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NOTICE.

The Seventieth Annual Comerence of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at ten a. m., on Friday, April 6th, 1900.

> LORENZO SNOW, GEORGE Q. CANNON, JOSEPH F. SMITH, First Presidency.

A SOCIAL QUESTION.

It is beginning to dawn upon the minds of some of the social reformers who have regarded Utah as the chief field for their exertions, that there are other spheres of usefulness where their influence might be brought to bear with profit to the country. The alleged evils existing in this State have been greatly exaggerated to their view, and have become so magnified as to exciude from their observation the actual disorders of the society in which they live, and move, and have their being. The subject of marriage and divorce, as it effects the civilized world, is attracting considerable attention. The looseness of the marriage tie, when regarded as a civil contract to be dissolved for trivial causes at the whim of the parties, is one of the great evils of the age. It encourages divorce. It tends to dissever the attachment which should bind children to parents, and so becomes a real foe to the "American home."

Divorce has become so common in the United States that it is having a very baneful effect upon society. Children of divorced persons are placed

less respected, and more and more diverse as to their reasonings, rules and conclusions. They are, therefore, fallto be viewed simply as a civil contract great army. It is, therefore, not unand divorce the dissolution of that business agreement. It is losing its sanctity. "What God hath joined together" is

largely looked upon as a religious joke. When the ceremony is performed without any pretense of an ecclesiastical ceremony God is not in it, and even when a professed minister of the Gospel officiates, his actual authority from Heaven to solemnize the ordinance is a matter of extreme doubt with all the parties concerned. The sanctity which originally sarrounded this solemn compact has gradually departed, and whether the ceremony is performed by a churchman or a civil officer, its status

is that of an ordinary contract. Modern society needs a revolution. To be effectual it must come from above. The authority held in olden times by chosen messengers of Deity is as necessary today as ever. The binding and loosing power belonging to the Priesthood of God, is essential to the regulation of this important matter. It is in vain to proclaim to the majority of mankind, just now, that this has been restored to earth, but there will come a time when it will be accepted by millions, and be regarded as the source of social salvation and the regulation of the marriage question, in

which the welfare of the whole human family is seriously involved. That day is fast approaching!

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

We have received a communication from a friend in the north on a subject which is worthy of notice by our people in every part of this State. The complaint which he makes is common. and ought to be placed before the specla1 attention of those who are in charge of the meeting houses of the Latter-day Saints, He says:

"For about two months I have at-tended but one meeting on account of the impure air that is kept in our meeting house. The janitor is allowed to depend almost entirely upon the breath of the people to warm the room and for fear of making it too cold no fresh air is admitted. As soon as the people leave the house it is entirely closed up until another session, and so it con-tinues one week after another. Much as I desire to attend meeting I cannot tolerate the poison air that fills our meeting house and I find that others keep away for the same cause."

We can sympathize with our friend, for we have experienced similar disgust in being compelled to breathe the foul air, caused by a large number of breaths in a tightly closed room, where there is no opportunity for the impure atmosphere to go out nor for fresh air to come in, except when the door is opened for some one who comes late to meeting. It is difficult, however, to suit conditions to different people. Some folks are afraid to have cold air admitted, while others almost gasp for breath in

a vitiated atmosphere. What is called a "cold" is caused oftener by just such conditions as our correspondent complains of, than by contact with chilly air. There are two things in the way of a healthful condition in public assemblies. One is, the aversion which a few persons have to times bring new duties." any kind of ventilation: and the other is, the lack of common sense in persons who are entrusted with the duty of providing it. If people would learn the simple fact that a certain quantity of oxygen is absolutely necessary to health, and that when it becomes nearly exhausted through being inhaled, and the air is impregnated with that which is breathed out from so many lungs, it becomes actually poisonous and dangerous to life, they would not object to the admission of fresh air, even if it is a little colder than seems pleasant, but they would look upon it as absolutely essential to comfort and to health. But when the ordinary attendant is request. ed to make a change in the atmospheric conditions, he will usually let down the windows, or open the doors, in such a way that a cold blast will strike baldheaded or otherwise sensitive persons, who immediately make a demand that the aperture shall be closed. Ordinarily, two or three inches of space at the top of meeting house windows will be found sufficient to ventllate the room during services. When the wind is blowing from one particular direction, the windows on that side need not be let down so as to convey the blast upon the heads or necks of folks sitting in that vicinity. But it often occurs that when word is given to lower the windows so as to change the air, they will be let down on the windward side and so have to be closed again or some people will suffer.

other influential foreigners who alded materially in the resistance offered the British army. The loss of these to the Boers is equivalent to the loss of a reasonable to suppose that the Boers | the public view. at present are to some extent demoral-

President Kruger, however, knows better than at this juncture, to ask for peace and the preservation of the independence of his country. That was the very question for the settlement of which an appeal to arms was made. And he cannot suppose that the British government is prepared to acknowledge itself wrong at a time when the fortune of war is smiling upon the country.

