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FERENCE.

The 5th General conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Salt Lake City on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 29, 30, and June 1, 1906.

On Saturday, May 26th, at 10 a. m., a joint meeting of all officers will be held in Barrett Hall.

Business meetings will be held on Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27, and June 1, for the young men in Barrett Hall of the L. D. S. university, and for the young ladies in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms, and general public meetings in the Tabernacle on Sunday, May 28, at 10 a. m. and 2 and 7 p. m.

All officers and members of the associations are requested to be present at all the meetings, and a cordial invitation is extended to all the Saints to attend the Tabernacle meetings.

Special rates on all railroads. See announcement in newspapers for details.

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LET US ALL DECORATE!

That the city should be decorated in honor of President Roosevelt on the occasion of his visit to Salt Lake, needs no argument. Everybody who can hang out a flag or display a bit of bunting should aid in the good work. The streets along which the President will pass and the parade will march, ought to be profusely adorned with the national colors and such other decorations as are suitable and available. Our merchants will certainly vie with each other in this effort, to beautify the city and to give a cordial welcome to the Chief Executive of the nation. He is President of the whole people, without regard to the nativity, faith or politics of any individuals; therefore partisan feeling is out of the question. We believe the general sentiment is one of satisfaction at the course President Roosevelt has pursued since his elevation to his high office. There may be differences of opinion on some matters, but in the main the people of the United States are with him, and so they delight to do him honor. All hands to the front, with banners and flowers, and music and cheers, for the Chief Magistrate of the American Union!

THAT "CRUSHING" ARGUMENT.

We learn by regular press dispatches from Los Angeles, that at the morning session on Tuesday, Rev. Charles Thompson, D.D., of New York, delivered a vociferous philippic against the "Mormon" Church, declaring that "it is not to be educated, not to be civilized, not to be reformed—it must be crushed." As one reason for the application of this only method, he stated that "No other organization is so perfect as the Mormon Church except the German army." This assertion, however, was borrowed from Dr. Richard T. Ely. But why the "Mormon" Church must be crushed on that account does not seem to be quite clear. Dr. Thompson, after using a number of epithets against "Mormonism," without one argument or explanation concerning its doctrines, announced that "It has one vulnerable point." What or where that point is he did not indicate, or if he did it is not reported.

If Mr. Thompson with a pen point out that "vulnerable" spot, he will do a great service to the numerous clerical and other opponents of "Mormonism." They have been trying to find it for a period reaching over the usual "days of man's years," and have only found "labor and sorrow." He probably had in his mind the heel of Achilles. But that great warrior was only human and therefore had a weak place in his armor, while "Mormonism," so-called, is divine and therefore impregnable to man's assaults.

The sentiment expressed by Dr. Thompson, and widely applauded by the assembly of preachers, must strike the common mind with surprise. What is it that fact that the "Mormon" Church can only be assailed by physical force? Is there no possible success for the weapons of "education," of "civilization," of "reformation"? He said "It is not to be educated, it is not to be civilized, it is not to be reformed. It is to be crushed." This is a declaration of policy to be followed, and it was enthusiastically endorsed by his fellow ministers. Was that a "Christian" assembly? Did the "Reverends" there congregated think for a moment of Christ's admonition to His disciples, when they wanted to call down fire from heaven upon people who "walked not with them." He said: "Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of Man is not come to

destroy men's lives but to save them."

Perhaps the reverend crusher will say he does not want to crush the people but the Church. Well what is the Church composed of but people? If it is the doctrine he refers to, how is it to be "crushed" unless it be by "education, civilization, reformation" or similar influences? Yet these he repudiates and calls for a crushing crusade.

That is similar to the late Rev. Dr. Talmage's mode of "argument." He said he would "gather all the Apostles, Elders and other 'Mormon' ministers in the Tabernacle, turn the artillery of Fort Douglas upon them and thunder into them the seventh commandment." He forgot how many persons in his own congregation and vicinity sadly needed the fulfilment of that commandment.

We do not believe that the thoughtful and tolerant men and women of the Presbyterian faith—many of whom we know and respect—endorse such wild-fire utterances as those which were applauded by Presbyterian divines on Tuesday. Indeed they are condemned by Christian people of all persuasions. His remarks are as puerile as they are venomous. They will accomplish nothing in the direction sought. They will recoil upon his own head. If he had any strong reasons to offer to us so that we might be "educated, civilized and reformed," we might listen to him with interest. But when he talks so bombastically about "crushing" us, we must refer him to a quotation from Christ and a few lines of Butler's Hudibras. The Saviour said of just such attacks as Thompson's: "Whosoever shall fall upon this stone shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall it will grind him to powder." These are the words in Hudibras:

For his religion, it was fit
To match his learning and his wit.
"Thus Presbyterian—true blue;
For he was of that stubborn crew
Of errant saints, whom all men grant
To be the true church militant.
Such as do build their faith upon
The holy text of pike and gun,
Declare all controversy by
Infallible artillery.
And prove their doctrine orthodox
By apostolic blows and knocks;
Call fire, and sword, and desolation
A really thorough reformation.
Which always they much carry on
And still be doing, never done.
As if religion were intended
For nothing else but to be mended;
A sect whose chief devotion lies
In odd perverse antipathies;
In railing out with trait and hiss,
And finding somewhat still amiss;
More peevish, cross and spiteful
Than dog, or dragon, or monkey wilful;
That with more care keep holy day
The wrong, than others the right way;
Confound for sins they are inclined
By damning those they have no mind
To.

