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## GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Seventy-fifth annual Conference  
of the Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-  
ter-day Saints will convene on Thurs-  
day, the 6th of April, and adjourn Fri-  
day afternoon until Sunday morning,  
and close Sunday afternoon.A general Priesthood meeting will  
be held on Friday night, commencing  
at 7:30.The special Priesthood meeting for the  
General and Presiding Authorities of  
the Church will be held in the Assem-  
bly Hall on Saturday morning, at 10  
o'clock.JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
JOHN R. WINDER,  
ANTHONY H. LUND,  
First Presidency.The general semi-annual conference  
of the Deseret Sunday School Union  
will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt  
Lake City, Sunday, April 9, 1905, at 7  
o'clock, p. m. Officers and Sunday  
school workers are requested to attend  
and all are cordially invited.JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
GEORGE REYNOLDS,  
JOSEPH M. TANNER,  
General Superintendency.

## TREND OF MODERN THOUGHT.

Wonderful experiments are being  
made at the present time, for the pur-  
pose of ascertaining some of the deep  
secrets of nature. Prof. Loeb's at-  
tempt at bridging the chasm between  
organic and inorganic creation, does  
not appear to have been crowned with  
success, so far. Nor will it be, until  
the true nature of both spirit and mat-  
ter is more fully understood than at  
present. The experiments of Mr. Bur-  
bank have brought more satisfactory  
results. He has produced several new  
varieties of flowers and fruits. But  
his problem is much easier than that  
which suggested itself to Prof. Loeb.Among the remarkable experiments  
in this field are those of Prof. Stand-  
fus of Zurich, who is said to have re-  
produced ancient varieties of butterflies,  
and new forms, entirely unknown. The  
Worcester Gazette quotes a communica-  
tion from Europe in which it is  
stated that the professor, after years  
of experiments, has discovered that  
new species and races may be formed  
by the influence of high and low tem-  
peratures. The Swiss savant, we are  
told, has confined his experiments to  
butterflies, and has obtained remark-  
able results. Taking some 6,000 ordinary  
caterpillars in their different stages of  
metamorphosis, he exposed them to  
temperatures varying from 40 degrees  
to -4 degrees C. Most of them de-  
veloped into butterflies of ancient  
species, which are now very rare, while  
others developed into totally new  
species.We know not how authentic this  
story is, but it sounds reasonable. It  
is known that temperature plays a  
most important role in the mainten-  
ance of life, in all its known forms,  
and it is highly probable that heat was  
one of the agencies by which the Cre-  
ator availed himself for the bringing  
forth of genera and the multiplication  
of endless species and varieties.To the wonderful lines of research  
now pursued belongs the various at-  
tempts at finding a solution of the mys-  
teries of perpetual youth. Some notable  
speculations in this field have  
just been set forth by one Mr.  
Charles A. Stephens. From notices  
of his book, "National Salvation," it  
appears that since the unicellular pro-  
toplasmic structures are practically  
deathless, he can see no reason why the  
co-operative colonies of cells (digestive,  
muscular, cerebral, neural, etc.) that  
form the human body should not live  
for thousands of years if properly cel-  
lularized, fended from bacteria and  
protected by proper social environment  
and climatic adaptation through swift  
transportation facilities.That is, practically, saying what sci-  
ence long has admitted, that there is  
really no known scientific reason why  
death should exist, why the process of  
growth should be stopped, and decay  
set in. The problem, according to Dr.  
Stephens, is to know how to recharge  
the germinal matter of the body and  
keep it up to the original vigor im-  
parted by the germ-ovum it started  
with, or how to make repair exceed  
waste. He thinks that the immediate  
future will see some startling discov-  
eries in the way of renewing the somatic  
cells by some kind of cell-fool inocu-  
lation, some form of inward radiation of  
ions into the swift-circulating blood that  
shall perpetually renew each one of the  
myriads of individual cells. But paral-  
lel with this must go, he says, great  
improvements in the outward environ-  
ment—the purification of the atmos-  
phere from its present disgusting  
hordes of bacteria, for instance; the  
eradication of poverty; selection of cli-  
mate by rapid transportation facilities,  
and the like. "Life," he argues, "be-  
gins in the single cell. For millions ofyears that was the only form of life on  
the planet. By combining with each  
other, these cells increased their span  
of life 30 thousand times. If man's life  
could be prolonged in proportion he  
would live eighteen thousand years!"These propositions may appear to be  
wild imaginings, but they indicate the  
trend of thought in the present age.  
And they prove that scientists are ap-  
proaching the lofty heights of the  
prophets of old, who saw in the dim  
future a time in which the days of man  
were to be as the days of a tree. But  
this, thank God! cannot be, until man  
shall have learnt righteousness and  
peace. With the present tendencies to  
strife and hatred, under the cruel rule  
of selfishness and ambition it is a bless-  
ing that man's life is short, and that  
new generations take the place of old  
ones in rapid succession. Only so is  
progress toward liberation from sin and  
error possible. Under present condi-  
tions death is a blessing. Perpetual  
youth would be desirable only among  
perfected beings; not among slaves to  
their own evil desires and the influ-  
ences of the powers of darkness.