Kruger knows that there is now no other alternative than a fight to the bitter end, and that end will be the annexation of both the Free State and the Transvaal by the British empire, Kruger may sue for peace when he is willing to give up the independence of his country. The only question is whether he believes he can make another effort at defense, or not. News is scarce from the Boer countries. It is impossible to judge clearly from the dispatches of what is actually taking place beyond the British lines. The events, as they transpire, must be watched for reliable information.

Anyone who impartially views the campaign so far, must admit that the Boers have failed. Their plan evidently was to capture a few strongholds in British territory, incite the Dutch subjects of Great Britain to a general rising and then overrun Natal and Cape Colony and dictate terms of peace, perhaps at Capetown. Every particular of this plan has failed. The Boers failed to capture Kimberley and the military stores at Ladysmith. They failed particularly in their efforts to incite a general rising among the Dutch. The struggle is one for supremacy in South Africa, between the two races, and the decree is plainly for British rule. Kruger to all appearances played a daring game and lost. The sooner he acknowledges this the better for him and his people.

THE SHRINKING CHURCHES.

There is still much comment in the religious press on the fact that the Protestant churches are losing membership. Dr. James M. Buckley, the editor of a leading Methodist organ, thinks that:

"While conferences and steadily de-clining, population in the same terri-tory is increasing. In these confer-ences districts are weakening, and in these districts societies are becoming litches. This resultable leads to be lifeless. This inevitably leads back to pastors and people. In the most fruit-less churches there may be some who are doing all that man can do to build up the waste places, but the majority are indifferent; hence the decay."

Dr. Rainsford, of the Protestant Episcopal church, thinks the decline is mostly due to the clergy:

"The church is not fitting herself to new conditions. The people don't want her, because away down in her soul she don't want them. Our clergy ard narrow and ignorant. If we are going to be able ministers of the New Testa-ment we have a stated to righteousness extends over all the common. It may be known by some other name. It may be known by some Wherever I go I see for one thing. churches that are failures. You never see printed records of the failing, but you hear of the sudden collapse. What causes these failures? Because the churches do not hold the fact that new

of morality. It must come to this that the good and noble side of human life must be exhibited as something worth imitating, while that which is evil is

> pictures would be rather a reflex of his own inward nature than of the outward nature. But there is no reason why a dramatist, a novelist or a journalist should be tolerated in that which would be condemned in a painter or sculptor.

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Boston, it seems, has not profited by ts experiments in municipal ownership. The city had a printing office, an ice department, an electrical division, a general city repair shop and so on.

According to the figures now pubished the various products of these municipal shops came extraordinarily high to the taxpayers. In fact the prices paid were exorbitant. One acount says that when the market price of ice was \$3 a ton, it cost the city nearly \$60 a ton to procure it through the municipal department. The printing

done for the city at its office was found to cost from 20 to 50 per cent. more than when done by contract. The electrical and repair departments also yielded in practice exceedingly unsatisfactory results. In one case work for which a contractor submitted a guaranteed estimate of \$40, cost the city \$300 when done by its own hureau.

It is probable that all such experiments will prove a failure, as long as public offices are regarded as public spoils. In the case of Boston it is pointed out that the heads of departments were not free to employ efficient help, but had to find places for men with a political pull, and to employ many more than were needed for the economic management of the business. It is hardly fair to judge from the failure of the Boston experiment that the principle itself is impractical. That it is impossible under present conditions may be perfectly true. But conditions can change. It would have been useless to put powerful steam engines into the old tubs that used to carry on the ocean traffic years ago. Such engines would not have transformed them into racers. They had no room for such an addition to their equipment. Their rigging and unwieldy area of canvas had to come down. The lines of construction had to be entirely changed. Then, and not till then, were they capable of receiving the advantage of modern engines that transformed navigation in all its branches.

