let the curtain be drawn over the horrid work, and let every self-respecting person keep clear of the murderous gang. We are happy to believe that few real sportsmen take part in the day's slaughter, where the sole cry is "Kill, kill, kill!" When they refrain from it every one, public sentiment will be in a fair way to estimate at its proper value the service rendered on the opening day of any game season by pot-hunters, blood-thirsty amateurs and that delicious class of philistines (either in inclination or breeding) who think life unendurable unless they can spend one day a year in deliberate and wholesale killing.

SLANDERED FAIR UTAH.

Strangers visiting Utah are practically unanimous in their commendation of the industry and other good qualities of the first settlers of this region, to which qualities it is due that the desert was changed into a garden, a desirable habitation of man. The circle of public speakers and writers who give expression to this view is steadily growing wider, and the world today knows more about Utah and her people than a few years ago.

Still, there are some who, too feeble to keep pace with events as they advance, continue to write or speak in the spirit of the past. Unable to forget and to learn, they merely repeat what once has entered their minds, without reference to its applicability to the present. To this fortunately small class belongs a writer in the Australian Christian World of August 23rd. He prefaces his name with an imposing "Rev." and claims to have visited Salt Lake City immediately after the close of the Christian Endeavor convention in Boston, to which gathering he was a delegate. Speaking of this "capital of the Mormons"—as he calls it—he notices that it is well paved, well lighted with electricity, has "trams" in every direction, and a perfect educational system; but lest anybody in far away Australia should form the opinion that ever so little credit were due to the Mormons on account of anything that is good in Utah, the Rev. gentleman hastens to add the explanation that not a thing is to be credited to that people. Then he continues with a yarn of how Mormon women were driven into the field to plow and plant, and assures his readers that he could tell those poor, downtrodden women by the "worn out, dejected, dispirited look of hopelessness upon their features."

There is absolutely no need any longer of refuting statements of this kind. The only inference to be drawn from them are that Ananias of ancient fame was not the last of his tribe, and that some of the family have entered the ministry. Everybody in this country knows that the settlers of Utah always have kept abreast of civilization in every respect, as far as the conditions of the country, from time to time, made it possible. Nowhere have women been more honored or treated with more respect and tenderness than in this country, and probably nowhere can a more intelligent, public spirited and cheerful class of women be found than in this Territory. Facts speak for themselves in a matter of this kind and need, we suppose, no further demonstration.

PASSING OF THE HORSE.

The very last avenue of employment in which it was believed possible to supplant the horse was that of delivering goods from stores and markets in cities. For street cars, omnibuses and other conveyances where prescribed routes were followed and regular stoppages provided, the patient and useful quadruped's days have for some time been numbered. But his usefulness in other lines has not been altogether disputed, either for business or pleasure; and as already stated, the delivery horse has been reckoned as one of the last of the specie with which mankind would wish to part.

Now comes the report, however, that even in this chosen line of activity the equine is being crowded out. Horseless delivery wagons have been in use for several months in Paris, and for more than four weeks the experiment has been tried in New York also. All reports are to the effect that the trial has been in every sense satisfactory. The vehicle sends about the busiest streets without accident, and it has a speed of from fifteen to twenty miles per hour, with a cost of operation of less than a cent a mile. Of course the original cost of the machine (if that is the proper term for it) is considerable—something like $1,500; but that will prove no bar to its adoption if it shall continue to do all that is at present claimed for it. The power is obtained from the combination of air with petroleum, forming a steam stored in a cylinder through which a current of electricity passes, causing a series of explosions; the driver regulates the speed from a wheel; and the whole concern in its motive parts is not only light and noiseless but is fitted with appliances for the storage of oil sufficient to run it for five days without refilling. It begins to look more and more as though the principal use of the horse of the future was to be eaten.

THE POLKA.

The approach of the winter season with its round of evening amusements, in which the dance plays a not inconspicuous part, may impart an interest to an otherwise tame subject—the invention or discovery of one of the best-known and best-liked of modern round dances, the polka. A French paper of recent date devotes much space to a study of the subject, and accompanies its sketches of the various changes through which the dance has passed with a portrait and biography of its inventor, a young Bohemian girl named Hanicska Selezka. The story is that she was a blooming young peasant maiden, and the best dancer in the village of Costelec, on the river Elbe, and used to perform solo dances of her own invention at the various village festivities. It was in the year 1830, at a farmhouse that the assembled guests asked her to dance a solo, and she said: "I will show you something quite new," and to the music of her own singing she danced the polka step, though with more elaboration than it is now performed. The dance became so popular that it was later made a national dance, and Hanicska named it pulko, as she said it was danced in short steps; from pulko came polko, and finally polka; the dance three years later, in 1835, becoming popular in Prague, and in 1839 it was already danced at the Vienna balls, and one year later became the most popular dance in Paris. An interesting part of the story is that Hanicska Selezka is still alive, surrounded by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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