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A GREAT CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-fifth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, added one more testimony to the correctness of the adage "The latest conference is the best of all." The attendance was greater than at any previous anniversary of the organization of the Church. There was more intensity of feeling, and unification of sentiment, and vigor of expression of confidence in the President and his associates in the leadership of the Church than was ever manifested be-

fore When the authorities were presented for the vote of the assembly there was no mere perfunctory raising of the hands to signify assent to each proposition, but every arm appeared to be lifted to its utmost limit, with a vim that expressed the cordial approbation of the Saints and a desire to exhibit it as forcibly as possible without audible expression. The two exceptions simply emphasized the unanhnity of the vast congregation. Although the anniversary occurred on the first day of the conference, the great Tabernacle was filled in every part with members of the Church, eager to receive instructions and take part in the proceedings.

The addresses delivered were characterized by inspirational light and power. There was no hesitation or obscurity in the utterances of the

est conference ever held by the Church | an international "farmers' trust." It of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The spirit and influence enjoyed during its sessions will be carried to the remotest corners of the several Stakes of Zion and of the missions which were requirement. so ably represented by their presidents. It was indeed a great occasion, and should be a striking proof to the world that "Mormonism," as it is commonly called, is a live, healthy, vigorous and powerful religious system, which is destined to have a mighty bearing upon the affairs of mankind, and bring about those marvelous and beneficial changes the prophets of old predicted, concerning the latter days and the dispensation of the fulness of times. Let God be praised for His abundant mercles to His people! To this we are assured all Israel will say Amen!

THE POSTOFFICE RECORD.

If any comment were needed on the foolish question as to the business conditions of Salt Lake, the report of the local postoffice for the month of March, as given in the "News" on Saturday, furnishes such comment. It shows crowth, health and vigor. The increase in the sale of stamps, postal cards, etc., over the corresponding month last year, amounts to over 28 per cent, a gain greater perhaps than any other city in the country can show. This splendid record for March is due to excellent management of the office, as well as to the growth of the business of the city. The receipts of a postoffice are an infallible indicator of the activity and vigor of general business conditions.

A MYSTERIOUS EPIDEMIC.

New York is worried about the spread in that city of cerebro-spinal meningitis, a mysterious plague, the cause of which is not understood and for which no remedy seems to be known. The mortality from that disease increased from ten in the week ending March 25, 1901, to eighty-five in the corresponding week, this year, and the physicians have not, so far, been able to discover the cause of this advance. The disease is not confined to the poorer quarters, where the people live in squalor and an impure atmosphere. It frequently appears in country villages, and in first-class hotels. The New York Mail observes that, "It is at this time a pestilence which seems to fall as by a special and relentless dispensation of Providence. We are as helpless before it, and may be as super-

stitious about it as were the people of the middle ages in the face of the plague. They knew nothing of the germs which caused the disease, nor of a means of cure. Nor have we any certain knowledge in the case of the cerebro-spinal meningitis." Prof. Weichselbaum in Vienna, who

is credited with the discovery of the germ that is supposed to cause this disease, is quoted in a New York World special dispatch, to the effect that this germ generally enters the system through the nose. Nearly all patients, he says, in the first stage suffer with mucous inflammation, the nasal conditions recembling those often seen in common catarrh. The disease spreads speakers. They went direct to the sub- from the nose to the meninges (membranes) of the brain. This fact, he adds, gives an important hint for preventing infection. Patients should not only be isolated, but strict care should be taken that the matter secreted does not come in contact with clothing, whereby it may be carried elsewhere. Handkerchiefs used by the patient should be carefully disinfected. This should be a warning against the carelessness that often in the spring auses "colds." It should be a warm ing not to neglect such common ailments because they are common, since, neglected, they often develop into more serious allments.

is generally admitted that the agriculprotection, and it is thought that a lcally clean." True as the Gospel! strong organization would meet every

An International gathering is in accordance with the spirit of the times. We are living in the age of international congresses. The nations are coming together, in spite of the war spirit that still rules in many places. It is the spirit of the Gospel of Jesus, tending toward peace and good will, thus manifest among the children of men. And which God has determined, and which | these international gatherings will multiply, until the nations learn that they may as well have an international parliament, and government, without destruction of the national independence. and when that lesson is mastered, the Milennium cannot be far off.