Society as now built cannot adopt methods that come in conflict with all principles of both politics and trade. But some time, when the rule of righteousness extends over all the be run a week "just as the devil would other name. It may be "universal



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frequently in a very unp tion, and the example of their parents is likely to be followed by them, when they enter into the matrimonial state and find it filled with cares and duties and perplexities which they did not anticipate in their youth, and from which they expect to find an easy escape by walking in the footsteps of their easily separated parents. The question of parentage and also of inheritance becomes very much involved in consequence of the separations and remarriages that take place, and thus the family, which is the foundation of the State, becomes terribly mixed up,

Divorce, however, is not to be regarded as an unmixed evil. It sometimes becomes an absolute necessity. There are couples who cannot possibly live together in the marriage relation in peace. There is an incompatibility which is a constant irritation, and which patience and charity fail to overcome. Is it not better for such persons to part than to remain together in conditions which are not only constantly painful to themselves, but entail upon their posterity a disposition to evil rather than good?

People who have no other guide in religious matters than their own notions, or the orthodox interpretations of the Bible, will quote the sayings of the Savior, recorded in the New Testament, as to the wrong of divorce except for one flagrant cause. They do not understand that the book records only a few of the instructions given by Jesus Christ to His disciples, and that even they are but briefly given. Also they do not take into account the difference between conditions that exist today, and those in which the Great Teacher moved when He dwelt in mortality. Therefore they often reach wrong and sometimes absurd conclusions.

One thing in this connection ought to be understood: The rule laid down by the Nazarene which is so often quoted, applied to a man who desired to "put away his wife," instead of a woman seeking divorce from her husband. The whole question turned upon that part of the Mosaic code which permitted a man to put away his wife by simply giving her "a bill of divorcement." This He desired to correct. His teaching was in the special interest of woman. She was not to be put away excet for the one cause, nor in the manner that was then in vogue.

Giving a wife a bill and sending her away, is very different to a judicial separation, after a trial and the production of evidence which a court decides is sufficient justification for a decree. And while it may be improper and unchrisdan for a man to seek to be divorced from his wife unless for the great offense, though that is somewhat open to question, the right of a woman to be separated from a drunken, brutal or otherwise cruel man, whom she loathes and whose touch to her is poison, is not denourced in the teachings of the divine Master. Common sense declares that it that the effects of the surrender of Genis wrong and against the welfare of soclety, to blud a woman to such a condition that she shall be forced to become a mother to the offspring of hate and detestation.

The tendency of modern opinion in the direction of the repudiation of religious authority in matrimony and di-

Meeting houses, school houses, lecture halls, and places of public entertainment ought to be ventilated both

before and after the audience assembles, and in the winter season they should be warmed beforehand. If janitors will not use their brains on this matter, those persons who preside should think over it, and so direct that people will not be injured in body when they come together to be refreshed in spirit and enlightened in mind. The subject of ventilation needs to be venillated, as regards both our public bolidings and our private dwelling places.



The latest London dispatches take a very hopeful view of the South African situation. They indicate that the Boer power of resistance is about broken. and that peace may be looked for in a near future. The assertion is made that the Boer army is demoralized; that General Joubert has resigned; that President Kruger has sued for peace, and that a general panic prevails throughout the Republics.

This may be a too optimistic view of the situation, but the probability is eral Cronie are a great deal more farreaching than at first supposed. Not only has Cronje the reputation of being one of the greatest strategists living, but with him were men whose loss to the Boers cannot be made good. Among

the prisoners that were taken with him were two German army officers, one a

Governor Rollins, of New Hampshire, takes the matter up in this vein:

"You clergymen are no longer the spiritual guides of the people, who now follow the religion of the newspapers. The ark has been overturned, the Bible account of the creation denied, Jonah repudiated, and the anchor of the old faith has been pulled up before the sails are set for the new. The best blood of the country towns of northern New England has for generations been going to Boston and New York, leav-ing in some places only the weaklings to do the work in the old country home These less energetic ones have inter-married till one town I am acquainted inted with in Maine there is an imbecile in almost every family."

There is a great deal of truth in all this Vet another fact is not to be overlooked in this connection. It seems to be a law observable all through history, that the old institutions live until all the good in them has been transfused into the new. Paganism did not expire all at once in the countries where "Christianity" now rules. Romanism did not die a sudden death at the appearance of Protestantism. The decay of the churches, if correctly interpreted, means that they are gradually losing their power to enlighten and lead human souls to happiness. It means this, that a new light has appeared of greater brilliancy and that the nations have seen it. It augurs that gradually modern "Christianity" is giving way for this light, just as Romanism receded for Protestantism, and Odenism for Romanism. For a time longer it may rise and fall along the shore of civilization, but it is nevertheless receding in order to give room to that which is new.

REFORM NEEDED.

The New York Journal asserts that since the appearance of "Zaza" on the stage, at least half a dozen young women in New York have through the influence of that play, gone Zaza's way, and one or two have followed Sapho's footsteps.

