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#### CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-fifth Semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, commencing on Thursday, October 6, 1904. A general attendance on that day of the officers and members is requested And expected.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency.

### CONFERENCE NOTES.

The General Priesthood meeting will be held in the tabernacle on Friday might, commencing at 7 o'clock.

The special Priesthood meeting usually held on the day after conference consisting of the General Authorities, Stake Presidents and Bishoprics, High Councilors, Patriarchs, Presidents of temples and Fresidents of missions, will be held in the Asembly hall on Saturday, the 8th, commencing at 10 o'clock n. m. The members of the General Boards of the Sunday School Union and N. M. M. I. Association are also invited to this meeting.

The General Conference will adjourn on Friday afternoon to Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Sunday School Union will convene in the Tabernacle on Sunday night, commencing at 7 o'clock,

### NO LYNCHING.

The attempted holdup of railroad laborers south of Blackfoot, Ida., and the killing of one officer and wounding of another is a deplorable affair indeed. Naturally the citizens of the place are through chance processes, why not such excited and demand the speedy punishpnent of the perpetrators of the inhuman deed. But we hope the excitment will not be permitted to run away with common sense. We hope the proper of. ficers will see to it that another gruesome wrong is not committed; for, two wrongs, as is well known, do not make one right.

their fellows, and produced offspring of the same kind. The process was repeated from one generation to another, until an entirely distinct species was the result-distinct from the original ancestor, but very little different from the immediately preceding link in the connecting chain. The "fit to live" survived, while the others perished in the struggle for existence, and thus a gap occurred between the lowest and the highest. To bridge this gap the connecting links must be looked for in fossil remains. This doctrine, which is also known as the doctrine of natural selection, is the foundation stone of Darwinism. It is the doctrine that scientists now question, because it has been found wanting. The reason why this particular theory at one time was so generally accepted, was this, that it seemed to offer an explanation of creation without the aid of God. But those who rejoiced over this alleged discovery forgot, that it is contrary to sound science, and therefore utterly valueless as an argument against the theological view. "Science," says Huxley, "is nothing more than trained and organized common sense," and it is generally admitted that scientific investigation must be based on experience, on logical influence. If not, it is not scientific. In this respect Darwinism signally fails.

"Common sense" is against it. Neither by experience nor by logical inference can it be maintained that a magnificent world like ours was peopled by chance, or, which is the same, by an endless succession of "survivals of the fittest." from the lowest animalculae, to man. An explorer who comes to an island of the sea and finds it inhabited, does not conclude that the people there "just growed," like Topsy. Common sense bids him look for the route over which their ancestors came to their isolated

home. He studies their language, their traditions, their religion, their customs, their physical features and by logical inference he arrives at a conclusion as to their kinship with existing races. A similar line of reason. ing with regard to the inhabitants of the earth is the only scientific one.

If we find a magnificent ship, steering its course for a certain harbor, notwithstanding winds, waves and currents, we conclude that it was built and equipped for the voyage, and that some intelligence is directing it. Experience compels us to accept that conclusion. Only a lunatic could believe that the vessel was the product of the

commotion of the waves, through a process of "natural selection." If anyone should argue that the vessel had come into existence through a process of evolution from the first trunk of a tree that happened to be tossed about in the ocean, he would not be taken seriously. And yet, he could present a long chain of "links," from the floating piece of wood, the crude canoe of savages, the viking ship, the Chinese junk, the Dutch koff, and so on, to

the modern ocean grey hound and the warship. And his reasoning would be at least as sound as Darwinism. For if a world can obtain its perfection a small affair as a ship?

But experience forbids such philosophy. It teaches us that there was some intelligence previous to the vessel, which planned it in every detail for the purpose for which it was destined, that this intelligence acted

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French government declared the office of the bishop vacant, by resignation; and the attitude of the two contestants remained virtually as it was before the conflict, but one great cause of dissention was nevertheless removed, and the way made easier for rapproachment, provided there is a desire for resuming friendly relations.

