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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-eighth semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, Oct. 4, 1907, at 10 a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members of the Church is hereby requested.

On account of the general Conference being held on the First Sunday of October, it is suggested that the last Sunday in September be observed as fast day in the Salt Lake, Ensign, Liberty, Pioneer, Jordan, and Granite stakes.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held at the tabernacle Sunday evening October 6, 1907, at 7 o'clock. Sunday school officers and teachers are especially requested to attend and the public is cordially invited.

A special meeting of the stake superintendents and boards will be held Sunday Oct. 6, at 8 a. m. at Barrett Hall. A full attendance is requested.
JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
DAVID O. McKay,
General Superintendency.

SEVENTIES CONFERENCE.

A general conference of the seventies will be held in the Assembly hall on Friday, Oct. 4, 1907, at 7:30 p. m. All Seventies throughout the Church are cordially invited to be present, and a representation from each quorum is urgently requested.

Matters pertaining to the inauguration of the Seventies' class meetings on Sunday morning will be fully discussed, and instructions will be given as to the manner of conducting same. "The Seventies' Course in Theology," already in the hands of the printer, will be ready for distribution.
SEYMOUR B. YOUNG,
In behalf of the First Council of the Seventy.

TIRED OF STRIFE.

There is one thing about which all decent citizens of this city agree, and that is that the religious strife which the fathers of the so-called "American" party inaugurated for well understood, selfish purposes, must cease. If the City is to advance as it ought to, considering the natural facilities for advancement. On this point there is practical unanimity of opinion, except for those who make a living by agitation. Republicans, Democrats and Socialists, and even some "Americans," believe this, and hope for some change in the situation as a result of the coming election. Mr. Ashby Snow, therefore, strikes a responsive chord when, in his address, he says: "The greatest single blessing that could come to this community at this time would be relief from religious strife. The restoration of peace and good fellowship is the paramount duty of the hour. The return to legitimate politics would drive the city forward with an impetus never before known." This is a generally recognized truth, and with many citizens the paramount issue at present is how to restore unity and harmony to the community, so long afflicted with bigotry and intolerance.

The party of hatred was formed for the purpose of depriving the citizens of Utah of the privileges of self-government. To accomplish this, it was deemed advisable to create strife and division. It was a question of dividing in order to rule. And so, all manner of falsehoods were invented and told about one class of citizens. Misrepresentations were made freely. Religious prejudices were taken advantage of, and the passions of men were appealed to. That violence was not resorted to is due only to the long-suffering and forbearance of the victims of slander.

Fortunately, in one sense, the leaders of the party of hatred overdid the agitation. They were not content with local vilification and slander. Relying upon the power of bigotry, they hoped to obtain national endorsement for their schemes, and brought their accusations before the United States Senate. And there they met with defeat, for the simple reason that their allegations were not supported by the evidence they offered. Every charge made was found to be false. And, consequently, the party has now absolutely no excuse for existence, except its hatred and the unstable desire for offices and power that

consumes the manipulators. These facts are quite apparent to conservative citizens of all parties. And they hope for a cessation of the strife for which there is no excuse.

A GOOD PROJECT.

City Engineer Keely advises the planting of forest trees upon the mountains at the sources of the city's water supply in Parley's canyon and elsewhere.

No recommendation that we have heard in years pleased us more than this one, and we hope that it will not go unheeded.

Forest fires have been taken from canyon and mountain tops until there is now an actual danger to the constancy of the water supply of many of the towns as they increase in size.

The planting of forests should be undertaken at once. The young trees will soon have other important and beneficial effects besides those of regulating the supply of water. They save the soil itself from rapid washing away into the streams, and freshets.

The verdure on many of the hillsides is dependent upon the presence of trees to prevent the washing away of the soil and the smaller land slides. The beauty of the mountain top and of the canyon drive is greatly enhanced by the presence of forests or even by that of lesser groups of trees. The shade, the shelter to birds and other animals, the atmosphere, and even the sentimental considerations that relate to forests, all argue for the beginning of actual forestry in many parts of the State.

We know little as to the details of the plan proposed by the Engineer for the replacing of forests on certain of the mountain areas near this city; but we know that such a work is highly necessary, and we therefore endorse the proposition in a general way.