The Journal must have reference to individual cases known to a more or less extended circle of the public. There can, then, be no doubt of the accuracy of the statement, although that paper's regard for truth is correctly estimated

from coast to coast. But assuming that the Journal knows of half a dozen young New York women who have been led into the paths of vice through the witnessing of one Immoral play, and two more as a result of another, how many more are there. the ruin of whom has not reached public notice? Who can calculate the evil effects of one bad play? What wonder if the onward course of morality is slow against the torrents of sin that flood the world indirectly through the channels of amusement and literature, and

directly through the haunts of vice? If soclety wishes to sten, the tide, a crusade must be made not only against the gross performances that openly disregard public decency, but also against those which lead in more refined ways to similar results. The journalism of the brotherhood," or "united order."

GREAT ADVANTAGES.

The Denver Post recently published a lengthy interview on newspaper matters, with the veteran printer and publisher, George P. Rowell of New York. In the course of the conversation, after dwelling at length on the growth of the newspaper world during the last quarter of a century, Mr. Rowell touched upon the relative merits of morning and afternoon papers. He said:

"Today, the evening paper is the paper, because the evening paper pub-lishes today's news today, whereas the morning paper publishes yesterday's news today,"

To illustrate this he referred to the war in South Africa, and argued that "no citizen of Denver ever reads in the morning," on that subject, "anything that he did not read the night before," in the evening paper. He said, further, haps, though conducted by people in that Denver, being "two hours behind a religious garb. New York and five hours behind London," was particularly favored for evening news, and,

"The people generally do not realize that the telegraph annihilates space, and that an item ticked off in London at 9 o'clock in the evening may be given out to the printer as copy at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, quite early enough to be put into the paper for that after-noon, and the reader is assimilating news at an earlier hour than even the citizen of London is able to do."

All that applies equally, if not more, as an evening paper. Another advantage is in the leisure of the evening. after the hours of work are over, to sit down in quiet and read the "News," with accounts of recent occurrences and comments on live topics, besides looking over the advertisements by which live business men place their attractions before the public. The evening paper is and are not permitted to tell much of truly the journal for the home

Folks who want to learn how to take a trip to Paris during the Exposition. and to view the chief places of interest while there, should apply to Mr. I. A. Benton, at R. G. Western office in the Dooly block, for the neat, finely illustrated and comprehensive folder, called Paris, 1900. It is worth having, anyhow.

Wall street fears another scarcity of money. There is no scarcity of speculators.

Horseless dinners in Mafeking seem to be a greater luxury than horseless carriages in France.

The \$25,000,000 capital of the new snuff combine is a power not to be sneezed at. but if the corporation disregards the anti-trust law, Uncle Sam should take a few pinches.

New Yorkers are stirred up over the late gambling scandal there. The difficulty is not in the police permitting gambling, for a consideration, but in being found out at it.

An Irish heiress has married an English army officer to keep him out of the poorhouse. It is a question now whether, with a rich wife, he will not be a worthless husband.

verce, we regard as productive of much evil to the world. It is true that eccle-slastical courte have become less and

run a newspaper" is not getting much favorable comment, but it will likely have a big list of sales, out of mere curlosity, to know what the devil would do, and then this will not be found out.

That Kansas paper which proposes to

ill feelings.

part of the town.

From the fact that the discussion over the Mason pro-Boer resolution in the Senate is sought to be kept secret, for foar of offending Great Britain, it is evident that many senators have something to say that is far from complimentary to the larger power in the present South African war.

The Supreme court has decided that an institution incorporated for humanitarian purposes is not "sectarian" merely because it is conducted by sisters in a religious garb. That is a decision of greatest importance to the Catholic church, but it should work more than one way. In the same way, schools may not be "sectarian," per-

The dispatches from South Africa say the Boers "were completely paralyzed" by British tactics recently, yet they "spolled the whole plan which had been beautifully calculated to destroy them entirely;" that Kruger "shed tears at his ineffectual attempts to raily the Boers," yet that the same day he was in Bloemfontein, two or three days distant, with President Steyn, formulating peace proposals; that the Boers are "anxious to surrender,"yet flee when to Salt Lake City and the Deseret News | British troops come in sight. Evidently the censor is willing to permit 'news" of two sides of the question, whether or not either describes the facts, but it is impossible to learn from the special correspondents in South Africa anything further than that they are doing lots of guessing as to conditions they cannot observe themselves, that which they are familiar with,

THE FUERTO RICO DISCUSSION. Boston Transcript.

