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## CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-first Annual Conference  
of the Church of Jesus Christ of Lat-  
ter-day Saints will convene in the  
Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday,  
April 6, at 10 a. m.LORENZO SNOW,  
GEORGE Q. CANNON,  
JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
First Presidency.

## MONTHLY FAST.

As the general conference of the  
Church will be in session on the first  
Sunday in April, the monthly fast which  
would otherwise be held on that day,  
will be observed on the last Sunday in  
March and the last meetings be held  
on that day, March 31, 1901.LORENZO SNOW,  
GEORGE Q. CANNON,  
JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
First Presidency.SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION CON-  
FERENCE.The semi-annual conference of the  
Deseret Sunday School Union will con-  
vene Sunday, April 7th, 1901, at 7 p. m.,  
in the Tabernacle. It is desired that  
each Stake of Zion be represented at  
this meeting, and that Stake superin-  
tendents, officers and teachers attend-  
ing the General Conference of the  
Church be present.A cordial invitation is extended to the  
public.GEORGE Q. CANNON,  
GEORGE REYNOLDS,  
General Superintendency,  
HORACE S. ENSIGN,  
General Secretary.

## WELCOME!

Salt Lake will be honored on Sunday  
by the presence of a number of influ-  
ential gentlemen from Chicago, con-  
nected with the famed Commercial  
Club of that city. We welcome them to  
Utah, and hope their brief stay will  
be fraught with incidents that will give  
them pleasant memories in years to  
come. We regret the shortness of their  
sojourn in "The City of the Saints,"  
and that it occurs on a day when many  
attractions of this region are not open  
to public view. Sunday is a day of rest  
and worship here, and the great "Mor-  
mon" Tabernacle is usually attended by  
thousands of people. But the grand  
organ in that edifice is now undergoing  
important changes, and the building is  
therefore closed, and cannot be opened  
until the work on that instrument is  
completed. The Tabernacle choir, which  
with the organ forms an object of gen-  
eral interest and admiration, will  
sing for our visitors at 1 p. m., but will  
have to appear in the Assembly Hall  
with the smaller organ on this occa-  
sion. Services will be held in that  
building at two o'clock, but most of  
the tourists will probably be visiting  
other places, as their time among us  
will be so limited. The committee in  
charge of the arrangements for their  
accommodation, will doubtless do every-  
thing possible under the circumstances  
to make them feel at home, and we hope  
they will carry away with them pleas-  
ant impressions of our city and our  
people, which will be mutually profit-  
able and agreeable. Again we wel-  
come them to the valley of the Great  
Salt Lake.

PATRIARCH W. H. FOLSOM.

In the demise of Patriarch W. H. Fol-  
som, Utah loses one of her old-time  
and most worthy citizens. He was  
identified with many of the finest struc-  
tures in the State as their architect  
and builder, and was respected by all  
classes of the community. He was a  
faithful member of the Church, and  
was honored with the high office of  
Patriarch in the Salt Lake Stake of  
Zion, where he resided and where he  
breathed his last on earth. His excel-  
lent qualities of mind and heart en-  
deared him to a host of friends, and  
his material works stand as monuments  
to his skill and accuracy in both de-  
sign and execution. He had full faith  
in the divine mission of the latter-day  
Prophet, and in the ultimate triumph  
of the cause which he introduced. He  
sincerely looked forward to his own de-  
mise, and talked with pleasant an-  
ticipation of his expected meeting with  
the departed leaders of this dispensa-  
tion, when he should join them "beyond  
the veil." He lived the full measure of  
his days on earth, departed in peace,  
and left behind him a worthy family  
who will hold him in loved esteem and  
tender memory. He has gone to a  
well-earned rest and a glorious reward.

