

ARE IN HARMONY WITH TEMPERANCE

President Joseph F. Smith Says Latter-Day Saints Should Co-operate With Movement.

INTERESTING DATA OF WORK.

Tabernacle Packed With Saints At Opening Session of The Conference.

Members of First Presidency Deliver Addresses This Morning—Authorities to be Presented Tomorrow.

Never before in the history of the Church has the opening session of conference witnessed such an outpouring of people as that which assembled at the tabernacle this morning. Before the hour of opening arrived all seats were occupied and the line of persons standing extended around the auditorium. In fact the limit of the building was almost reached, and outside the crowd was sufficiently large to have furnished another good sized meeting.

If the opening address of President Joseph F. Smith be taken as a keynote, temperance and local option will be the prevailing theme of the conference. The subject of working for reform in the liquor traffic of this state was strongly dwelt upon by the speaker, and the people were called upon to live according to the spirit and letter of the Word of Wisdom. President Smith spoke for about 45 minutes and was followed in turn by Presidents Winder and Lund.

Besides the first presidency, the general authorities upon the stand were Patriarch John Smith, President Francis M. Lyman, Elders John Henry Smith, Heber J. Grant, Rudger Clawson, Hyrum M. Smith, George Albert Smith, George F. Richards, Orson F. Whitney, David O. McKay and Anthony W. Ivins of the quorum of the twelve apostles; of the first seven presidents of seventies, Seymour B. Young, R. H. Roberts, Jonathan G. Kimball, Rulon S. Wells, Joseph W. McMurrin and Charles H. Hart; of the presiding bishopric, Charles W. Nibley, Orrin P. Miller and David A. Smith; Asst. Historians Andrew Jensen and Anson Milner Musser.

Except for the rendition of the anthem, "From Afar Gracious Lord," by the choir, the singing of the forenoon was congregational, the vast assembly singing such favorite hymns as "Now let us rejoice," "Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah," and "Our God, we raise to Thee," in a truly inspiring manner. The opening prayer was offered by Elder Joseph E. Taylor and Patriarch John Smith pronounced the benediction.

PRESIDENT JOSEPH F. SMITH.

In his opening remarks, President Joseph F. Smith welcomed the saints to the seventy-eighth annual conference. It was very gratifying, he said, to see such an outpouring of the people. It showed that the people were interested in the welfare of the kingdom of God. "We have every reason to feel grateful to the Lord for His manifold blessings showered upon us since our last conference," declared the speaker. "The eyes of the angels are upon this people, and He is mindful of their welfare. We do not claim any honor for the deliverance of this people from enemies and opposition. We thank God for His mercies and blessings. Perhaps we owe something to those who have opposed us. For in all that we have suffered the Lord has caused good to come out of evil. It is written, 'Woe unto them by whom offenses come,' and a day of reckoning is sure to come."

The speaker said he rejoiced more in the work of the Lord than ever before, and was more than ever assured that it is the work of God. "There is not a shadow of a doubt in my mind as to the truth and divinity of the gospel that has been restored to man. I am convinced of it in every fiber of my being."

"It is good to come together from time to time in conference capacity. When we will instruct the people as the Spirit of God shall direct, and we will say with him of old, 'Blessed be the name of the Lord.'"

"The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was never in a better condition than it is today. We are finding that the Lord is with us, and we feel that the name of the Lord."

Not only upon general principles, but specifically they are becoming more and more observant of the words of the Lord as spoken, as the truth.

LAW OF TEMPERANCE.

"I believe we are coming to the time when we shall observe the law of temperance, in accordance with the Word of Wisdom. We are finding that the Lord knows better than we in presenting that revelation to His people. The Lord is with us, and we feel that the name of the Lord."



ADJOURNMENT AT NOON OF FIRST SESSION OF CONFERENCE.

Photo by Harry Shipley.

mony with the movement towards temperance throughout the land. We do think the people ought to have their choice as to whether they will have in their midst drunkenness, riot, murder and robbery or whether they shall have peace in their midst.

"I want to say to my brethren that several important movements have lately been organized amongst us for the advancement of our people," said President Smith. "I desire to mention the efforts of the seventies in making organizations and classes to edify their members."