Mr. Reid's way with Puerto Rico is o treat it as a colony, with the largest measure of self-government consistent with the preservation of our author ity, thereby excluded from the union of States. Mr. Reid looks upon the people of Puerto Rico as so allen in their ways, tastes and conditions, as to make the admission to statehood undesir-The result of the application of Mr. Reid's policy would be to give to Puerto Rico a status very similar to that which the British colony of Jamaica, say, maintains towards Great Brit-Puerto Rico would legislate for herself within certain clearly defined limitations, choosing her own legisla tors, but not participating in the lawmaking of the sovereign power.

Worcester Gazette.

Under the terms of the peace treaty Spain is guaranteed for ten years uni-formity of duties upon her goods with those of the United States in all ter-ritories held by the United States. If it should be held that our colonies are entitled to free trade with the United States, then Spain, under the terms of the treaty, would be entitled to similar privileges. If Spain was entitled to free trade with all parts of the United States, there would be a speedy clamor from the other countries of the world, many of them parties to treaties containing the "most favored nation" clause, for similar privileges

New York Mail and Express.

lems of diplomacy or commerce may Salt Lake Theatre come to them. They have never yet failed to meet whatever tests Time has GEO, D. PYPER, Manag. brought them. The President n fear and hesitation and scoffs of the Atkinsonian league with the assertion of his own full confidence in the intelligence and patriotism of the people. St. Paul Pioneer Press. So far as the need of revenue is concerned, that will be done away with by the adoption by the Senate of the House bill appropriating the \$2,109,000 already collected on Puerto Rican products. As that sum is much more than the 15 per cent tariff could yield in the two years of its existence, there is no need of what it would produce. So UNMALEO So far as the constitutional principle is concerned, Senator Davis' amendments

Cleveland Plain Dealer.

San Francisco Chronicle.

but for a precedent. There is an evi-dent intent on the part of some mem-

bers of Congress, while giving the East

free access to the island trade on th

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Puerto Rico is not a State, at the

present moment, any more than the Philippines and will certainly not be-

ome a State within the existence of men

now living. It behooves Congress, in

dealing with Puerto Rico, to make pre-

speck on the map of the Western

those who express amazement at the startling political blunder which con-verted the free trade DUTY of Decem-

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course of Senator Nelson's party associates on this amendment, and also the attitude which the President assumes towards it. If he was correctly reported as to his unchanged convictions regarding the "plain duty" of Congress to give Puerto Rico free trade with the United States, while at the same time anxious

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Atlantic, to sacrifice the producers and laborers of the Pacific coast on the altar of the trusts. We do not believe that it Jerome A. Anderson writes on 'Universal Brotherhood and the Protesting Churches," calling to the latter to make their choice in this hour of world peril for tolerance as their mette and watchword. The present number closes the fourteenth volume of the magazine, and several new features are promised for the forthcoming volume.--Madison Ave., N. Y.

"The History of Utah Volunteers in the Spanish-American War and in the cedents which will render it easier rather than harder to deal hereafter with the Philippines Congress has Philippine Islands" is the title of a handsomely illustrated volume contain-ing over 400 pages of history, important to the State of Utah, and interesting to all he possible future complications in mind. and is proceeding heedfully. It is not oppressing the Puerto Ricans with a oppressing the Puerto Ricans with a burdensome tax, nor is it oppressing the people of the United States with a troublesome precedent. Chicago Times-Herald. The American people have seen the Constitution stretched to cover new ter-ritories beside which Puerto Rico is a how the news of the blowing up of the Maine was received in Utab. Then comes sketches of the cavalry troop. comes sketches of the cavalry troop, the batteries, the rough riders and the engineers, with reminiscences of camp life, the voyage, and so on. Separate chapters are devoted the regular army, the colored soldiers and the Red Cross soclety. The second part takes the reader to the Philippines. It gives the Hemisphere. The Republic which has swallowed the Alaskan glaciers will not eas at the tropical plantations of Puerto Rico. Let not the Republican leaders commit the second mistake of attributing ignorance of the facts to society. The second part takes reader to the Philippines. It gives the history of that group of islands and their present condition. Then the struggle with the insurgents is recount-ed. It is fascinating reading. No library in Utah, public or private, can afford to be without this volume, which is a monument, indeed, to the patriot-is a monument of young Utah. The

is a monument, indeed, to the pair ism and bravery of young Utah. The frontispiece is a splendid portrait of Governor Wells. The editor of the volume is Mr. A. Prentiss, and the pub-taher, Mr. W. T. Ford.