AN ECHO FROM THE PAST.

The following address to the Russian ruler, by the procurator of the holy synod, is no doubt meant to convey consolation and encouragement in the present hour of trial. But it gives the outside world an unveiled view of some of the mysterious corner stones of the Russian government. It reveals the medieval sentiment that accounts for some of Russia's present misfortunes. The procurator says in part:

"Most Merciful Sir: Our dear Lord Jesus Christ Invested you the duty of planting the cross of the Orthodox faith in the far east among heathens who do not believe in God, and who for that reason are not created in the im-age of Him, and are very similar to the unclean creature, the monkey. It is not an easy matter to carry the cross emerically to plant it among your cross, especially to plant it among your enemie

'Our Lord Christ was not the only one to undergo heavy trials, but also the apostles and the czars-your forefathers. The hour of triumph is near! The failure of the Czar's army to "plant the cross" among those pagan "monkeys" should open the eyes of the imperial disciple to the fallacy of the teachings of his ecclesiastical ad-

viser. In the ancient theocracy, when the armies of Israel were driven back and the enemy invaded the boundaries of Canaan, the rulers knew that the Lord was displeased with them, on account of sins and transgressions. Repentance brought victory. If the Russian Czar is the head of a theocracy, he should go for an important lesson to the history of the Mosaic dispensation.

A SPRING TONIC.

Many believe they need a spring tonic this time of the year. They feel as if the organs of their body were out of order and in need of extra attention, to perform their functions properly. Medical Talk for April has the following practical suggestions for a spring

tonic "Open up your windows and doors and let the sun and air get in and pur-ify and renovate your house, and while ify and renovate your house, and while it is doing that you just go outdoors and go to work at something. Clean up your backyard. Dig out the old tin cans and stones and sticks; rake up all the litter and make a bonfire of it. Then sweep the yard nice and clean. Select a part of it for a flower garden or a vegetable patch. Get a spade and spade up the earth, pulver-ize it and get it in good condition. Now plant some flower seeds. Lark-spurs, marigolds, sweet-williams, pinks, verbenas, poppies, primroses,

blood. fold menaces,

put persons morally corrupt in positions of trust; for, he says, "those who tural classes, more than others, need are not morally clean, cannot be polit-

> How exclusive and aristrocratic the people who live in Fifth Avenue are, is shown in the fact that of sixteen thousand bables born in New York in the last three months, only ten were born in that famous residence district. Truly these babies belong to the upper tendom

> Very excellent were the remarks of the President at San Antonio on the folly of some parents in the rearing of the children, the folly of endeavoring to make their path in life one all strewn with roses. His remarks were in reality an elaboration of the old saying. "Spare the rod and spoll the child."

BOYS' HAIR GROWS SLOWER. Kansas City Journal.

It is a curious fact that a boy's hair grows one-half slower than a girl's. In boys the average rate of growth is three feet three inches in six years, be-ing an average of .018 inch a day. Dur-ing the twenty-first and twenty-fourth years a park bair enough output the ing the twenty-first and twenty-fourth years a man's hair grows quicker than at any other period. It takes an eye-lash twenty weeks to reach a length of .429 inch, and then its life is from 100 to 150 days. By means of a camera the wink of an eyelid has been measur-ed, and it was found that twenty winks can be made in four seconds. can be made in four seconds.

HAIR FROM THE DOG THAT BIT.