And while the subject of forestry on the larger divides is before us, why should not the city officials take some active measures toward the re-forestation of City Creek canyon and the high places adjoining it? Here is a chance for a higher form of statesmanship than that displayed in the "burning" of ward conventions and primaries. Why not do something in municipal tree-planting?

FRESH AIR FOR SLEEP.

An eastern contemporary is frank enough to maintain that many lives might be saved if people in general would sleep with their heads at the foot of their beds. The house-keeper with an eye to appearances puts the head of the bed in the corner of the room or at the side furthest from the window. The sleeper gets no fresh air and the light shines annoyingly in his eyes, unless he still further excludes ventilation with a drawn curtain. The room "looks nice," but the occupant dies of consumption.

It is further argued that the best place for a sleeper's head is in a direct line between two wide-open windows on opposite sides of the room. Few city dwellers can have rooms with windows on two sides; but it is usually possible to draw the bed about so that the nose is close to a window, which should be opened winter and summer to its utmost capacity and unobstructed by shades. The nearer like an open tent the room can be made the better.

These propositions to many people seem extreme; but we really think that there can be no question as to their correctness. The most valuable thing in physical life is fresh air, and it can be had for nothing. Most people succeed in getting a good deal of fresh air in the daytime, but many are content to be slow-poisoned at night in their bed-rooms. Open the windows.

INSANITY INCREASING.

The discussion on the question whether insanity is on the increase, has been renewed in England by the publication of figures which seem to indicate that such is the fact. Ten years ago it was said, one person in every 214 in England and Wales was reported insane. Today the proportion is one in 243. This tendency to increase has continued for more than half a century and has been much stronger than the increase in the population. In 1839 the total number of the insane was 36,742. Today it is 124,988. That is an increase of 247 per cent. Meantime the population has increased only 77 per cent.

These figures seem to be unanswerable, but there are those who refuse to accept the apparently inevitable conclusions, based upon them. They point out that people are classed as insane in our days, who would have been so regarded formerly. Again, the average now receive a class of demented persons who would not have become a public charge some years ago. For these reasons, it is argued, the increase is more apparent than real. More cases come under public observation now than in the past. That this explanation, however, fails to account for the percentage of insane that has been observed for the last fifty years, is clear.

The argument is that the number of mentally diseased was there previous to the improvement in the methods of taking care of the patient, but that as the asylums were improved and multiplied, they were placed in these institutions and became the subjects of statistics. If that is all there is to it, what is the reason that the increase was not most pronounced a few years ago, when this transfer of many patients from private to public care must have taken place? Why did not the increase and the percentage remain stationary, after this great change in the conditions of mentally afflicted persons, if the increase is not real?

By some authorities the theory has been advanced that modern medical science keeps alive the bodies of humans after their worn-out minds have given way under the nerve and brain strain of modern labor. According to this theory there would have been fewer insane under the older conditions, and also those who became insane would have died much more quickly, both factors contributing to the decreasing rate.

That the questions involved in this discussion are of the greatest importance cannot be doubted. That the whole subject is but imperfectly understood seems clear, too, but sufficient-ly is known of the effects of modern strain, rush and hurry upon the nervous system, to suggest the necessity of making right living the subject of a most thorough and earnest study by men and women of a practical turn of mind.

Fair as a star when only one is in the sky—the Utah State fair.

The man who can hit the bullseye of a target can count on making a hit with the President.

Fifteen and a half ounces to the pound of butter is not a square deal. It might be called a parallelogram deal.

Let the Fish-Harriman-Haraban quarrel be confined to circulars sent to Illinois Central stockholders in sealed envelopes.

If that cocktail story defeats Vice President Fairbanks in a Methodist church convention, what will it do in a national convention?

The managing editor of the San Francisco Bulletin is an Older if not a wiser man since his arrest on the charge of criminal libel.

Marconi says that messages by wireless telegraphy will go across the Atlantic in three weeks. Pretty slow, that, when letters go across in a week.

American girls who contemplate buying titles in Europe would do well to consult the Duchess of Marlborough and Countess Boni Castellani before making their purchases.

