

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

At the Sixth of April, the day for the holding of our Annual Conference, falls on Wednesday. It has been determined to hold the conference on Wednesday, April 3, and they will be continued on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday—the last day being reserved for the transaction of the usual Conference business.

It is hoped that this arrangement of the meeting will meet the convenience of the Officers and Saints generally, and that there will be a punctual attendance at the times appointed.

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EDITORIAL NOTES.

The farmers in Carson Valley fear their crops will be destroyed by the coming season of grasshoppers. It is said the land in that valley is literally covered with grasshopper eggs.

The Cincinnati *Star* talks about our EM in this cruel fashion: "Governor Murray has rushed back to Utah to earn his salary by withholding certificates from Delegates elected by the people."

St. Nicholas for April, published by Scribner & Co., New York, is a splendid collection of interesting things for the juveniles, superbly illustrated, and conveying nothing pernicious to the youthful mind. It is an excellent magazine for the young of both sexes.

An exchange says: "Somebody has told the *Courier-Journal* that the Indians are polygamous, and it tears its hair. It is only necessary to show the C.-J. a polygamist, and it gets as purple in the face as a pudding." This is simply the effects of Moultonizing and Murrayfication.

Illinois has just passed a law restricting the sale of deadly weapons to minors. All dealers must keep a record of the names, ages, etc., of the persons to whom they sell firearms, and this will operate favorably as far as it goes, but will hardly prevent the irresponsible boy in those places where firearms are commonly carried, from getting his father's revolver out of his coat pocket in the hall, and shooting his little sister with it, "just for fun."

The bee business pays in some places and with some people. For instance there is Mr. Jones, who lives at Beeton, California—bees ought to flourish in a place with such a name. In the year 1879, from 300 colonies of bees he obtained 75,000 pounds of honey, and in 1880, from 400 colonies, he obtained 20,000 pounds, worth \$2,000, and the latter was a bad year for honey. During the latter year he obtained 600 new colonies from the 400, and commenced 1881 with 1,000 colonies of bees, valued at \$7,000, independent of the cost of the hives. Mr. Jones says he will clear at least \$10,000 this year unless some unforeseen accident occurs.

The manner in which modern religious merchandise is carried on is very aptly illustrated by the *Monthly Cabinet*, a Sunday School magazine published in Boston, in the case of a young man, newly married, who applied for sitting for himself and wife in a church near his residence. His salary was \$1,500 a year, and he had made up his mind that he could not afford to pay more than \$2 per Sunday for pew rents. On inquiry he was told that the rent of a desirable pew in the rear half of the house was \$300; and "we don't split up the pews," was added superciliously. The young man went away, remarking to himself rather bitterly, "It costs less to go to the theatre than to the church."

New Jersey wants to encourage the growth of sorghum. A bill has passed the Legislature of that State, offering a bounty of one dollar per ton for all the sorghum produced in that commonwealth, and the same amount per ton for the sugar made from it. During the war, when sugar and molasses commanded a very high figure, an immense amount of the latter was made from it in New Jersey. Sorghum molasses was then worth about one dollar per gallon. As prices diminished, the cultivation of the cane decreased; and in Burlington County, where it was very extensively cultivated, the Mount Holly *Mirror* says that for years past not an acre of it has been grown. Utah was much in the same condition, but there has been a reawakened interest in the business during the past year or two.

The Cunard Company have launched a new steamer. She was built on the Clyde in Scotland, and is called the *Orion*. She is said to be the most powerful steamer ever built, and with the exception of the *Great Eastern*, the largest. She has a tonnage of 8,500, with 6,500 tons cargo capacity. She has five decks, is 332 feet long, 52 feet beam, with 44 feet depth of hold, and engines of 10,500 horse power. She has a double skin (the only means of safety for a steamed vessel), is divided into nine water-tight compartments, and has water tight doors for her fire engine and boiler rooms, to prevent any extinguishing of her fire. The music room alone, in addition to the ordinary saloons and cabins, is 33 by 22 feet, and all the panelings are of Hungarian oak and maple. She is thoroughly ventilated and has capacity for carrying 200 passengers, 450 in the saloon, and a crew including officers, of 200 men.

MUNICIPAL POWERS AND PERSONAL RIGHTS.

The habeas corpus case, as will be seen from the account of court proceedings, was decided in favor of the petitioner. The validity of the new ordinance requiring billiard halls to be closed at the same time as the liquor saloons, that is, at 10 o'clock at night, was not passed upon by the Judge. The arrested billiard hall keeper was discharged from custody on a technicality.

It appears that Mr. Bechtel held a license from the city under the old ordinance, which did not specify the hour of closing. This license holds good until next June. The new ordinance, which requires billiard halls to be closed at a specified hour, was not passed until four days after the time when Mr. Bechtel received his license. It is held that having obtained it under the non-contradiction of the ordinance, he could not be punished for infraction of the new one.