Still be perverse and opposite
As if they worshiped God for spite;
The same thing they will abhor
One way, and long another for;
Prove still they one way disavow
Another, nothing else allow;
All pique consists therein
In them, in other men all sin.

THE LATEST VETO.

The legal advisers of the Mayor ought to guard him against such exhibitions as that of his "veto of a committee's report." How can he veto a mere report? The recommendation of the finance committee as to the paving of South Temple street was not adopted by the council. It was referred to a joint committee of the street and finance committee for further inquiry, and there the matter remains for the present. This was explained in the letter that accompanied the account of the action of the council as to the reservation matter. And even the veto as to that resolution does not apply. No money was appropriated for the work, therefore he cannot veto the work, and if so determined, can pass the appropriation over the veto. The whole document sent by the Mayor to the council as to the two propositions, was formed on a misunderstanding of that which he sought to dispose of so summarily. It merely defined a policy concerning two propositions on neither of which his veto would count.

ON FRIDAY NIGHT.

The concert to be given in the Tabernacle on Friday evening should attract an immense audience. Utah's great singer, so accredited by competent critics at home and abroad, was not able at her recent appearance to exhibit the qualities of her rich, beautiful and cultivated voice. But on Friday evening she will be ready and able, it is anticipated, to charm her hearers and demonstrate her talents. We detract nothing from the fame of other home artists in this eulogizing the latest candidate for home honors. We expect a demonstration on Friday evening, however, not only of the brilliant qualities of an exceptional voice but of the appreciation of the public that is critically musical. Fill the big house!

THE JEWISH PROBLEM.

Count Cassini, the Russian ambassador to this country, explains the massacre in Bessarabia by saying that the Jew will not work in the field, but becomes a money-lender who exploits the farmers and ruins them. This is, of course, but an attempt at excusing what should only be deplored. The fact is that the Jew is hated because of his race, and his religion. That is what makes the situation so discouraging. No one knows when another outbreak may occur.

The Russian atrocities, it is now feared, will be followed by outbreaks in other countries. A Paris dispatch says that the massacre in Kishinev has been followed by mutterings against the Hebrew race throughout all southeastern Europe, and there are many indications that portend a general outbreak. That some movement is under way for an anti-Semitic rising in Roumania seems apparent, and the officials of that state are making no attempt to check it. From other sections of southeastern Europe come similar alarming reports.

A London dispatch says that the Jewish population on both sides of the Roumanian-Russian frontier in the region of Bessarabia is deserting its business and homes from fear of a general massacre. Apparently the anti-Semites are

resorting to every conceivable means to terrorize the Jews, freely proclaiming that the Kishinev massacre is a sample of the treatment in store for all members of the race if they do not immediately quit the country.

Inflammatory handbills are being strewn about the cities declaring that the Jews have invaded the land like locusts, not only sapping the economic life of the Christians but also committing ritualistic murders on every hand with Christian babes as victims. These manifestos declare that the time for legal measures against the invaders is gone and adjure the people to use more effective weapons.

Meanwhile the Roumanian government, it is alleged, is persevering in the attempt to create economic discriminations against Jews such as will leave the Hebrews absolutely unable to find profitable employment either for their time or money from one end of the kingdom to the other.

These facts call for some action on the civilized nations of the world, in behalf of the Hebrews who are scattered among the nations of the earth. It is evident that coercion against Russia is out of the question, but a national conference on the Jewish problem could be called together, and the statesmen of the world could find the right solution, by establishing the people as a nation in the land of their fathers. The Hebrews of the United States might urge our government to take the initiative in this great movement. They would be supported in this by the unanimous sentiment of the American people.

If history is authority, the Jew is well worthy of an international effort, for his race has, indeed, a brilliant record, notwithstanding all drawbacks. We need only mention names as Judas Maccabeus and Josephus, in ancient history, and Disraeli in recent times. We may mention financiers, as the Rothschilds; philanthropists as Moses Montefiore and Hirsch; actresses, as Ellen Rachel and Sara Bernhardt; actors as Samson Raphaelson; as Helmerich, Heine, Berthold Auerbach, Israel Zangwill. But why enumerate names? Casanova, Lombroso, Max Nordau, D'Annunzio, Mendelssohn, Jakob Meynert and Theodore Herzl are all names that are indelibly written upon the pages of human civilization. Wherever the Hebrews have had an opportunity, they have produced leaders among men. They are worthy of an international conference.