Baltimore American. Experiments are to be made in the way of treating the 'nsane with hot air. It might be casually mentioned that a large part of the community outside the asylums are constantly being treated with hot air, with satisfactory financial results to the experimenters.

IDEALISM IN BUSINESS.

New York Evening Mail. Robert C. Ogden is a good man to talk about idealism in business, be-cause he practises it. Perhaps many other business men, whose activities in good works are not so numerous or so intense as are those of the president of the southern educational board and the prime movements of dozen other

or the southern educational board and the prime mover in a dozen other wholesome enterprises, are also ideal-ists without knowing it. Many people scorn the word "idealism" who more or less unconsciously practise the thing, just as many thoroughly sentimental persons imagine that they despise sen-timentalism. timentalism.

PERILS AND PROMISES GALORE.

Providence Journal. It is thought that 68,000 immigrants have landed at Ellis Island within a period of 15 days. That is an immense total, and as the great majority of the foreigners come from southern Europe the theorists are grieved. Of course, the optimists remind us that Chopin was a Pole and that Paderewski is his compatrict; that the great Kossuth came from Hungary, and that Italy has produced a vast host of em-inent persons in all departments of art, letters and politics—the inference being that we may entertain some potential genius unawares at Ellis Isand, or at least that in the next gen-eration a most valuable element may be introduced into our composite population by this rich influx of southern blood. But that hopeful view does not rob the existing situation of its mani-



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jects of their remains. President Joseph F. Smith, in the opening address gave the key to the situation and a tone to the entire proceedings, which was manifest to the close. The subjects treated of were all pertinent to the times and such as to promote the cause of the Church and increase the faith of its members in the Lord, in the principles of the Gospel and in the authority of that holy Priesthood which came down out of heaven from God to chosen men in the nineteenth century.

Every meeting was fully attended. On Sunday morning there was not room in the great building to hold the people who endeavored to crowd under its spacious roof. Many hundreds had to remain in the grounds or go back to their homes. In the afternoon the scene in the Tabernacle was most wonderful and inspiring. Not only was every seat pecupied, but the standing places above and below and in the doorways were crowded with eager listeners. The Assembly hall was also then filled to its utmost capacity, and great masses of people in addition were in the grounds unable to enter either of the spacious buildings.

The Priesthood meetings were also farger than ever before, and there was not one dissentient voice or expression to the proceedings, but everyone pres ont seemed to be animated with a de termination to devote himself to the interests of the latter-day work, and to bear up and sustain, fully and completely, the man whom God has placed at the head of the Church, and also those who are called to ald him immediately in the utfairs thereof. The love and esteem as well as perfect confidence exhibited towards President Joseph F. Smith were indeed gratifying. and particularly marked. As Trusteein-trust to hold and control the properties of the Church, and as the inspired President and Prophet of the Church, he received the fullest and most complete endorsement that it was possible to exhibit.

The musical exercises were of the choicest character. The Tabernacle choir, under the leadership of Brother Evan Stephens, and the great organ. manipulated by Brother J. J. McClellan, afforded the highest satisfaction and contributed largely to the pleasure of the occasion. The solos, too, were glorious and af a very high musical character, thrilling the souls of all listeners and alding to promote the general harmony which was a distinct feature of this great gathering of the Latter-day Saints. The Ogden Tabernacle choir, under the leadership of Brother Joseph Ballantyne, gave most splendid service in the Assembly Hall in the afternoon and at the conference of the Sunday School Union in the Tabermele in the evening, and gained many encomiums from the congregations.

The weather during conference was most propitious, and the rains which threatened to mar the general comforwere held off apparently until the close of the conference. Everything conspired to promote the pleasure and happiness of the throngs who gathered from every point, to worship the Lord and engage in the duties of the grand- sought to be gained by the formation of

A CONGRESS OF FARMERS.