## WATER DISPUTES.

In response to the argument of the  
Deseret News, that most of the disputes  
as to water rights on the big streams of  
the State had been settled satisfactorily  
by the courts, a correspondent in Was-  
atch county enters a complaint about  
decisions rendered by a judge now out  
of office, which the writer of the letter  
considers unjust and outrageous. We  
do not print his attack on that ex-offi-  
cial because the latter is not now on  
the bench, and it is evident that as the  
case went against our correspondent he  
is naturally incensed over the outcome.In making remarks about irrigation  
affairs in this State, we simply desired  
to make clear to those individuals who  
wanted to establish "boards of control,"  
that the final settlement of water dis-  
putes would have to be made by the  
courts, and that therefore such boards  
were needless, because they would not  
be able to take the place of the courts.  
We have a good but not perfect law on  
water rights under which disputes can  
be adjudicated. When we used the  
word "satisfactorily" in this connection,  
we did not intend to convey the idea  
that every individual, particularly if  
he was non-suited or received an ad-  
verse decision, would be thoroughly  
satisfied. We see no wisdom in estab-  
lishing tribunals to settle water dis-  
putes, that cannot be made to answer  
the end designed by court proceedings.  
Under our present statutes all impor-  
tant contentions will soon be settled.  
This will be done "satisfactorily," in the  
sense that it will be the end of con-  
troversy over them, as it has been in  
those that have been already decided,  
which are numerous and important.We believe in letting well alone, par-  
ticularly when remedies proposed to  
meet existing difficulties do not cure,  
and are not final in their operations.  
That has been our position all along in  
reference to irrigation propositions,  
which appeared to complicate rather  
than simplify, the laws that relate to  
the waters of the State and the rights  
thereto of individuals and corporations.

## THE RIGHT TO MARRY.

The following questions have been  
sent to us, with a special request to  
answer them and not refer the writer  
to any other authority:"Has an Elder, a Seventy, or a High  
Priest the right to perform the mar-  
riage ceremony?"  
"I mean this: Can any member in an  
organized branch of the Church of  
Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints—the  
same member being either of the above  
mentioned officers—irrespective of spe-  
cial appointment to act, unite a couple  
in the bonds of matrimony, said couple  
holding a legal marriage certificate?"  
"Can an Elder—I mean a member of  
the Elder's quorum—go into any ward  
and act as a minister of the Gospel  
without being called by the proper au-  
thority?""Are High Priests, Seventies, Elders,  
Teachers, etc., lay members of the  
Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints when in a ward?"  
"If they are lay members," can they  
be "ministers of the Gospel" in active  
service? If not, is a marriage ceremony  
performed by either of these a legal  
act in the eyes of the law of the land?"Every Elder and Priest in the Church  
has authority as a minister of the Gos-  
pel to marry a couple holding the prop-  
er legal license. A marriage "certifi-  
cate" is not given until the ceremony  
has been performed. But while an El-  
der—Apostle, High Priest and Seventy  
are also Elders—has this authority  
as one of the functions of his calling  
in the Priesthood, he should not at-  
tempt to exercise those functions ex-  
cept under proper direction. The  
Church—God's house, is "a house of  
order," and there are in it presiding  
authorities to whom all Elders and oth-  
er officers are amenable.An Elder in an organized ward or  
Stake of Zion is under the direction of  
the constituted authorities thereof, and  
may not perform any ceremony as an  
Elder except by appointment. He should  
no more assume to solemnize a mar-  
riage than to baptize, or confirm, or  
administer the Sacrament of the Lord's  
Supper without that appointment. How-  
ever, while in performing a marriage  
ceremony without permission, he  
might be violating the discipline of the  
Church, and be answerable for his con-  
duct, the union would be valid under  
the laws of the land if properly at-  
tended to.

Of course, an Elder is not a layman.

One who holds the Priesthood in any  
capacity is different to a layman, this  
term signifying the absence of such au-  
thority. But he is no less under the  
supervision of the presiding authorities  
of the branch mission, ward or Stake  
where he resides. There are Church  
authorities who have general powers  
conferred upon them, as to all matters  
pertaining to their calling, and who are  
therefore only under the direct super-  
vision of the First Presidency.