## ZOPPIUS, SLAVE OF AMBITION

Count Tolstoi is a striking illustration  
of the great truth that a man can be  
free, even under a most tyrannical form  
of government. He has arrived at the  
point where he can say whatever he  
pleases, and do whatever he pleases,  
simply because he says and does only  
what his conscience approves, and  
does injury to no one, per-  
fectly willing to take the conse-  
quences, even if he were required to lay  
down his life for his belief and acts. He  
is, in this respect, where all true mar-  
tyrs have been. He is free, even in  
Russia, demonstrating how impossible  
it is for any earthly government to  
wholly deprive any man of his birth-  
right to freedom in righteousness.But there is one form of tyranny un-  
der which man loses every vestige of  
freedom and becomes the most abject  
of slaves. And that is the tyranny of  
sin and passion. Those who are giving  
themselves up to that kind of bondage,  
sell their birthright, stunt their intel-  
lects, become traitors to their own  
households, kill their bodies and give  
their souls into certain damnation—all  
to gain their one object.Ambition is a most merciless master.  
History records the case of one Zoppius,  
who became possessed of an un-  
conquerable desire to obtain the  
rulership of Babylon. He was the  
son of one of the seven grandees of  
Persia, and had ample opportunities  
among his own people, but ambition  
prompted him. And so, when the Per-  
sians under Darius laid siege to the re-  
nowned city, Zoppius thought of a  
stratagem. He slit his nose and lips,  
cut off his ears, and wounded himself  
all over the body. In this mutilated  
and repulsive condition he ran to the  
camp of the enemy and told them that  
his own people had thus treated him,  
wherefore he now came a fugitive to  
the Babylonians, asking to be received  
by them. He promised to serve them  
faithfully in order to obtain revenge  
upon his brethren. The trick succeeded.  
He was welcomed by the Babylonians,  
betrayed them, and was rewarded with  
the governorship. Buy, note what some  
men will do, to gratify ambition! They  
are abject slaves under that tyrant.  
They care not how they reach the goal  
of their passion. They are willing to  
cut off their ears and gouge out their  
eyes, and become both deaf and blind to  
truth, and in addition have their con-  
sciences branded, as long as they gain  
the desire of their hearts. And all this  
while they are preaching "liberty."There are many conditions from  
which the world must be saved through  
the "perfect law of liberty"—the Gos-  
pel of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints, and this slavery to ambition  
and other passions is one.

## LAW NOT TOO NICE.

The New York World quotes a curi-  
ous opinion rendered by the Washing-  
ton Supreme court, to the effect that  
adultery is excusable under certain cir-  
cumstances. The case in point is that  
of a wife, subject to cruel treatment by  
her husband. The court says:"The next natural result is the long-  
ing on the part of the wife for sym-  
pathy and companionship from some-  
body else, and when that sympathy is  
proffered it frequently happens, as we  
think it did in this case, that she ten-  
ders in return therefor the highest  
measure of reciprocation. And while  
the law will not excuse crime of any  
kind, neither will it be too nice in its  
distinctions and take from a wife, on  
account of her weakness, her share of the  
property which has been earned by her  
and give it to a husband who by his  
brutal nature and treatment has been  
largely instrumental in her downfall."There may be common sense in this  
argument, perhaps, but even if this is  
admitted, the fact remains that it is  
a wide departure from old, established  
ideals.

## TOLSTOI, ANARCHIST.

Count Tolstoi has, at last, come out  
with a strong declaration in favor of  
anarchy; not, indeed, of the violent type  
that has been responsible for so many  
scenes of horror, but of the gentle vari-  
ety that merely regards all forms of  
government as tyranny.The Russian philosopher, in a letter  
to the London Times, says that he re-  
gards not only the Russian govern-  
ment, but all governments, as "intricate  
institutions sanctified by tradition  
and custom for the purpose of commit-  
ting by violence and with impunity the  
most dreadful social crimes." He there-  
fore thinks that the efforts of reform-  
ers should be directed to the liberation  
of themselves from governments.The count is particular in denouncing  
all forms of government, and not au-  
toritary alone. He therefore says that  
in America, France, Germany, Japan and  
England the pernicious character of the  
governments is so marked that those  
belonging to those nations point to  
events in Russia and naively imagine  
what is done in Russia is done only in  
Russia, while they enjoy complete free-  
dom and need no improvement of their  
positions. "But," he adds, "they are  
in the most hopeless state of slavery—  
the slavery of slaves who do not un-  
derstand that they are slaves and pride  
themselves on their positions as slaves.The fact is that every coercive gov-  
ernment is in the essence a great and  
unnecessary evil. Therefore the aim  
both of the Russians and of all men  
should not be to replace one form of  
government by another, but to free  
themselves from every government and  
abolish it."That is anarchy, pure and simple,  
without even the adornment of oratory.  
Tolstoi used to profess belief in the  
New Testament. How does he explain  
his theory of government, if it be com-  
pared to the declaration of St. Paul,  
that government is of divine origin?  
Suppose every form of government  
were suddenly abolished. That would  
eliminate the paternal rule in the home,  
the discipline of schools, and the right  
of man to exercise dominion over the  
animals. What would the consequence  
be? And it would be just as disas-  
trous to human society to have every  
form of government abolished, as it  
would be to the home, to let anarchy  
there take the place of parental super-  
vision of affairs.Undoubtedly, there are a great many  
laws in every country, that are super-  
fluous, and more government than is  
strictly necessary. And when men and  
women shall have attained a high de-  
gree of moral perfection, laws and  
government will be less needed than  
they are now. But, until that time  
comes, we cannot do without them.  
There is a good deal of the savage in  
human nature, and unless this is held  
in check, evil will triumph. Anarchy  
is impractical.