M. Combes has stated that he is in favor of the absolute separation of church and state. He has declared that the dominant party and the country at large should not view with alarm the pollcy which looked forward to the time. when the state should be absolutely free from clerical influence. It has also been proposed by a group of deputies to submit the question of the separation of church and state to a referendum, roposition has been widely and,

dis It is conceivable that the w is desirous of ending an that may lead, no one knows agita where.

No time like a campaign for telling the old, old stories.

What boots it to run a shoe man for governor of Massachusetts ?

The strikes in Naples have caused Vesuvius to become active.

It is about time for Russia to begin to see herself as others see her,

Come weal, woe or Jap, the Lens feels perfectly safe in her snug little berth.

No man can expect to carry an election who does not carry a stiff upper Hp.

"Will the coining man eat luncheon?" asks the New York Times. He will if he can get it.

Cholera having broken out at Port Arthur, the Japs probably won't be so anxious to break in. The last of the prosidential letters of

acceptance, that of Judge Parker, is in. For this relief, much thanks.

The Russians expect the worst to happen at Port Arthur. They should not be discouraged. Sometimes is it the unexpected that happens.

A man in West Virginia tried to collect a debt and was killed for his pains. He paid the debt of nature while the debtor went free.

General Orloff has been dismissed from the Russian army, or in other words has been told to go. Fact is the Orioffs are famous as goers.

"Shall we go forward or turn backward?" asks Senator Fairbanks. The Senator himself is going forward and backward and up and down the country.

The coal barons explain in a most satisfactory manner why the price of coal was put up. Coal is contraband of war, and contraband articles are always high.

valor by the example of the general's wife, who, in the garb of the Red Cross, visits the hospitals to nurse the wounded with her own hands,

Boston Transcript.

Prince Radzivil's comments on conditions among the belligerents in the far east indicate that the war has already passed the amateur stage. When sides begin regularly to violate both the Red Cross flag and to fight with all the animosity of savages the world has an opportunity such as neither the Eleer war nor the Spanish-American context afforded of seeing once more what the horrors of a great interna-tional conflict are really like.

## New York Evening Mail.

The besiegers are besieged at Port Arthur, who have gone to the very limit of desperation; who butcher their own men if they show the white flag: to whose hearts the sight of neither the white flag nor the red cross conveys any appeal for mercy; who live and fight day in and day out in the pres-ence of scenes which not even the brush of Verestchagin, were he there living instead of dead, would dare to depict-these men at least know how unspeakably horrible war can be.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The Red Book for October comes with a number of good, clean, short stories, artistically illustrated. A feature of this magazine is a series of photographic art studies. The October number contains masterly repro-ductions of photographs by Marcenu and Sarony.—The Red Book Corporation, 158 State St., Chicago.

The October number of Harper's Baar has an excellent list of contents. The following may be noted: "The Fashion Outlook for 1905:" "In Grand-mother's Garden." a recollection. Sa-rah Guernsey Bradley: "The Masquerran Guernaey Bradney: "The Masquer-ader" a novel, Katherine Cecil Thura-ton, "What Dreams May Come," Ellas-beth Jordan: "Women of the Hours-No. I. Miss Jane Adams," Ella W. Peattie: "What Shall We Pay for Food?" "Selstine Terhune Herrick, "Children's, Collars in Danish Work," Lillian Barton Wilson; "Our Girls," "An October Dinner," Josephine Grenler: "Editorial Comment," "Cut Pa-per Patterns," and "Good Form aud Entertainment."-New York.

in the current number of Leslie's Weekly much space is devoted to pic-torial representation of the recent military manoeuvres on the famous battle-field of Bull Run. These were participated in by 30,000 regulars and militia, and they constituted the most importand they constituted the most import-ant affair of the kind ever undertaken in this country in a time of peace. The grim realities of the conflict in Asia are touched upon in a letter from Special Correspondent William Dinwid-die, who clearly explains why the Rus-sians are regularly defeated. A page is also given up to striking scenes hi also given up to striking scenes in Newchwang after that city's evacua-tion by the Russians and its occupation by the Japanese,-New York,

An interesting sketch in Madame for October is entitled "The Home Life of Mrs. Charles Warren Fairbanks," wife of the Republican candidate for vice president. The story is illustrated pr fusely, the pictures having been taken a late date by one of Madame's artists. An editorial in this issue, un-der the caption of "Dividing Income With Your Wife," will be read with interest by every woman reader. In the legal department Madame under-takes to answer legal questions propounded by women who desire advice on important questions, and the service is given without charge .-- Ford Pub. Co., Indianapolis.