"Efforts are being made," said the speaker, "to put to greater use the lesser priesthood, to train the younger brethren to a stronger realization of their duties."

SHOULD BE EXAMPLES.

"The higher priesthood should be examples to the lesser priesthood, and to all the people. Every man who has been ordained a high priest should be obliged to set an example before old and young and be a teacher, by example and by precept, becoming a power for good in the community. Every person who has light should let that light shine, no body of priesthood in the Church should excel in a local capacity those called to be high priests. Among those are included, however, of the world and its sister, the trustee-in-trust is called upon to meet, could be performed by the lesser priesthood. Such work would do them good, and would avoid much idleness and wrong tendencies on the part of the young."

"The auxiliaries are in a good condition as a general thing; as a whole they are active and energetic, and are doing the work of God. The spirit of contention is not known among Latter-day Saints. Strife and contention exist only among apostates and those who have lost the spirit of the gospel."

1510 MISSIONARIES.

"I have been suffering a little of late with something of a cold," said President Smith. "I have some data here I thought I should like to present for the edification of the saints, despite the fact that my voice is weakening. On Dec. 31, 1907, we had 1510 missionaries throughout the world, and 44 sisters who accompanied their husbands on these missions. We have sent out during 1907, 927 elders. There has returned in 1907, 767 elders. The Church has paid the returning fares of all of these elders," said President Smith.

"These elders go out into the field at their own expense and support themselves while laboring in the field. I feel that to linger longer would be to transgress on your time," said the speaker. We shall hear during this conference exhaustive reports on the expenses of the Church and other matters of interest to all.

"I desire to announce that Chas. W. Nibley has been released from the auditing committee on account of his being placed in the presiding bishopric," said President Smith.

Henry W. Rolapp was proposed and sustained by the people to the auditing committee of the Church.

AUTHORITIES PRESENTED TOMORROW.

President Smith said the authorities would likely be presented before the people tomorrow. "We are seeking for the truth and we believe in the divine mission of Christ and in the divine mission of Joseph Smith the prophet. We believe in every word the prophet gave to God's people. Every word he uttered will stand forever as truth. This is my testimony, and I ask it in the name of Jesus, amen."

PRESIDENT JOHN R. WINDER.

President John R. Winder, the second speaker, said that while suffering from a severe cold he would

doubtless not be heard by all of the congregation, but he desired to endorse every word spoken by President Joseph F. Smith and bear testimony of the truth of the latter day work. "There has been a marked increase in the work performed in the temple during the last six months," said President Winder. "So much so that on occasions many persons have been turned away. Such conditions indicate that the saints are becoming more and more interested in the work of redemption for the dead. There never was a brighter day for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Lord has blessed His people, and will continue to do so, if they will but seek to do His holy will."

PRESIDENT A. H. LUND.

President Anthony H. Lund was the next speaker. He said in part: "I am happy in having the privilege of being with you. I rejoice in the testimony we have heard, and I rejoice in possessing this same testimony."

"President Smith said that a contentious spirit was that of apostasy, and the words of the Lord of the Servant, 'blessed are the peacemakers for theirs is the kingdom of God.'"

"If our opponents only want to argue with us in a contentious spirit we do not desire to confer with them; but if they come seeking truth we willingly answer all arguments they may desire to be enlightened upon."

PRINCIPLE OF GATHERING.

"The principle of gathering is not a principle that was evolved after the Church was organized. The angel Moroni taught it to Joseph before anyone was baptized into the Church. The Prophet Joseph could not have taken this principle from any of the existing religions; it was given to him by God."

"During the first year of the Church's organization there were allusions to the principle of gathering; but it was finally given forth in a revelation to the prophet."

President Lund read the section of the Doctrine and Covenants containing the principle of gathering and said it was given on March 7, 1831, when the Church had not yet been established a year.

"Revelations bearing on the subject of the gathering continued to be given to the Church during the first years of its existence. There were but few people who gave adherence to the teachings of the young prophet, scarcely 25 years of age, and from the conditions surrounding him, he had little to encourage a belief in the magnitude of the gathering of God's people as outlined in the revelations of His word. Many who have yielded obedience to the command of the Almighty to gather out from Babylon have endured untold persecution and contumely, but they have received a pearl of great price that fully compensates for all that they have been called upon to suffer."