A careful estimation of the Jewish population of the world places it at, in round numbers, 11,000,000. At the time of David, they numbered probably 5,000,000. But since then, the division of the kingdom occurred, and a greater part became scattered among the nations, and their identity was lost. In this country there are about a million Jews. One fact is sure. They cannot be exterminated. Their destiny is not that. They have endured wars, expatriation, captivity, persecution, torture, but they have survived it all, thanks to their devotion to the faith of their fathers. The time would seem to have come for a permanent solution of the Jewish problem in the world. It should be discussed freely and exhaustively. Never could an international congress be called for a nobler and more important object than this.

GENERAL INTOLERANCE.

The Jews and the Finns are being persecuted in Russia. For the severities practiced upon the Finlanders the government itself is entirely to blame, and there is a growing belief that it is largely responsible for the horrible slaughter at Kishinev, for the reason that if it had taken timely precautions to preserve order the uprising of the mob would have been prevented. In France the monks are being annoyed and harassed, and in Turkey the "Christian" subjects are the objects of persecution. In this country, the "Mormons," if certain bigoted fanatics had their way, would be "crushed." Where are we? Is the world turning back to the intolerance of the dark ages? Possibly. For religious freedom is sure to decline with the decline of the faith that was once held sacred among the children of men.

A LITTLE STORY FROM ROME.

The following little story is told from the visit of the German emperor in Rome. It may be based on fact, or it may be the little effort of a novelist to please the public. The story is that the pope patted Prince Eitel Fritz on the head and called him "his good little boy." The crown prince, Frederick William, was in the room at the time and saw a chance to have a bit of good natured fun with him, so when the two princes and their staffs went into the streets of Rome, Frederick William turned to the officers and asked them to take good care of the "good little boy." Little Fritz got angry and challenged his brother to mortal combat. When the crown prince laughed at the challenge he was told that he would get his ears boxed. King Victor of Italy heard of the proposed duel in some way, and he and Field Marshal Count von Waldersee went into trouble under a flag of truce. The crown prince was made to apologize, and the storm blew over. All of which, if true, shows that there is the right kind of spirit in the German princes. To display the mailed fist comes natural.

New York Mail and Express.

When President Palma took his oath of office one year ago today, there were indications that his administration was born under conditions that would make his failure inevitable. The auguries of angry conflict between the executive and congress, of civil disorders, and financial failure, and of compulsory intervention by the United States, with consequent annexation, were not based upon ill-will. Many of them were uttered by ardent friends of Cuba, and the people generally are disposed to accept the new conditions.

New York World.

Secretary Root truly says in his dispatch of congratulation to President Palma that the year's work has "confronted the enemies of Cuba and strengthened the courage and hope of her friends." John Hay has an opportunity to repeat of the Cubans the noble words he wrote in his "Castilian Days": "Those are those who think that Spaniards are not fit for freedom. I believe that no people are fit for anything else."

New York Evening Post.

The cordial congratulations of every believer in American institutions will go out to Cuba on the first anniversary of her independence. For a year the island has gone its own way, and done so safely. President Palma has far outstripped Gen. Wood. To go into elaborate comparisons would, indeed, be tedious; it suffices to say that the treasury has a surplus of \$2,000,000 against a nominal, but not actual surplus of \$500,000 a year ago; that there is better order in Cuba today than under Gen. Wood, and that the educational and sanitary departments have been as well carried on as before, the death rate being phenomenally low.

The striking electricians should be able to make the sparks fly.

The Pull Mail Gazette objects to the Reliance using Ratey sails. Rate!

Judge Diehl says the police go too far. He did not say they go too fast.

From grave to gay, seems to have been the late Colonel Norton's idea of a funeral.

That anti-Mormon bureau of information at best will be but a school for scandal.

One reason it is so hard to get Greek out of the college curricula is that it is so deep rooted.

Darkness may perhaps cover the face of the city and gross darkness the minds of the strikers.

Mr. Roosevelt must be a very sound sleeper. All that racket at Starbuck, Idaho could not rouse him from his lowly bed.

The telegraph wires in Russia must be working badly. There have been no reports of Jewish massacres for several days.

The road from Paris to Bordeaux will look like the Apian Way if monuments are erected to the victims of the automobile race.

The Governor's appointments to the Board of Horticulture under the new statute are good selections and we believe the new officers will fill their places with credit and ability.

"If some federal judge will issue an injunction against the drought, all will be forgiven," says the Mail and Express. The remedy in this case is a mandamus to compel the clouds to disgorge.

"About this time of the year it might be profitable to keep the fact in mind that 31 persons were killed and 2,772 injured in the Fourth of July celebration of a year ago," says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. The warning is valuable but a little bit "previous."

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