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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-eighth semi-annual general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, Oct. 4, 1907, at 10 a.m. A full attendance of the officers and members of the Church is hereby requested.

On account of the general Conference being held on the first Sunday of October, it is suggested that the last Sunday in September be observed as fast day in the Salt Lake, Ensign, Liberty, Pioneer, Jordan, and Granite stakes.

JOSEPH F. SMITH.

JOHN R. WINDER.

ANTHON H. LUND,

First Presidency of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

DESERET SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The semi-annual conference of the Deseret Sunday School Union will be held at the tabernacle Sunday evening October 6, 1907, at 7 o'clock. Sunday school officers and teachers are especially requested to attend and the public is cordially invited.

A special meeting of the state superintendents and boards will be held Sunday Oct. 6, at 8 a.m. at Barratt Hall. A full attendance is requested.

JOSEPH F. SMITH

GEORGE REYNOLDS

DAVID O. MCKAY.

General Superintendency.

SEVENTIES CONFERENCE.

A general conference of the seventies will be held in the Assembly hall on Friday, Oct. 4, 1907, at 7:30 p.m. All Seventies throughout the Church are cordially invited to be present, and a representation from each quorum is highly requested.

Matters pertaining to the inauguration of the Seventies' class meetings on Sunday mornings will be fully discussed, and instructions will be given as to the manner of conducting same.

"The Seventies' Course in Theology," already in the hands of the printer, will be ready for distribution.

SEYMOUR B. YOUNG,
In behalf of the First Council of the Seventy.

THE CITY'S FINANCES.

Senator Sutherland, in addressing the Republican convention on Monday, very properly drew a dividing line between the rank and file and the leaders of the so-called American party. Many of the followers are sincere in their opposition to the "Mormons," though these, it is safe to say, never have injured them in any manner whatever. They are as sincere, as was that man Saul of Tarsus in his work of persecution, as long as he knew no better. They are led on by men who are hired to slander and vilify their fellow-men, and who are doing all in their power to earn their wages.

The leaders can not be excused on such grounds. They know that their allegations concerning the "Mormons" are false. They know that the Church does not interfere in politics. They know that every pledge, every promise given by the people of Utah before statehood was obtained, has been kept.

Undoubtedly Conference visitors will be glad to take this beautiful souvenir with them home. The Blessings are gems of thought, and the little pamphlet has been given the very appropriate title, "A Swarm of B's Bringing Blessings."

But that is the situation with regard to the accounts of the City.

The party officials again appeal to the citizens for a chance to handle the public funds. That is the paramount issue with them. But are the citizens content to continue a management that has squandered the money at a reckless rate, and is not even prepared to show the people exactly how deep we hold in the treasury?

GROWTH OF FEMALE SUFFRAGE

That the cause of woman suffrage throughout the world is steadily advancing seems not to be generally believed.

In Norway the parliamentary and in Sweden the municipal franchises have recently been granted to women. In Japan the cause has been embraced by women of the upper classes, and the cultured Parsee women of India are enthusiastic advocates of female suffrage. In New Zealand women have been enfranchised since 1893, and in Australia since 1891 women have enjoyed the right to vote and to sit in parliament on the same terms as men.

Mrs. Harriet in the North American Review writes that in the Isle of Man, widows and spinsters, since 1881, have voted for all officials, including members of the House of Keys, or Parliament.

In the recent organization of the government of South Africa, there was considerable effort to secure representation for women, the new premier, General Botha, strongly urging it. The Parliament of Great Britain would not allow it because of the great advantage it would give the Boers, as there are comparatively few English-women in South Africa. The only concession made was to give the municipal franchise to the women of Natal.

In all of the nine provinces of Canada widows and spinsters have had for years either school or municipal suffrage or both, and in the Northwest Provinces all women have both on the same terms as men.

The writer summarizes the status of woman suffrage in other countries by showing that in the two European republics, France and Switzerland, by a rather unexpected anomaly, the equal or woman suffrage is more backward than in almost any of the other countries. In France, however, the Catholics, who have always stood inflexibly against giving political rights to women, are now saying that, if women had possessed a vote, they would not have shown the indifference to the interests of the church that men have, and Parliament would not have been able to bring about the separation of church and state.