"The plan for the migration of the Latter-day Saints to these valleys did not originate with Brigham Young. The prophet Joseph Smith predicted that this people would become mighty and strong in the Rocky mountains. President Young, under direction of the Almighty, led the people to this unwinning land, which by the blessings of heaven has been made fruitful and a pleasant place of abode."

HARRISBURG, IDA. POSTMASTER.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., April 4.—A. J. Faler has been appointed postmaster at Harrisburg, Idaho county, Idaho, vice F. E. Harris, resigned.

FLORETTA WHALEY VERY GENEROUS

Says She Has No Resentment Against Wife of Man With Whom She Eloped.

WAS SIMPLY AN OBSTACLE.

Flora and Ex-Pastor Jere Had to Get Around Her and They Finally Succeeded.

San Francisco, April 4.—Floretta Whaley, who eloped with Jere Knode Cooke, formerly pastor of St. George's church, Hempstead, L. I., in an interview published in the Examiner today, under the name of Floretta W. Balcom, the name now taken by Cooke, says:

"My life since leaving Hempstead has been happy. I feel that I am as truly married to Mr. Balcom as though the ceremony had been performed before an altar and by seven bishops. If I had not loved Mr. Balcom I would not have come west with him, and I regard myself just as truly bound to him as though the church had sanctioned our union. God has surely joined us and no human agency shall put us asunder. If Mrs. Cooke ever obtains a divorce we will be married before the law."

"I have no resentment against Mrs. Cooke. She is only the woman who married my husband before I did. She was an obstacle in our way, and we had to get around her. We have done so, and the only thing we could now ask of her is that she should make it possible for us to be married and take our place in the world as we would like to."

"I naturally grew to love Mr. Balcom. I have known him since I was 12 years old. Every body in the parish liked him and I liked him more than the others. Then I loved him and I knew he loved me. Three years ago we decided to come away and began saving money to do so. I was not 18 years old and we waited until that time."

"The world has not treated me badly since I came away. I am happier as I am than I would be if I were back home, and I do not regret coming."

"Mr. Balcom was never my legal guardian. He was my spiritual adviser and rector and nothing more in that capacity. Since I left Hempstead he has been able to support me adequately. While we have not lived in luxury, we have been comfortable, and Mr. Balcom has had no trouble in making a good living for the baby and me."

Mrs. Balcom, as she styles herself, says there is no truth in the stories that they had a hard time making a living. Balcom, she says, is an expert workman, and makes \$4.50 a day. She says that when her estate is settled she will have between \$100,000 and \$150,000.

INTERESTING AUTOGRAPHS TO BE SOLD AT AUCTION.

New York, April 4.—A number of interesting political and literary autographs from the collection of Bayard Rustin are to be sold at auction in a few days. Among them are letters written by distinguished men and women to Taylor himself. One of the most interesting documents in the collection is the commission of Taylor appointing him secretary of the legislative court of St. Petersburg, dated Washington, April 10, 1862, and signed

by President Lincoln and Secy. William H. Seward.

The collection also contains letters from Charles Dickens, Edgar Allan Poe, Washington Irving and many others. There is also a series of humorous letters written by John Keats and presented to Mr. Taylor by the poet's nephew, C. G. Keats.

EX-PRIEST CROWLEY MARRIED.

Chicago, April 4.—The Record-Herald today says: Jeremiah J. Crowley, the former Roman Catholic priest, whose criticisms of church affairs and his fellow church men in the Chicago diocese, brought him under the ban of an ecclesiastical interdiction, is now a married man.

The first announcement of the marriage of the former priest was made in the True Voice, the Roman Catholic periodical published weekly in Omaha, Neb. The paper received its information from Rev. J. F. McCarthy, the priest of the parish in Schuyler, Neb., of which Mrs. Crowley was a communicant.

Before the wedding Mrs. Crowley was Miss Blanche MacLeod, and was employed as a stenographer in the office of Mr. Crowley. Mr. Crowley now lives in Chicago. He was in the publishing business, his publications being books and pamphlets attacking the Roman Catholic clergy. The wedding ceremony was performed in Seattle, March 3.

HAD A HARDWARE STORE IN HIS STOMACH.

