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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-seventh semi-annual general Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, October 5, 1906, at 10 a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

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

DECENCY IN POLITICS.

The unreliability of political reports, whether of meetings, conventions, the doings of candidates or stories that are invented for partisan purposes, was never more manifest than at the present time. This is especially so in some local papers that we do not care to name. Their predictions are of a similar character. The most positive and confident prophecies of success on the one hand, and utter defeat on the other, are proclaimed as uncertain, but are unworthy of notice to say nothing of credence. It would be a good plan for persons interested in such matters to clip out the most positive of these reports and prognostications for comparison with the facts and returns of the election in November. That would afford some amusement and indicate to a little extent the character of the writers of those effusions.

We do not see the need of such tactics as are resorted to by the extreme partisans of the differing organizations. Why can they not keep within the bounds of truth and reason? Why claim all the sense and virtue and good policy, and deny any of those things to the other side? What advantage is gained among rational people by such proceedings as those that are in common use in political contests? Many of the arguments presented are so shallow as to damage the cause that offers them. They are as illogical as they are abusive. They do no good, but only vent ill-feelings and create them in others. They are either ridiculous or disgusting to sober-minded and clear-thinking readers.

A dispute between parties or persons on questions of principle is all right, if kept within respectable and respectful lines, but rash assertion, low invective, misrepresentation of an opponent's views or sayings, and the usual tricks and twists and turns that characterize parties and politics are utterly unnecessary and provocative of contempt. They ought to be avoided by public journals claiming to be instructors of the people and exponents of political doctrines.

It appears to us that between the two great political organizations in this country there could be the most vigorous contention for the mastery, on the ground of fair treatment of one another. Each could bring forth its strong reasons for supremacy, without charging upon the other all the wrongs that can be couched in language, and responsibility for every vice that has come upon the country.

In local controversies, which do not involve questions of national concern, the most important consideration appears to us to be the nomination and election of the most suitable persons to hold public office. Their opinions in reference to matters that do not enter into affairs in their neighborhood, ought not to affect their qualifications to discharge the duties of the particular offices for which they are selected. If, however, they represent combinations or policies of a local character that are inimical to the peace and welfare of the community, they ought to be snowed under so deeply that they would never rise again as a menace to the general welfare. But even in showing them up to public disapprobation and rejection, there is no need to go beyond the bounds of truth or decency. The facts should be sufficient to condemn them in the estimation of the public.

What we desire to uphold is fairness, honor and common sense in the conduct of election contests. The vile accusations, shameful insinuations and direct libels that form part of the methods of professional politicians, of differing parties, are so reprehensible that good language can scarcely be used in reference to them. We see no necessity for following their pernicious examples or in descending to their level when contending against them. We would like to see the present political contest conducted on a higher plane than that to which some persons and papers have descended. And we warn the public against taking any stock in the exaggerations, untruths and false predictions with which some alleged newspapers abound, and advise our readers to use sound sense and good judgment in close criticism of all partisan pretensions and harangues.

TWO POINTS IN DISPUTE.

We are informed that an attempt has been made to connect the Deseret News with the controversy, which we have declared to be closed for the present. So far as this paper is concerned, the attempt is a failure. The Deseret News, which does not come to the Editor's desk, but goes with the country exchanges to its proper department, however, that when the lady of the house saw a negro she commenced screaming. The negro was frightened and fled, and another lady who had armed herself with a gun, fired a shot at him. As a result of the incident several arrests, it is reported, were made in and around the place, though it is not known that the right negro was captured. There was excitement for a while, though circumstances all indicated that the negro meant no harm.

Such is the influence of malevolent reports circulated by orators and scribes. By a judicious mixture of truth and falsehood they can start an agitation that arrays neighbor against neighbor, causes strife and contention, injures business interests, and perhaps results in riot and bloodshed. The method is familiar to the Russian agitators who profit by plundering the Hebrews. It has the same result wherever tried, be it in despot Russia or free America.

THE MONEY ARGUMENT.

The actual cost to Japan of her war with Russia has been variously estimated, but it is now given out, from what is said to be authentic sources, that it is not less than \$1,100,000,000, without counting the interest on the loans made during the conflict. When it is remembered that the cost of the transportation of the troops and the supplies was not very great to Japan, and that the pay of the Japanese soldiers is extremely low, the vast sum mentioned should be a powerful, economic argument against warfare between civilized nations. Great Britain's Boer war, insignificant as that was when the size and resources of the late Boer republics are compared to those of the powerful antagonist, caused an addition of \$700,000,000 to the national debt of the British empire. What would be the cost of a war between two first-class powers, paying high wages to all engaged in the conflict whether on land or at sea? It would be something enormous. Perhaps no nation can afford the luxury of a first-class war at the modern cost. If so, why not agree on a reduction of armies and armaments?

Precedents are, fortunately, not wanting for such a proceeding. Chile and Argentina for a generation or more regarded each other as hereditary enemies and taxed the people beyond endurance for war purposes. But, finally, the common sense of the people asserted itself and, recently, the two republics entered into a treaty of friendship, reduced their armies to reasonable proportions and sold their battleships, or converted them into merchant vessels. The United States and Great Britain, after the war of 1812 entered into an agreement of disarmament as far as the naval establishments on the great lakes were concerned. The limit of the armed vessels on those seas was fixed by treaty. Why should not all the nations of the world follow these precedents and by treaty agree on at least a gradual reduction of armies and navies? It is Montesquieu who described militarism as a "new disease," which becomes infectious, for as soon as one state increases its forces the others at once increase theirs; so that nothing is gained by it except general ruin. If this is true, as it certainly is, it is high time that disarmament should be considered seriously. Money talks, they say. The enormous cost of war argues for peace.

Lay in coal while the sun shines.

