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RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The October Semi-annual Conference of the Relief Society will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall in this city, commencing Thursday, October 7, 1909, promptly at 10 a. m. and at 2 p. m. All officers and members of the Society are cordially invited, also the presiding authorities of the Church, Bishops and other brethren interested in Society work; and the General Board of the Y. L. M. I. A. and of the Primary Associations. It is desirable there should be a large representation present, as the conference will be one of unusual interest.

An officers' meeting will be held in the Salt Lake Assembly Hall in this city on Tuesday, October 5, at 2 p. m., and it is hoped all officers of the Society will attend this important meeting.

BATHSHEBA W. SMITH,
General President.
IDA S. DUSENBERRY,
Counselor.

WHY IT IS HAPPY.

The Tribune is jubilant today because of the reported failure of the movement for a Citizens' ticket in the fall election. And its mirth is easily accounted for. The Citizens' movement is the only threatening cloud on its horizon. It fears the Citizens' movement because it knows that some of the "American" voters would gladly embrace the opportunity of leaving the party ranks in this election, for a good independent ticket. It is correspondingly gloomy over the shortsightedness, or selfishness, of party leaders, that permits a division and the capture of the City, for the third time, by the gang for which it speaks. It may be, however, that the jubilation is premature. The people have not yet spoken on the subject.

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Ex-President Roosevelt, in one of his addresses, said:

"The worst evils that affect our local government arises from and are the inevitable results of the mixing up of city affairs with party politics of the nation and state. The lines upon which national parties divide have no necessary connection with the business of the city. Such connections open the way to countless schemes of public plunder and civic corruption."

We recommend this to the consideration of every voter of this City.

A BUSINESS QUESTION.

Can any business man affiliated with the "American" City administration, and there are a number—answer this question:

Why should the City buy its pipe, tools, instruments, stationery, and its numerous other supplies, from the lowest bidder, and buy its advertising space from the highest? If one asks this question of the City Recorder, he will say, you are guilty of an impertinence; yet the answer is as simple as it is stolidous.

The City buys its advertising space of the highest bidder because it needs the editorial support of its party organ, a plain matter of barter and sale, the results being, first, that the money of the taxpayers is squandered, and, second, that any such thing as honest journalistic criticism is stifled.

That is the sort of thing the citizens propose to put a stop to if they are successful in the coming campaign. We do not doubt that Mayor Bradford, as a business man, would also like to put a stop to it, but he simply does not dare.

A GREAT PLAY.

There is this week, at the Salt Lake Theatre, a play the lessons of which should be impressed upon the American people. It shows the effects of the abuse of arbitrary power, when wielded by officials in no way fit for the office they hold and when determined to further their own interests in preference to those of the public; it shows the cruelty of the scandal mongers that manipulate the "yellow" press" in intriguing themselves into the privacy of fallen life that ought to be respected as sacred.

These are two evils which ought to be eradicated from our modern civilization. President Taft has said repeatedly, during his journey through the country, that the administration of justice is a farce. He had special reference to what has been called "the law's delay." But in this powerful drama another picture is presented, showing how the ends of justice may be defeated, not through delay, but the corruption and brutality of an officer of the law, making a farce of an investigation by assuming guilt before a trial.

This is one of the evils of

our day. Another is the abuse of the liberty of the press. The American people should wake up to the menace of these evils and remove them, as far as possible.

GROWING FOREST TREES.

Whoever shall discover the kinds of trees best adapted to reforestation in this country and the best methods of culture, will confer on the nation a boon greater than the discovery of gold in the days of '49.

The Ohio Experiment station has issued a bulletin on forest conditions in that state. Conditions there are so different from those that prevail in the almost treeless plains and plateaus of the semi-arid West that it makes one almost envious to read paragraphs like this:

"An especially fine woodland of 20 acres, consisting of second growth hickory, ash, white, black, sorrel, burr, red mulberry and plum Hickory, honey locust, white, red and water elm, red mulberry and plum Hickory, was planted in 1891. The stand was mixed, consisting of a number of large, matured specimens which were distributed among the young trees.

The shagbark hickory apparently re-

generated in a heavy soil, for the latter still exists. For the most part, however, the ground cover is excellent. Practically the only operation by which the Payne-Aldrich tariff measure is "the heat tariff law the Republican party ever passed."

The importance of Mr. Bryan's utterance on the subject arises from the fact that it was given to the country just when President Taft was giving his endorsement of the recent tariff bill.

It appears from Mr. Bryan's statement that the Democrats, like the Republicans, are divided on this issue, and especially that the great problem in both parties is to get those who are elected to office to respect the platforms upon which they are chosen.

Tariff revision, he thinks, is a matter of men; and he proposes to bind all who are elected by explicit mandate. He would have the Democratic party put into its platform certain specific reductions of the tariff, and would demand of every candidate for Congress a clear, unmistakable declaration with the species once so numerous over the level lands of Ohio.

Two of the trees recommended for reforestation in Ohio, however, grow very well, in all the warmer or lower valleys of this state; and one of them, the ash, might thrive with us anywhere. The other species, the hardy catalpa, has several times been favorably mentioned for growing in quantity as a cultivated timber tree in the West.

The report favors the planting together of the ash and the catalpa, and the thinning out of the latter as the harder and slower growing ash trees mature.

Of one interesting ash plantation the report explains that the trees had been planted about 17 years previously and were spaced about 4 feet each way. The growth was fairly even, and but few of the trees had died as a result of crowding. The entire growth, however, was below normal, and had the trees been spaced 8 by 8 or 10 by 10 feet, thinking would probably not have been made necessary before the trees became of size so that the timber could have been used for some purpose. Thinning has been necessary for some time, but the product can be used so far as is known only for firewood, for which there is practically no market. There has been an advantage in the close planting which should not be overlooked, viz: clear timber. It is impossible for lateral branches to develop and height growth is always augmented because it knows that some of the "American" voters would gladly embrace the opportunity of leaving the party ranks in this election, for a good independent ticket. It is correspondingly gloomy over the shortsightedness, or selfishness, of party leaders, that permits a division and the capture of the City, for the third time, by the gang for which it speaks. It may be, however, that the jubilation is premature. The people have not yet spoken on the subject.

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