Seattle, Wash., April 4.—Henry Harrison has had removed from the innermost recesses of his system 11 pounds of hardware. Harrison makes his living on vaudeville circuits, swallowing glass, knife blades and horseshoe nails and other incidentals. He is 30 years old, and has been following his vocation for 20 years.

A MOST EXTRAORDINARY DOMESTIC TANGLE.

Baginaw, Mich., April 4.—Seven separate proceedings, civil and criminal, are occupying the courts here as the result of an extraordinary domestic tangle in Buena Vista, a suburb of Detroit. It is alleged that Rottenberg came home from work one evening and found the doors of his domicile locked against him, with the boarder and nine children. Rottenberg sued Ratajzavak for alienation of the affections of his wife, whereupon she commenced proceedings for divorce. Yesterday Rottenberg caused the arrest of his wife, Catherine, and the alleged interloper on a criminal charge.

Ratajzavak says he paid Rottenberg \$200 in settlement of all claims and on a bargain that he should leave him in undisputed possession of the premises, wife, babies and all.

Rottenberg says the money was for other claims, but admits he went to the house and asked Catherine to choose between them, and that she took the boarder.

ORE UNDER TOWN.

Town of Sparta, Mesaba Range, May Shift to New Location.

Ironwood, Mich., April 4.—It will not be many months now, it is believed, before the village of Sparta, Mesaba range, is shifted to a new location. One underlies the present site and to permit of its economical mining, it is necessary that the town be moved.

The new location has been selected following the spectacle of diamond drilling, to determine where ore does not exist. As soon as the work of drilling is completed by the United States Steel corporation and the

ground was seen sufficiently, a wholesale removal of buildings will take place. It will perhaps only be a question of time when McKinlay will occupy another site. Hibbing, the metropolis of the range, is underlain with bodies of ore. As a rule on the old range of the Lake Superior region, the villages and cities have been built on ground holding ore.

STEEL OUTLOOK GOOD.

New York, April 3.—Almost without exception the steel manufacturers start the extra stamping of the dinner given by Chairman E. H. Gary of the United States Steel corporation expressed the opinion that there had been a gradual, though slow improvement in business, according to a statement made by Mr. Gary today. He said all those present at the dinner were optimistic concerning the future. Mr. Gary said no one was required to express any opinion concerning prices and very little was said on that score. He added, however, that so far as he knew, there has not of late been any disposition on the part of any of the steelmakers to change prices.

CAMBRIDGE WINS THE VARSITY RACE.

Putney, England, April 4.—For the third year in succession Cambridge today won the varsity race, defeating Oxford by the handsome margin of about 2 1/2 lengths.

The light blues—the Cambridge crew—fully justified the confidence reposed in them by the riverside experts and forged to the front from the crack of pistol and led from start to finish.

The result was never in doubt. In spite of the advantage of the dark blues—the Oxford men—in winning the toss, which enabled them to choose the Surrey side of the river and thus escape much of the heavy water, at the start the extra stamina of the Cambridge men quickly sent the nose of their boat ahead and enabled them to assume a lead which they held comfortably to the end. The official time of the race was 18 minutes, 19 seconds. The record is 15 minutes and 47 seconds, established by Oxford in 1892, and equalled by Cambridge in 1900.

CRIMES AND CONVICTIONS.

Both Have Increased in New York in Last Three Months.

New York, April 4.—An increase in the city's crime is indicated by the quarterly report of the detective bureau. The report shows that more crimes were committed in that period than in the first three months of last year. As an offset, however, it is shown that there were many more convictions for felonies and misdemeanors and a larger amount of stolen property was recovered.

Commissioner Rinchman was pleased by the report concerning the police dogs attached to the Parkville station, Brooklyn. Since the dogs have been patrolling the Parkville territory burglaries there have fallen from 10 to two a month.

GENERAL CALL FOR INDUSTRIAL CONFERENCE

Chicago, April 4.—A general call has been made for an industrial conference in Chicago next Monday, at which an attempt will be made to unite in an independent federation the Western Federation of Miners, the United Miners, Lithographers and Woodworkers unions.