Had Secretary Taft been an Arab silently stealing away with his tent, he couldn't have got into Yokohama more quiet than he did. The Minnesota passed every signal station without being noticed.

One of the chief officers of the Standard Oil trust is a nervous wreck. But look how many independent oil companies are wrecks to the direct efforts of the Standard Oil.

Governor Comer of Alabama has called an extra session of the legislature, and significantly says: "The purpose is to determine who controls this state, the people or the railroads." If state, the people or the railroads.

The arrest of Managing Editor Older of the S. F. Bulletin on the charge of criminal libel, on a warrant sworn out before a Los Angeles justice of the peace, bears all the earmarks of an attempt at intimidation because of the fearless attacks of the Bulletin on the ring of grafters and thieves that has brought San Francisco into such bad repute. The Bulletin has been a splendid example of what a free and independent paper should be when a great crisis in public affairs arises. It has never hesitated to expose and denounce the bad men who are now being brought to the bar of justice in San Francisco; and its course is to be commended. It has not played the part of a yellow journal but of an honorable newspaper. The present attempt to muzzle it will fail.

SERPENT IN NEVADA LAKE.

Savannah, Ga. A report from Walker Lake states that a monster sea serpent has been seen at the northern end of the lake. Dan Cornelson, a mining man of good reputation for veracity, brought the story to Goldfield. Cornelson says that he and a companion named John McCarty sighted the reptile while fishing from a boat half a mile from the northern shore of the lake. The monster was seen making its way toward the east shore of the lake. Cornelson says that at first sight he took the serpent for a man in a skiff, and when it disappeared for a moment he thought the boat had capsized and he was being carried back. Another resident of that vicinity, a man named Peters, is said to have discovered the serpent some time ago reposing in shallow water near the shore, and on being aroused it disappeared in deeper water. There is also said to be a legend among the Putes around Shoshone concerning the existence of a serpent in Walker lake.

STRANGE FUNERAL DIRECTION.

Westminster Gazette. Sir James Colquhoun, whose recently proved will contains a direction that his body should be dressed for burial in evening costume, was one of many men who have made unconventional arrangements for their interment. One of the most singular of these testamentary directions was that of John Underwood of Wallasey, whose body, fully dressed, was placed in a green coffin. Under his head was placed a copy of Horace, his feet rested on Bentley's "Milton." Bentley's "Horace" was placed behind his back, and on his right and left sides were a third Horace and a Greek Testament. Mrs. Margaret Cousins of Cuxton, in Kent, made her last journey attired in a flaming dress of scarlet silk, and a coal bower of Tong, near Leeds (one Jack Hunter), was laid to rest with his head pilowed on a lump of coal and with his pipe and tobacco by his side.

THE SOUVENIR SPOON HABIT.

Pittsburg Dispatch. Also for the woman who comes to New York and expects to return home with a fine collection of souvenir demitasse spoons. The day of "southern" silverware from the tables of hotel restaurants has almost passed into history, for the great host who takes such a change is almost certain to be visited by the house detective. Said a Pittsburg woman at dinner at the Beaux Arts last evening: "As you folks know, my husband is in the hotel business in Pittsburg. That is why I never receive any silverware. I have a very fine collection of spoons. I have a fashionable restaurant without providing themselves with a spoon as a souvenir. If they knew the hotel business they would never think of such a thing. The demitasse spoons are sold out to the waiters by the cashier, and he is charged one dollar for each one he supplies his party of guests. Now, when the waiter gathers up these spoons immediately after the party leaves the table. And when a trio arose he picked up his tip, then three spoons."

JUST FOR FUN.

The Limit. Miss Sweet, is Miss Stately dream-mech? Miss Slap. Is she dream-mech? Why she won't even accompany a young

man on the piano without a chaperon!—Brooklyn Eagle.

He Knew.

Penitent Old Lady—I have been a great sinner more than eighty years and didn't know it.

Only a Trifle. "Professor," said a senior, trying to be pathetic at parting, "I am indebted to you for I all know."

Nature's Knitting. "Father, what are wrinkles?" "Fretwork, my son, fretwork," replied a father, smiling, confidently.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Limits His Acquaintance. Husband (after introducing a visitor to his wife)—Would you like to be introduced to my daughter also?

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