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We hope the citizens of Blackfoot will not disgrace their state by resort. the world. Everything on this earth was ing to lynching. Let the law take its course, for no other procedure against crime is effective, as is amply proved by the prevalence of crime in those sections of the country where lynchings. have been frequent.

It has been proved that the mob spirit, If not checked at the beginning of its manifestation, has taken possession of elergymen, professors, and even tenderhearted women, and it has changed them from thinking, civilized, humane persons incapable of acts of cruelty, into demons and furies, not shrinking from the most barbarous deeds. From the paroxysms of such "possession" no one can come out wholly sound, untainted.

The appetite for horrors grows by what it feeds on. If it is to be eradicated, it must not be given any nourishment. We carnestly hope that the authorities whose duty it is to maintain order and law in our neighboring state. will be equal to the occasion, and see to it that full and speedy justice is done and that the spirit of mob murder be suppressed. Let the West set other sections of the country a glorious example of refinement and loyalty.

### ABOUT FALSE PHILOSOPHY.

An Amsterdam professor, Hugo de Vries, is said to have created intense interest among the delegates to the congress of arts and sciences, in session at St. Louis, by a theory concerning the origin of species, entirely different from that generally credited to Darwin, Prof. Wries, according to the brief dispatch on the subject, contends that no two animals of the same species are alike "In any important particular." He denles that it takes ages to develop a new species, and offers proof that it may appear within one generation, or two The propositions of Prof. Vries are said to have aroused lively discussion among the scientific followers of Darwin.

A very few years ago the so-called Darwinlan theory was almost universally accepted as the best explanation of the phenomena of creation. But, gradually, that reasoning has been found to be rather unscientific, and at present, almost his only followers, in the world of science, are found in this country. German scientists especially have urged a formidable array of facts against Darwinism,

What is Darwinism? According to that theory all the various species of animals in the world originated in common ancestors. Darwin taught that millions of years ago some of the lowest animals, then the highest because there were no others, happened to be a little better fitted to live than others. Like the trust magnates of today, they knew how to bend the conditions that surrounded them, to their individual benefit, and thus to obtain more food. and better food, than the others. They, therefore, became more fit to live than assure

on experience previously gained, so as to obtain the best results. No other reasoning can account satisfactorily for clearly planned for the reception of man, just as everything in the vessel was planned for the passengers it was to carry, and for other purposes. As Moses, with the most magnificent simplicity, says: "In the beginning God

created the heavens and the earth.' And, "Lord God planted a garden," and there "He put the man," That is the only scientific explanation ever offered. It agrees with the demands of common sense, because it is in harmony with the teachings of experience, and with logical inferences. It is curious that in the beginning of

the Christian era, the theologians encountered in some Gnostic philosophical systems, a species of Darwinism ap-

plied to the Godhead. Some of the Gnostics held that the Infinite was too good, too exalted, to have anything to do with sinful mortals. And so they constructed, in their philosophy, a long chain of gods and half-gods, a "pleroma," or "fullness," connecting God and man, and through whom man, they taught, might approach God. As Paul won't stand without hitching. clearly perceived, that doctrine was de-

# PORT ARTHUR.

places the connecting links between the lower animals and man is somewhat different from the early delusion that placed different grades of "thrones, do. minions, principalities, powers," etc., between God and man, but the effect is very similar. It is to dethrone God, who is the Creator of all things, in heaven and on earth, visible, and invisible, of whatever name, and to lead man astray, by philosophy falsely so not yet in sight.