Mr. Miner argued, very properly, that the City Council held the right to change its regulations and that they must be obeyed. This must be apparent to every one who reflects upon the subject. It is necessary to the peace and good order of the city that such regulations be passed from time to time as will meet existing requirements. The City cannot wait for all the present licensees to run out before passing a new ordinance with changed regulations. Licenses are not all granted at the same time, but are applied for and issued at different dates, and if new regulations could not be made until the licenses ran out they would never be passed. These regulations, if in accordance with the powers conferred by charter, ought to be obeyed, and if resisted, ought to be sustained and vindicated by the Courts.

The Charter of Salt Lake City empowers the City Council "To license, tax, regulate, suppress or prohibit billiard tables, pin alleys, etc." It will be seen from this that the powers of the City over such places are very large. If they authorize prohibition, they certainly authorize the closing of those places at a certain hour, which if it may be classed under the head of prohibition at all, is only so to a limited extent.

But citizens have rights as well as governments or branches of governments. If a license is granted under certain regulations, and before it runs out those regulations are changed, to the pecuniary detriment of the holder, has he no remedy in law? We think he has. But that remedy does not, or should not, consist in a violation of the law. If a license is issued under specified conditions for a certain amount and the conditions are changed, the holder might have his remedy in a return of so much of the license fee as would be forfeit and just under the circumstances, and should a court sustain an action for such return, if governed by equitable considerations, no one would have the right to complain. But the violation of a municipal ordinance is quite another thing, and if the ordinance cannot be pronounced invalid it ought to be sustained by those authorities which are created as conservators of the public peace.

We need confidence in the ruling of Judge Emerson, who does not hold the same views as to the nature of a license as those of Judge Hunter. In the liquor case, Judge Hunter ruled that the license fee was a tax. In the billiard hall case, Judge Emerson, in the same court, seems to hold that it is not a tax, but in the nature of a contract. We hope something will be done before long to settle this question. The uncertainty of the law is provable. But the rulings of Judges in the same court are expected to have some harmony at least. Judge Hunter's decision was judicially opposed to decisions rendered by two of his predecessors, and it is possible that with further light and a fuller bearing he may change his views. At any rate the Supreme Court of the Territory should have an opportunity to pass on these disputed points in our municipal laws, for the present condition of affairs is very undesirable both to the parties dealing under licenses and the civic authorities who grant them. Let us have just and reasonable local regulations placed on a substantial basis, and then let them be firmly enforced.

A DISGRACEFUL EXHIBITION.

The dead-lock in the United States Senate is a disgrace to the country. It is caused by shameful motives and reflects badly upon men making such great professions of patriotism. Instead of proceeding to the transaction of the business which required their extra attendance at Washington, they have been jangling over place, contending for office for favorites, and playing party consideration above the welfare of the nation. They have also descended to the plane of the demagogue, and wasted the people's time in personal reflections upon each other, in fuming, threatening, attacking and defending private character, and blocking the way to the consideration of any measure of public benefit.

The United States Senate has been generally considered one of the most moderate and properly conducted political assemblies in the world. The House of Representatives being the popular branch of Congress has been accorded a little more license, and the same degree of deportment has not been expected as of the more dignified Upper Chamber. But the scenes of the past two or three weeks have brought the Senate down from its height of reverence in the public mind, and have exhibited it in a very degrading light before the whole civilized world. We regret exceedingly that a body from whom so much is reasonably expected has shown itself so little deserving of the respect which it is entitled to.

Notwithstanding the arrest of most of the socialists, who directed the riot at the meeting of the Journal shall re-appear. A new set of selected and new type purchased. Wilhelm Martin, one of the staff ejected from the premises, has undertaken the publication.

BY TELEGRAPH.

AMERICAN.

Pennsylvania Prohibition.

HARRISBURG, 1.—In the house last evening a joint resolution submitting to the people the amendment to the Constitution forever prohibiting, except for medicinal, mechanical and scientific purposes, the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors, passed its second reading. A number of amendments were rejected, among them one to insert the word "constitutional" after medicinal.

Ohio Wheat Prospects.

CLEVELAND, 1.—The *Herald's* special from about a hundred points in Ohio, in regard to the prospects of the wheat crop, shows a general increase in acreage, ranging from 10 to 25 per cent, though there is a slight falling off in a few sections. The winter has been favorable for a large yield. Though the spring has been dry, with application, it followed by sharp frosts as has been predicted, if not frost follows, the winter fall is considered a good one. The acreage of the wheat crop in the State is estimated at 1,000,000 acres, and the average is very largely increased. In Central Ohio the increase of acreage is 10 to 15 per cent, and the crop is in good condition.

Mexican Subjects.

SAN ANTONIO, 1.—Dr. Ornelas, Mexican Consul, leaves for home with wife and reports on the border. His mission is understood to prove that the Free Zone along the lower Rio Grande encourages smuggling. He will recommend the establishing of eight military posts between the City of Mexico and Piedras Negras, and the closing of the border. He thought this is to strengthen the Mexican frontier against undue American encroachments liable to follow the entering of railroads.

Garfield's Tragic Fate.