Cain was the first "knocker."

The Mothers' congress no doubt feels  
better now.The Missouri legislature took a  
warning and elected Warner.Was that Colorado crime committed  
in the name of liberty or what?When real March weather does come  
how these lovely March days will be  
missed.Could the United States erect a pub-  
lic building that would not be on clas-  
sical lines?The crop of spring poets is very back-  
ward this year. They are missed but  
not regretted.Kuropatkin might very appropri-  
ately read Wolsey's soliloquy and apply it  
to his own case.It may not be many moons before  
General Linevitch will also be in the  
"also ran" class.It is hard to tell which is most at sea,  
Rojestvensky's squadron or the Rus-  
sian general staff.Linevitch will now learn, what Kuro-  
patkin learned long ago, that newspa-  
per frumps usually nip.One of Salt Lake's troubles, about her  
chief one in fact, is the presence of so  
many "belly-achers" in her midst.Senator Depew calls private cars "the  
bandits of commerce." It is now cer-  
tain that he does not own an interest  
in any.Miss Ellen Stone is going back to  
Macedonia. She finds it quite impos-  
sible to resist the Macedonians, they  
have such taking ways.If the Russian army is wise it will  
not cease retiring until it reaches St.  
Petersburg. The Japanese would  
hardly care to pursue it that far.From a good and safe distance Father  
Gopon advises the Russian people to  
start a revolution. In such cases those  
who lead and not those who urge have  
most influence.

## HER COLLAR A GOLDEN SERPENT

New York Press.

Not for the world would Mrs. E. C.  
Heinze have anybody think she was im-  
itating Cleopatra's feat of pressing an  
asp to her bosom; nevertheless a golden  
serpent girdles the millionaire's wife.  
The more nervous of her women friends  
eye that collar askance, for it is made  
of such delicate threads of gold wire  
that, when the wearer lifts or lowers  
her head, the yellow band actually  
seems to writhe. Unpleasant? Yes, be-  
holders say so, but Mrs. Heinze takes  
unalloyed delight in her treasure. The  
gold coil is so long it goes three times  
around her throat, and the head of the  
snake, which protrudes from be-  
neath her left ear, has brilliant emerald  
eyes that fascinate in almost the man-  
ner that childish lore attributes to the  
eyes of a real snake.

## MAKE YOUR PEDESTAL.

Kansas City World.

Ninety-nine men in a hundred think  
they each would cut a fine figure if  
only they could find a pedestal, and  
upon a really-made pedestal.  
There's nobody in the business of mak-  
ing pedestals for others to stand on.  
A good way to begin is by taking the  
best job you can get, though a little  
one, and turning it into a big one. The  
smaller it is when you take it, the  
bigger you make it, the better.

## THE GLOBES IN LAKE MICHIGAN.

Chicago News.

Along the water's edge for miles on  
the north shore are countless curiously  
formed pieces of ice. They have at-  
tracted attention since soon after freez-  
ing weather set in. The pieces of ice  
were rolled so smoothly by the  
waves that they became almost perfect  
spheres. They resemble enormous peb-  
bles, some of them more than two feet  
in diameter. To hundreds of students  
the ice balls have served to show the  
manner in which pebbles are formed by  
the action of water.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

An entertaining description of one of  
the most remarkable trips for health  
and pleasure ever undertaken by a party  
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horse-back hunt in Texas and Mexico—  
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lie's Weekly, by that paper's special  
correspondent, Otton Willets. Two  
pages of the number are filled with  
pictures of interesting scenes attend-  
ing the recent inauguration of Presi-  
dent Roosevelt. Additional illustra-  
tions include a drawing of the front by  
F. C. Ransom, representing the Car at the hands  
of his subjects; a group of photographs  
of the maneuvers of the Northern Atlan-tic fleet in the Caribbean Sea; notable  
scenes in the far East war; portrayals  
of the havoc wrought by the recent \$5,-  
000,000 fire in New Orleans; pictures  
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