The king of Italy, Victor Emanuel, has invited the civilized governments to send representatives to a congress to be held at Rome some time during the month of May, for the purpose of discussing the interests of the world's farmers, and especially the subjects of agriculture, immigration and labor generally. Representative agricultural and labor organizations of this country have given the plan the heartlest endorsement and have made representaden tions to President Roosevelt, both that e accept the invitation of the King to designate delegates to the congress proposed, and that in the number, there be some prominent in the interests that they represent. The President has already named two delegates, one the newly appointed minister to Italy. If

the requests of these organizations are fully met, other names to those already announced, will need be added. The king, in recommending the ques tion to the consideration of his ministers, explained that the suggestion was made by an American citizen, Mr. David Lubin, and that it appeared practical to him. He added:

"The agricultural classes, generally the most numerous, and who exert everywhere a great influence on the des tiny of nations, live disunited and dis persed, and are consequently unable to provide adequately for the improvemen and rational distribution of the variou forms of agricultural produce, and to safeguard their own interests on the markets, which, in the case of agricul-

ture, are becoming every day more in ternational. For this reason an inter-national institution, absolutely unpolit in its aims, which would have b it the conditions of agriculture different countries of the wor alch would notify periodically the uantity and the quality of the crops in and, so as to facilitate the production ch crops and render less costly and rapid the trade in same and facil-the attainment of a more favora settlement of prices, would be mos hly beneficial. This institution, act ng in unison with the various national ssociations already constituted for imilar purposes, would also furnish reinformation as to the deman³ and y of agricultural labor in various of the world, so as to provide parts of the world, so as to provide emigrants with a safe and useful guide; It would promote those agreements nec-essary for collective defense against diseases of plants and domestic animals which cannot be successfully fought by means of partial action; and, lastly, it would exercise a timely influence on the development of societies for rural co-operation, for agricultural insurance and for agrarian credit."

wild.

This gives a good idea of the object

plnks, verbenas, poppies, primroses, four o'clock, ragged-robins, petunias, hollyhocks-good old-fashioned flowers that will give you bloom and beauty all summer long. The dismal, narrow backyard of the city can be turned into Schilling's Best.

a restful, refreshing spot. Of course if you live in the country, where there is plenty of space, you could go a little farther, and, in addition to the flower garden, have a vegetable garden also A little work morning and evening and you can have fresh lettuce, young onions, peas, tomatoes and many other vegetables all summer long. And all this time you are getting your spring tonic. Outdoor work." Try the recipe. There would be less

sickness and fewer cases of mortality, were alleys and backyards properly cleaned. In some cities the health department employs inspectors to see that this work is properly done, and this extra expenditure is considered a well paying investment.

Rojestvensky seems to be salling right into troubled waters. Because an article is double leaded

it by no means follows that it is loaded. Between France and Germany Mo-

rocco looks like Daniel in the lions' The State will never be able to keep the wolf (skins) from the treasury door

so long as there are bounties. If Linevitch knew just where Oyama's army was he could use the knowledge to his country's great advantage.

What has the Mothers' congress to say concerning the acceptance of Rockefeller's gift? That body acts as the final court of appeals.

The latest divine to attack the Rockefeller gift is the Rev. Josiah Strong of Boston. But even he will find out that the battle is not to the Strong alone.

Becky sitting on the bed on the brandy bottle isn't in it as a picture with Secretary Taft sitting on the lid holding down any uprising in San Domingo.

A great naval battle between the Russian and Japanese fleets is said to be impending. Just where it will take place is not known, except that it will be in hot water.

German official circles are annoyed over Foreign Minister Delcasse's remarks in the deputies on the Moroccan situation. This will be pleasing news to the French.

A strong movement has been started n the Pacific coast for the exclusion of the Japanese. If it has no more success than the one started in Russia it will be a dismal failure.

All through the South and down mong the Rough Riders the President us been listening to the plaudits and praises of his countrymen, but in Colorado he will listen to the call of the

A friend of the "News" philosophically remarks that it is a mistake to