WASHINGTON, 1.—What Garfield is beginning to feel that he has made several mistakes. Blaine received the first intimation of the New York appointments after they had been made. The appointment of Robertson will not be withdrawn as Blaine would immediately resign his seat in the cabinet. Garfield is willing to protect from every quarter in his State against Robertson. Garfield has been plainly informed within the last few days by his friends that if he will have to "bout ship" as it is called, he does not want to make as complete a wreck of his personal popularity as did Hayes. Blaine is very anxious to precipitate some action, and is divided whether Garfield is to be led by his friends or enemies. If Blaine wins it is not probable the cabinet will be reorganized, and if Robertson is retained, Garfield will have to resign. MacVeagh and James would be relieved if Blaine had his own way.

THE FLOOD'S DOINGS.

ST. PAUL, 1.—The *Pioneer Press* special says: The white citizens are caring for the families during the flood. The gang of men and women who were warned off the Indian reservation last year were ransacking houses, carrying goods to the bluffs and rifling them. They even carried away the children of the poor, and the citizens going to secure their property were driven off. The sheriff, to disperse the mob, organized a band of 20 armed men, and quickly captured them. Joe Reed, who had a fine herd of stock, lost half of them, and others have lost the same proportion; westward it is not so bad. Suffering has been terrible all along the banks of the Missouri. Cattle are lying dead in heaps and rising, once more, skeleton hardmen in Dakota will have small loss.

A *Pioneer Press* Sioux City special says: A gorge broke at Yankton last evening, the water falling six feet an hour and receding slowly. At last accounts there was no loss of life. The damage to property is estimated at \$75,000, principally railroad and steam boat property. The steamers *Battle* and *Black Hills*, of the Benton line were seriously damaged by ice and the *Helena*, of that line, and tow boats of the Northwestern Transportation Line wrecked. The *C. A. York* is not damaged, being the only one of the 12 boats that had completed trips when the river is clear. The Town of Green Island, opposite Yankton, was entirely swept away last night, every building broken up or floated off by the ice, and one man carried away on a floating house. The flood recedes, leaving a trail of destruction, and it is not probable that great damage will result here when the gorge gives, as the ice will have a full run.

The *Pioneer Press*, of Bismarck, says: It is believed that a railroad line has been washed away involving a loss of \$30,000 to the Northern Pacific.

Omaha, 1.—Warning was received yesterday afternoon that a 32 foot rise in the Missouri was rolling down the river, and parties having property on the river were notified. That evening they ran all the cars and emigrants from the river tracks to higher ground, anticipating a flood before morning. The do expect to escape without serious damage to buildings and embankments on the river front. Heavy ice commenced running about 11 o'clock last night. The Union Pacific overland trains are running without interruption to Ogden, from Omaha, via Lincoln, in a regular time. To-morrow they will run all the way over the repaired main line, and the do expect to escape without serious damage to buildings and embankments on the river front.

Bloomington, Ill., 31.—It is believed that tonight a great snow storm will visit the State. The wind is cold and raw from the north. Many complaints are received that winter wheat has been killed by the frost. A heavy snowfall is expected and is being feared in some sections. A heavy snowfall is expected and is being feared in some sections.

Sixth miles north of Rothsay. The saloon took fire and one man was burned to death and six wounded. The saloon was a two-story building, the particulars over the wire. Physicians have been dispatched and it is believed that the fire is under control in a precarious condition.

Horrible Tragedy.

CINCINNATI, 1.—News comes from Cincinnati, Ky., of a tragedy in the household of a family. The father, a man named Oliver, was shot and killed by his brother, B. H. Brewer. The statement is that B. H. Brewer, who is described as a quarrelsome man, had trouble in the morning with his father, and at night made an attempt to kill him. Oliver was shot twice at the head, and died in five hours.

Signs on Automobiles.

CINCINNATI, 1.—The *Times* of Cincinnati, Ky., has been notified by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, that upon the advice of the Commissioner, the signs on automobiles, which have been placed on the front of the vehicle, are to be removed. The Commissioner has been acting as commissioner for the last two months, and the signs have been removed from the front of the vehicle. The Commissioner has been acting as commissioner for the last two months, and the signs have been removed from the front of the vehicle.

The Use Commission.

The *Times* Washington special says: The Use Commission has been in session several days and has come to an agreement as to the plan of work. The members will leave for Colorado in a few days, under instructions from Secretary Kirtland to the effect that while the utmost liberality will be used in constructing the new law, the members will deal with good agricultural lands, the terms of the treaty must be carried out.

Attack Government Policy.

NEW YORK, 1.—A London dispatch says: The first attack on the government policy in Transvaal was made by Lord Cairns, a conservative in the House of Lords last night. He alluded to the announcement in the *Times* of the day that the authority of the crown would be promptly vindicated in Transvaal, and asked whether the authority of the crown had been vindicated in Transvaal. He stated that he had been informed that the British subjects back to a bad system of slavery as ever existed in the Transvaal. He stated that he had been informed that the British subjects back to a bad system of slavery as ever existed in the Transvaal.

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