The prevailing fashion in Havana just now is bluejackets.

Like Lucy, the Cuban revolutionary junta has ceased to be.

Japan's naval program is as long as that of a charity concert.

The two Scots who were "bied" were not the Scots that Wallace bled.

Jerome not having been able to swallow Hearst has determined to bolt him.

Enough money to defray the expenses of the suit is too often cause for divorce.

"When money speaks, truth keeps silent," says a Russian proverb. Probably owing to the censorship.

No Arab could have folded his tent and stolen away more silently than did Palma from the Havana palace. Vale!

Is the policy towards the big gang of bronco-steers to be, "Let no guilty man escape" or merely a simulation of it?

Secretary Taft is shocked to find that Cubans sometimes are untruthful. Of course he never met with such a vice in Americans.

The Wounded Knee monument at Fort Riley is sinking, and it is feared that it will topple over. It seems to be rather a lame effort.

Chief of Police Purdy of St. Louis has been dismissed from his office fourteen times. He must look for it now as regularly as for his morning mail.

The Indian inspector sent out to find the wandering Ute reports that he has not been able to locate them. Here is a case where the Indian and not the wickiup is lost.

And now the Cuban Moderates are laying the blame for intervention of the Americans. It is but nature not to blame oneself for the predicament into which he gets.

Governor Magoon is much inclined to think that as a laborer the Chinaman will be a failure on the Isthmus. If the Chinaman is a failure it will be hard to find the laborer that will be a success.

No public work to be done by contract! It is a fine plank and would result in making all public work, already very expensive, cost nearly double what it does now. The people scarcely want the plank.

The Utah Light & Power company having been sold to eastern capitalists, the knockers and slanderers will have to hunt for something else on which to vent their spleen and venom. It

does seem unkind to take from them what was, for them, such a prolific source of villification.

This is said to be the recipe for growing seedless watermelons: "After the vine has grown for three or four feet in length, the end is covered with earth. When this end takes root it is cut loose from the old root, and the early blooms are pulled. Melons grown from the second blooms are seedless." Such is the prescription, and it would seem to be worth trying.

BUTTER COLORED TO SUIT.

So aniline dyes are not injurious to health! We can continue to eat our "gilt edge" butter without a qualm, but with the commissioners on foods' sanction to color eatables the table will soon resemble the rainbow. For why stick to yellow butter? Why not blue or green to match the floral decorations? There is already a call for red butter, for Washington, and it would be lovely to have the tiny golden balls purple ones, for of course the carrot fed cow won't care what color the half fed cow's butter is, and purple and yellow make a lovely combination.

VAGARIES OF THE PACIFIC.

Findlay (O.) Courier-Union.
The year 1906 has done strange things to the Pacific ocean, of which last week's typhoon, destructive as it was, is probably the least serious. The earthquakes at San Francisco and Valparaiso not only seem to have wrought tremendous damage on land, but to have moved the very foundations of the deep. A bran new island is reported to have risen, smoking and steaming from the waters around the Hawaiian Islands. The recent numerous groundings of big Pacific steamers in charge of capable navigators, are explained by the fact that familiar ocean currents have been deflected from their wonted courses, presumably by earthquake movements of the ocean bed. Those who go down to this sea in ships have a new peril to guard against.

JUST FOR FUN.

"But."

Mr. Carnegie's letter in the times on spelling reform is not particularly illuminating, and the phrase, "there is no doubt but that," in it suggests that reform in literary composition is more imperative necessary at Skibo—London Globe.

How to Make Eggs New.

Church—Well, this is the limit! Here they have gone and printed eggs on this menu with one "e."
Gotham—That's the new spelling system. They evidently want to lead us to believe that there is something new about eggs.—Yonkers Statesman.

But the Rest is Not Silence.

Uncle (visiting nephew at school on prize giving day)—How many voices are there in your choral choir?
Nephew—About seven.
Uncle—Why? I had an impression that it had 40 or 50 members.
Nephew—Well, it has, but you asked me how many voices.—Tit-Bits.

An Agreeable Communication.

He—Now that I have your answer, my darling Elizabeth, let me ask you one question, are you superstitious?
She—Superstitious? Why do you ask, Franz?
He—That I can only tell you when you have answered my question.
She—Well, then, I am not in the least superstitious.
He (greatly delighted)—Then I may tell you, you are my thirteenth fiancée.—Wiener Salonblatt.

Changeable.

"Anybody kin change his mind," said Uncle Eben. "But he's got to be a purty big feller fur de change to make enough difference to be noticed."—Washington Star.

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ROUND TRIP, 25 CENTS.



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CITY Residents and Out-of-Town Visitors will find exceptional bargains in every department of our store during Conference time. Visitors are cordially invited to inspect the Z. C. M. I. handsome store, with its immense stock of beautiful, well selected goods. It is one of the City's attractions.

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If you want a shoe that will look well and retain its appearance. A shoe that will wear well, and fit splendidly. We invite you to visit us. Our line of fall and winter shoes is now complete. They were purchased from the best makers in the country, and our buyer gave particular care to their appearance and wearing qualities. We employ only expert salesmen and our stock is so varied that we can fit any shaped foot. We sell at the most reasonable prices, consistent with the quality of the goods, and assure you prompt and civil attention.

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TAPESTRY PORTIERES—A very beautiful line of Tapestry Portieres, great variety to select from, during Conference week will be sold at 20 to 25 Per Cent Off.
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Every grade and style in the best makes of Linoleum, plain and inlaid.
Axminster, Velvet, Tapestry, Smyrna, Wilton and Ingrain Rugs in great variety. Window shades, Lace and Tapestry Curtains, Portieres, Door Mats of Covert Wool, Flexible Steel, Rubber. In fact, everything you need to make home comfortable and cozy.
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