## BEHIND HIS TIME.

The Kalamazoo Daily Telegraph of  
the 14th of this month, gives a report of  
the opening remarks of a prayer meet-  
ing by Rev. S. F. Porter, who is in  
that city. It seems, to take up "mis-  
sionary" work in the northwest. The  
remarks were made on "Origin of the  
Book of Mormon," and the gentleman  
told his hearers that that much dis-  
cussed volume is but another version  
of the Spaulding manuscript.Elder Hyrum Stevenson, in a later  
issue of the Telegraph, refutes this  
statement. He tells of the discovery of  
that manuscript by President James H.  
Fairchild of the Oberlin College, Ohio,  
and quotes what this impartial wit-  
ness has to say in the New York Ob-  
server, of February 5, 1885, as follows:"The theory of the origin of the Book  
of Mormon in the traditional manu-  
script of Solomon Spaulding will prob-  
ably have to be relinquished. . . .  
Mr. Rice, myself and others compared  
it (the Spaulding manuscript) with the  
Book of Mormon and could detect no  
resemblance between the two. . . .  
Some other explanation of the Book of  
Mormon must be found, if any explana-  
tion is required."The Spaulding myth did service, as  
long as the manuscript was hidden, but  
to use it now, is to display ignorance,  
or a willful misrepresentation of facts.  
Rev. Porter is welcome to either of  
these horns of a dilemma. He cannot  
escape one or the other. He is too far  
behind his time.It is remarkable that "Mormonism"  
cannot be assailed except by false-  
hoods and misrepresentations. Thosewho have most experience in the in-  
glorious crusade against that religious  
system, are best aware of that fact.  
As long as they keep within truth, they  
are in full harmony with that which  
they would fain destroy; hence their  
skill is exercised in inventing stories  
about the origin of "Mormonism" and  
the character of its originators; in mis-  
representing the teachings and the acts  
of the "Mormon" people, and in im-  
puting their motives. It all comes  
from one source—hatred of the light  
that has been sent to the world. "Mor-  
monism," however, is no more affected  
by such means, than is the sun by the  
passing clouds that temporarily darken  
the valley. Storms come and go, but  
the heavenly luminary continues to  
send out his effulgent rays to the fur-  
thest parts of the universe.