In the Netherlands the movement is well organized and advanced, and in Denmark it was greatly stimulated by the convention of the International Suffrage Alliance in Copenhagen a year ago. But in actual results Denmark is behind the other Scandinavian countries, behind even its own colony of Iceland.

In Germany a leading Catholic paper has recently declared that the laws of the church do not forbid the enfranchisement of women, and that social and economic development makes it desirable, and the strong Socialist party in that country has formally espoused the cause.

In Russia "the desire for a voice in the government is strong among all classes of women, but especially among the peasants."

This is a result very different from that imagined by the opponents of woman suffrage, who have lately been inclined to say that this movement was going backward rather than forward.

The actual tendency, however, continues, as ever, toward the complete enfranchisement of women.

A SWARM OF B'S.

A very handsome little pamphlet has just been issued and is for sale at the Deseret News Book Store, where Conference visitors can obtain it. It contains a blessing by Bathsheba W. Smith given at the General Relief Society Conference held in this City, in October, 1896, and it is published for her 33rd birthday, in accordance with a resolution to that effect, adopted by the conference.

The blessing is printed on fine paper and the pamphlet is a very artistic specimen of the printer's art. The cover design is by Mrs. May Merrifield, and Mrs. Alice M. Horne has superintended the work, generally. The pamphlet has two fine illustrations.

It is said that the new-old minister from the Flower Kingdom to the United States will not find his path in this country strewn with roses.

Everybody in Massachusetts is pitching into Henry M. Whitney. He was the first charter member of the Ananias club and of course has no friends.

And now Great Britain is going to send a fleet of battleships to Esquimalt. It will not be long before the Pacific will have quite a warlike appearance.

What the prosecution in the Borah case seems to lack is the missing link to connect him with the timber land frauds. It doesn't look as though it would be found.

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The Swedish Yacht club is said to have sent a challenge for a series of races for the America's cup. Such a series would add immensely to the interest of international yacht racing. But where are the descendants of the Vikings that they have sent no challenge?

The British admiralty has decided, it is said, that all the vessels of the Dreadnought class now building shall be armed with eight new type 13-inch guns so disposed that they all can fire on either broadside. The new weapon will be over 50 feet long and a shell from it will, it is calculated, pierce 20-inch Krupp steel armor at a range of three thousand yards. A few years ago the American navy had 13-inch guns, but 12-inch ones were substituted.

In view of what the British navy proposes to do will our own navy hasten to readapt the 12-inch gun or a larger caliber?

WU TING FANG TO RETURN.

The real secret of the return of Wu Ting Fang as China's minister to this country, is probably that China needs an able diplomat at Washington, at this time. Japan is tightening its grip upon China, and the country needs an influential friend among the nations of the earth.

And there is no country that has shown the same disposition to be fair in its dealing with the Orientals, as the United States has. No wonder, therefore, if Pekin looks to Washington for moral aid and sympathy in the present crisis.

Many of the followers of the un-American crowd are honest business men who can judge for themselves, if they will only reflect, whether the leaders have any reasonable claim upon them for support. To mention only one fact: When the present party officials had been power for something over a year the public accounts were in such a hopeless tangle that the said officials themselves could make nothing out of them. They were simply incomprehensible. Then it was decided to employ expert help. But though the City has already spent \$7,000 - an speculate to solve the riddle of the City accounts, these are still in such a shape that neither the treasurer nor the auditor appears to be able to give the public an intelligent statement of the present status of the finances of the City. If anyone doubts this, ask the officials mentioned for a financial statement. Give them let us say ten days, in which to put it in shape, and let us see the result. We ask any business man whether he would do not care to keep the accounts straight, so that they can find out how deep

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China understands the problem better than we do.

At any rate, Wu Ting Fang will be well received in Washington, and his diplomatic mission will not be a failure entirely, even if he cannot suggest any practical solution of the race question. That solution is in each race keeping within the own natural boundaries, and maintaining friendly relations as neighbors. It is when one race seeks to force itself upon another that trouble arises, whether this process takes place in Asia, Africa or America. This is a fact statesmen must not overlook.