# CHURCHAND STATE IN FRANCE

called.

structive of the Christlan doctrine of

mediation through Jesus Christ alone,

in whom, he declared, all the "fullness"

According to a Rome dispatch, the Vatican has sent a special courier to Paris with important documents, supposed to concern the relations between the church and state in France. It is surmised that some basis is offered for a rapproachment, and this is not considered impossible of accomplishment, in view of the fact that the French

president and many of his ministers are regarded as favoring a friendly termination of the late unpleasantness. As will be remembered, the quarrel arose on the question whether certain bishops could be summoned to Rome, to be reprimanded, without the consent of the government. M. Combes held that it could not be done, because the bishops were appointed subject to the sanction of the government. Rome, however, has already carried its point in this contention, for, one of the bishops resigned his post and then went to Rome in accordance with the papal summons. There he was deprived of

sufficient

living.

significant position,

him

Commissioner McAdoo has ordered that trees in New York City shall not be mutliated by wire stringers. Here is an example that might be followed with advantage by Salt Lake City.

Mrs. Charles W. Foulks of Newcastle, Pa., principal speaker at the twentyfirst annual convention of the Lawrence County Woman's Christian Temperance union, has advocated a strike among the married women if their husbands refuse to give them the right to suffrage. And did the brutes answer, 'Woman, do your worst?"

A contemporary that blazoned forth the story that an editor of a country paper had been set upon and beaten because he had boldly espoused the American (?) party, now says that the whole story was "cooked up." No doubt about that, and the main ingredients and the high seasoning were doubtless from the cook shop of the aforesaid contemporary.

"It is idle to say that the monetary standard of the nation is irrevocably fixed so long as the party which at the last election cast aproximately 46 per cent of the total vote refuses to put in its platform any statement that the question is settled," says President Roosevelt. Which is interpreted to mean, that the monetary standard

# Portland Oregonian.

centered. The modern gnosticism that The wider world hears with a shudder that fierce fighting has been re-sumed before Port Arthur. The strenuous effort, the terrible suffering, the wholesale slaughter, that are implied in this simple announcement are beyond computation-practically beyond the utmost stretch of human imagina-The stress would seem to be greater than any nation could long en-dure, yet after months of it neither side has abated one jot of its determination or of its fury in battle. Though the end may be near, its beginning is Springfield Republican.



Capt. Mahan, writing in the middle

## New York Evening Sun.

When the record of heroism is made up the place of honor will be given to 300 women engaged in hospital work who refuse to quil Port Arthur under a flag of truce and would rather face the starkest horrors that imagination can paint than leave the side of the wound-Prince Radzivil reports the martial spirit of the garrison as indomita-ble. The soldiers have supreme con-fidence in the leadership of Gen. Stoeshis miter, but he will be given an into The | sel, and are inspired to deeds of heroic

The October number of Ainslee's con-tains a great number of short stories, and one novelette, by Anne Warner. Among the contributors are, besides, Agnes and Egerton Castle, Joseph O. Lincoln, Owen Oliver, Ella Wheeler Wilcox, and many others. The cover design is a pretty autumn picture, by C. Allan Gilbert. It is an entertaining number.-156 Fifth Ave., New York.

The October number of Pearson's Magazine presents as its leading article "Samantha at the St. Louis Exposiby Josiah Allen's Wife. Written in Samantha's well known quaint up-state dialect, the story of her experi-ences at the fair with Josiah, her old, closefisted spouse are rollickingly funny. Besides the exposition article which has been illustrated by Grun article, wald, there are three other special articles. One, Albert Bigelow Paine's articles. One, Albert Bigelow Paine Thomas Nast article, with 10 repro ductions made from the originals of the ductions made from the originals of the famous cartoons; another, "Charcoal Burning," and still another, a timely paper. "How the American is Changing His Food." A new illustrated depart-ment, "The Self-Supporting Home," conducted by Kate V. Saint Maur, will make its first appearance in the next issue of Pearson's. In fiction the Oc-tober number is very bright, "The issue of Pearson's. In fletion the Dc-tober number is very bright. "The Man in the Gray Cloak." and "How Don Q. Had Dealings with a Usurer." are storles of adventure: "Mademoiselle of Castleroc" is a love story: "Mug" is a "kid" story of the slums. "A Bubble Burst" is a story of wild speculation in South African gold mines.—Astor Place, New York. SALT THEAT RE GEO.D. PYPER. LAKE THEAT RE CURTAIN & TS.

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