## HEAR BOTH SIDES.

Numerous reports have come from  
China, to the effect that the mission-  
aries there—or some of them—have  
been engaged in looting, under mili-  
tary protection. And so persistent  
have these rumors been, that there is  
a strong public demand in this coun-  
try for a thorough investigation of the  
facts.Sir Robert Hart stated in a London  
magazine that "some missionaries took  
such a leading part in 'spoiling' the  
Egyptians for the greater glory of God  
that a bystander was heard to say,  
"For a century to come Chinese con-  
verts will consider looting and ven-  
geance Christian virtues." Another  
witness, Thomas F. Millard, stated  
that the "missionary relief expedi-  
tions (called by the army 'tribute ex-  
cursions') combed the country with a  
fine tooth, and were productive of noth-  
ing but loot, which was the real ob-  
ject."On the strength of a report to the  
New York Sun, that a Rev. Mr.  
Ament had compelled full payment for  
all destroyed property belonging to  
missionaries, and assessed fines be-  
sides amounting to thirteen times the  
entire indemnity, Mark Twain  
scourged the Chinese missionaries with  
his cutting satire. This brings out an  
explanation in the Northwestern Chris-  
tian Advocate. This paper says the  
Sun dispatch contained an error. It  
should have read that the Chinese  
one-third in excess of the indemnities,  
instead of thirteen times the amount,  
making a difference of over a million  
dollars. The Advocate adds that Mr.  
Ament, in several villages collected  
money for the actual losses suffered  
by native Christians, and one-third  
additional toward the support of or-  
phans and widows. This collection,  
however, was done without force, by  
simply appealing to the people's sense  
of justice on behalf of their suffering  
neighbors.Whether this explanation covers the  
ground entirely is a question. If the  
Chinese people voluntarily contribute  
money for the support of widows and  
orphans of murdered "Christians," they  
are not the adamant-hearted pagans  
they are represented to be. According  
to a letter in the Missionary Herald,  
the "voluntary" feature of the collec-  
tion was not strongly marked. The  
writer says:"A man named Pao, who had put off  
his last journey until too late, saved  
his life by a temporary recantation  
and payment of money. After the fall  
of Peking he ventured to visit the  
church in Tien Tsin, and was killed a  
day or two after his return home by  
the boxers, who also killed his wife  
and tried to catch his son. The latter,  
brought the news to Dr. Porter, who  
reported it to the Tien Tsin provision-  
al government. A punitive expedition  
was formed by the Italians and the village  
burned. One man, supposed to be the  
son of one of the murderers, was  
caught and executed. This affair so  
terrified the inhabitants of the neigh-  
boring villages, that they sent a de-  
putation to Tien Tsin to make their  
peace with the Christians who had  
been plundered in that region. As a re-  
sult our preacher, Cheng Yen Tseng,  
went out and secured the indemnity,  
to the full value of the losses. There  
are nine temples given over to us, with  
all their contents. Two of these are  
said to be usable as they stand. The  
rest will be valuable chiefly as fur-  
nishing material for rebuilding the  
ruined houses of the members. With  
the temples are some 235 English acres  
of tillable land. The deeds for this  
have been given and the rental will  
gradually reimburse the losers of prop-  
erty. In addition there is a good deal  
of grain and money promised."If this is true, the "voluntary" con-  
tributions" consisted of valuable buildings  
and real estate, in addition to grain  
and money, turned over after the vil-  
lage had been destroyed by fire, and  
perhaps a number of persons killed.But the Advocate insists that Mr.  
Ament has been misrepresented, and  
that Mark Twain should make an apol-  
ogy. If it is true that the reports from  
China about the missionaries there,  
gave erroneous impressions, through  
garbled accounts of their acts, may we  
not suggest a little more discrimina-  
tion and sound judgment on the part  
of the religious press in this country.  
In regard to the rumors and representa-  
tions by which "Mormons" and "Mor-  
monism" are made the objects of or-  
derly? As a rule all such rumors are  
taken for granted. And yet, it is a  
well known fact that the Gospel of the  
latter days is opposed, by night and by  
day, incessantly, ruthlessly, by those  
who, for various motives, hate it. If  
"Christian" missionaries in China, who  
have the support and sympathy of a  
large part of the world can be so mis-  
represented, that they appear in the  
public press no better than thieves,  
and their friends should not ac-  
cept as true every rumor about an un-  
popular people, that is started by an  
enemy and re-echoed by a misinformed  
press and prejudiced public, it is bet-  
ter to hear both sides, before final  
judgment is pronounced.

## CASE DISMISSED.

It is gratifying to note that the ac-  
tion against Prof. J. H. Paul, for admit-  
ting students to the L. D. S. College  
who were unvaccinated, has been dis-  
missed, as was the case against some  
of the members of the city board of  
education. The singling out of those  
gentlemen disclosed the animus of the  
complainants, and no matter on what  
ground the cause has been dismissed,  
it is a good thing that it has been final-  
ly settled without any real damage to  
the accused. There was no intent to  
defy the law in the least particular, and  
if the matter had been fully tested in acompetent court of jurisdiction, it  
would have been shown that the "or-  
ders," which some officials sought to  
magnify into "law," were simply as-  
sumptions of power that had no legal  
existence.

## VOTES FOR PRESIDENT.

To the Editor:

Beaver City, Utah, March 22, 1901.  
"Please state through the columns of  
the 'News' the popular vote received  
by McKinley and Bryan in 1896 and  
also in 1899. A SUBSCRIBER."The popular vote for 1896 was: Mc-  
Kinley, 7,104,779; Bryan, 6,502,925. For  
1900: McKinley, 7,208,244; Bryan, 6,358,-  
759. The first figures are from "Pan-  
Partisan Pocket Manual," published by  
Calderwood & Heffron, Minneapolis,  
the second from World's Almanac for  
1901.As yet Carrie Nation has smashed no  
journalistic records.The oriental storm center has shifted  
from Tien Tsin to Korea.Andrew Carnegie is the greatest travel-  
ing librarian in the world.Morocco might follow Turkey's ex-  
ample and offer to buy a cruiser.What more natural than that the  
stock of the U. P. should be up?The weather is regular weather bu-  
reau weather—mixed and uncertain to a  
degree.The Tien Tsin side track issue has  
been sidetracked. It is now a closed  
switch if not a closed incident.Good Thunder, a prominent Sioux  
chief, has just died. He was probably  
the father of Rain-in-the-Face.A Wisconsin Congregational minister  
has avowed his disbelief in the Devil.  
He hails from Oshkosh, Wisc.Senator Hanna has discovered that it  
is just as indiscreet and disastrous to  
send telegrams as it is to write letters.They are having just a lively time  
at Marseilles as in any other place in  
the world. Only Marseilles is stocking  
by herself.Railroad stocks are making such big  
jumps these days that the railroad  
trains have felt the impetus and have  
jumped the tracks.If the Territory of Hawaii can pen-  
sion Queen Liliuokalani, why cannot  
the United States of America pension  
its ex-Presidents?The Nebraska Republican caucus  
named D. E. Thompson for the short  
senatorial term. And it proved to be  
the shortest term on record."But Chicago likes Wu Ting. He is  
bright, blunt and breezy," says the  
Times-Herald. Certainly the "Windy  
City" likes anything "breezy."If Oman should start in to do to the  
Carnegie libraries what he did to the  
library of Alexandria, it would keep him  
very busy getting around the country.The day when the British lion and the  
Russian bear shall lie down together  
seems as far off as the time when the  
lion and the lamb shall lie down to-  
gether.Count Lamsdorff is angry at Li Hung  
for divulging the terms of the Man-  
churian agreement. The Chinaman  
looks wisely astonished and laughs in  
his great flowing sleeves.It is not known what indemnity China  
can pay but the powers have appoint-  
ed commissioners to ascertain what her  
resources are. When ascertained she  
will be subjected to the "frying out"  
process.A papyrus from the Tayum for  
Princeton is the receipt of a voter  
named Philoxenus. So votes were  
bought in ancient Egypt as well as in  
the modern world. But the modern  
world has improved over ancient Egypt.  
Voters no longer give receipts. Their  
word has to be taken.Mr. Anthony Hope laid down the prin-  
ciple the other day in an address to an  
English literary society, that it was  
not for the critic to teach the author  
his business was to teach the general  
public. Which recalls a remark in  
one of his novels: "Who  
are the critics? The men who have  
failed in literature.""Russia's attitude at Tien Tsin is in  
nice keeping with the spirit of The  
Hague conference," says the Boston  
Transcript. But is not the attitude of  
the powers in China in striking contrast  
with the professions of the peace con-  
ference? But that conference is a  
thing of the past, and doubtless all the  
powers in the present instance believe  
in letting by-gones be by-gones.We notice in our eastern exchanges  
reference to the work being done in  
New Jersey and other places, by Mrs.  
Susie Young Gates of Provo. She is ex-  
plaining and defending the faith of the  
"Mormons," and finds good opportuni-  
ties to do so in influential circles. The  
reports that are published of her  
speeches are to some extent inaccur-  
ate, but they are evidently written with  
a desire to be fair. We wish her con-  
tinued success. She has been for  
some time the guest of Major and Mrs.  
J. B. Pond.

## ON RELIGIOUS TOPICS.

Order Standard.  
If the great religious bodies wish to  
lift up the benighted heathen; if the  
Christian people prefer to have men  
good, even though they worship a  
wooden image, rather than to have  
them Christian in name and vile in  
fact; if the object of Christianity is to  
purify and exalt; then we would point  
out to the missionaries, who have  
made countless millions weep in China,  
that before they resume their irritat-  
ing course, they resolve to make China  
better by raising the moral standard  
of Christian governments to the extent  
of causing the opium trade in China  
to stop. What a travesty on Christian-  
ity to send opium and the Bible in the  
same package and under the same label.Northwestern Christian Advocate.  
The frequent outbreaks of human  
savagery in the form of lynchings that  
disgrace more than one section of our  
country, are the result of the prevalent  
disrespect for law which has grown to  
be a menace to the country. Who  
doubts that if the laws of the land were  
enforced with proper certainty and reg-

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