FUSION.

The organ of spoils in this city maintains that any sort of "fusion" between Democratic and Republicans organizations would be "forced, unnatural, and corrupt." The ring of office-holders who control the American party is "entirely different; in fact, an exactly opposite proposition from the fusion of those who, claiming to be of different principles and of opposing policies of government get together merely for the purpose of obtaining a victory for spoils and loot."

If there is any fusion between the two parties, it will be to deliver this city from a ring "got together merely for the purpose of obtaining a victory for spoils and loot."

It is an old and well known trick for the wolf to accuse the lamb of making the water muddy, but for the "American" party - composed as it is of anything and everything, including many of the criminal element of the city, and supported to a man by every notorious "down town" alley - for that party to raise a howl if others talk of fusion, is a height of effrontery that outwits Asleep's cowardly and voracious animal.

Certainly the party that exists solely by reason of fusion of any and every mean sort ought to be the last to object if others should see fit to do in an honorable way the same thing that it has done so dishonorably and from such unworthy motives as the sequel to that party's organization has laid bare.

The equinoctial storm is the season's brainstorm.

All the political pots are on the fire. Now watch them boil.

Coal is so scarce that it is impossible to carry it even to Newcastle.

The peace congress seems to have resulted in no more than a goose Hague.

"Know thyself," is all very well, but after all one would know very little if that was all he knew.

No nature faking at the Utah State fair. Everything is genuine and hard to equal. Impossible to beat.

Governor Magoun proposes to put down brigandage and insurrection in Cuba if it takes all the year.

That Cambridge professor who says that he can cure people of prevarication may himself be prevaricating.

The Chicago couple that were married on roller skates were likely a couple of "skates" who wanted to be high rollers.

Records of false weights and measures used in New York City show that the people are cheated out of \$13,000,000 a year by their use.

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PUB DOCS' PUBLIC INUTILITIES

Boston Courier.

Then comes the government of a hundred kinds, every one more readable than all the others, and every one demanding a place on the library shelves. Of course, no library can try to take care of a title of which the importance of its own library and lets the rest go. All the government reports would be swamped in a year. To the ordinary reader the official report is no earthly value. An examination was recently made of the labels in over 2,000 volumes of government reports on the shelves of a public library in a western city and not one had ever

been read.

If all the government reports were condensed into one volume of 500 pages it might be frequently consulted, but as it is a reader generally prefers to remain in ignorance of what he wants to know rather than consult half a hundred huge volumes in the hope of finding it.

THE CONFEDERATE COLONEL."

Baltimore Sun.

No class of men in the world have better manners than the southern gentleman. The type of this class is a dignified man, who insists upon being treated with respect, but who always concedes to others that which he demands from them. He is deferential in his manner and assumes that the customs and views of others are entitled to respect. He intercourses with a Standard-bearer of the confederate colonel" would never by word or gesture intimate that he considered himself in any respect the superior of the gentleman with whom he might be talking, or that his business methods were more modern. In other words, the southern "colonel" has charming manners, and what was written by "Native of the South" in "The Southern Gentleman" was to say in effect that good manners are a business asset worth using.

A CRITIQUE OF A PRAYER.

Clark Bell in Medico-Legal Journal.

I heard Mr. Harry Gaze lecture recently, and he criticized the prayer we teach our infant children to make every night on retiring: "Now I lay me down to sleep, etc."

He said it was a terrible mistake to have placed before the mind of an infant child every day as a part of a prayer, the thought of death, etc.

It is not a natural experiment, this constant placing the thought of death not only but "sudden death" before the mind of a child every day and night, and might not tend to result in early death?

The mind of a child is most impressionable. It should not be allowed to comprehend death, and especially the fear of death habitually. Its teachings should be in the joy of life, of health, of strength, of the infinite.

The prayer should be uplifting, inspiring, joyous.

Character is thus formed.

Z. C. M. I.

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