The call is signed by W. D. Haywood, C. E. Mahoney, James Kirwin, Robert Randall, J. C. Downey, J. W. Callahan, Roderick MacKenzie, and Ernest Mills. Just how the Federation of Labor will look on the next organization is doubtful, but it is reported that its formation will be discouraged as an attempt to break away and weaken the central federation.

IS NOW CHARGED WITH BIG CRIME

Government Men Find Counterfeiting Outfits in Attic of Gregory's Home.

MOULDS FOR MAKING DOLLARS

Prisoner Shows No Particular Emotion When Served With Warrant by Marshal.

Asks for Immediate Hearing Upon New Complaint Saying He Can Explain Satisfactorily.

Eben J. Gregory, who was just bound over to face a federal grand jury on the charge of "sweating" coins, now faces a far more serious offense, that of having in his possession a complete counterfeiting outfit. He was arraigned upon this charge this morning before U. S. Commissioner Baldwin, pleaded not guilty, and asked for an immediate hearing. The hearing will be held this afternoon, starting at 1:30 o'clock. If Gregory cannot explain how the outfit was in the attic of his residence, 234 north Fifth West, his bonds of \$2,500 will be raised by Commissioner Baldwin to a much larger sum.

SERVED IN JAIL.

The warrant, sworn to by Harry B. Richardson, government secret service man, was served upon Gregory in the county jail this morning. It is alleged that three moulds, among other things, were found in the attic yesterday by the government men yesterday.

Mr. Richardson says one set of the dies and mould is a metal affair for making silver dollars of 1891 coinage; another plaster mould and die for making silver dollars and a mould and die for making silver half dollars of 1898 coinage. Other paraphernalia was found in the attic yesterday. Secret service men Fraser and Richardson made a search of Gregory's house yesterday to find further evidence of coin "sweating," etc., and tucked away in the attic they came across the counterfeiting outfits.

The charge of counterfeiting, or having in possession counterfeiting outfits, which amounts to the same thing, was sworn to before Commissioner Baldwin at 11 o'clock. The warrant had been served by noon, and by 12:40 Gregory had been arraigned in the court. An hour later the hearing was on.

Gregory showed no particular emotion when confronted by U. S. Marshal Shay in the county jail. He said he would show that these outfits could not be used for making money, but gave no idea of what he proposes showing they can be used for. The government men will bring in the outfits as evidence.

FLORISTS BILKED BY MAN WHO SHED CROCODILE TEARS

Detroit, Mich., April 4.—Because several florists of Detroit and suburbs have been bilked by the same man, last night a man who, with tears rolling down his cheeks ordered a floral design for the funeral of his favorite daughter, and paid for the order with the one whose testimony had sent him into confinement. The man's name is Charles Acker.

REVENGE IS SWEET.

Convict Breaks it on Fellow Convict After Eleven Years' Waiting.

Chicago, April 4.—Philip Reis, who declares that he was sent to Sing Sing penitentiary for six years when he was innocent of the charge, waited 11 years for his revenge. Yesterday he recognized in a fellow prisoner at Sing Sing the one whose testimony had sent him into confinement. The man's name is Charles Acker.

Reis is waiting trial on a charge of larceny. Acker is on trial charged with robbery.

It was discovered by the identification bureau of the state's attorney that Acker had escaped from Sing Sing in 1897 after serving less than two years. This was revealed in the first place by Reis. If Acker is found not guilty in the robbery case he will be sent at once to the eastern prison.

SALT LAKE INJURED.

Albert Earl, son of Alfred Earl, a station engineer, Kensington avenue (near Fourteenth South) city, was badly hurt in the Pocatello shops yesterday. Young Earl is about 18 years old and it is thought was beating his way when struck by No. 8 D. S. L. passenger. Terrible and horrible injuries were sustained by the young man, his skull being fractured, his jaw broken and his teeth knocked out.

BODY OF MISSING WOMAN IS FOUND

(Special to the "News.")

Kansas, April 4.—The body of Mary Kansas, who wandered away from her home here last December, was found at 11 o'clock this morning, within a mile of the home. The chest was torn open and an arm gone, but otherwise the body is in a condition to be recognized. It lay in the open under a cottonwood tree.

The husband, Mr. Simpson, is in this city and received confirmation of this report from his daughter. The body was found by a farmer and roadhouse Wadsworth, driving cattle across his field.