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# a large number of credulous folks here

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### CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-seventh semi-annual general Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, October 5, 1906, at 10 a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested. By order of

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

### THE GOVERNOR'S WARNING.

where appears to be quite a flurry in certain circles over the warning given by Governor John C. Cutler against rash speculation, and wild investments in mining stocks that have little if any substantial value. Careful reading of the Governor's caution does not, in our opinion, justify the objections that have been raised against his remarks. There is nothing that we can discover in them that would be likely to lajure any legitimate mining industry or real prospect. It should not have an unfavorable effect upon the stock market, so far as genuine operations there are concerned. It is only against "graft" and deception and wildcat pretensions that he aims his darts, and they ought to be held up as well as other frauds to public reprobation.

It is true that the mining industry is, in some respects, different from many others. There is always an element of uncertainty about it, especially when a mine is in process of development, or a "prospect " is still awaiting the investment of capital to determine its status. And unless some venturesome person or persons are ready to make advances on the chance of success, many discoveries that might turn out valuable properties would remain merely holes in the ground, Fortunes have been made-and also lost -by investments in doubtful mining enterprises. We do not think the Governor has intended, by his letter, to hinder the progress of such endeavors to increase the wealth of the State. We have had no conversation with him on the subject, but taking his communication as it stands, we perceive in it wise. Under the Platt amendment the

as elsewhere. There are different opinions among rational people as to the manifestations in so-called "spiritual" seances. But while it is possible that agencies beyond those that are understood as physical, produce some of the phenomena that puzzle the closest investigators, it is certain that there is so much trickery behind most of them, that they are unworthy the credence of the cautious and rational mind, so far as they claim to be supernatural. This is especially so with the purported "materializations." There have been so many 'exposures of those deceptions that it is really astonishing how many persons are still led away by them, and are ready to give their cash to the charlatans who profit by their credulity.

The present case is but one of hundreds of others when the "spirit" recognized by some deluded individual as the ghost of a dead relative, has been seized by a bold skeptic and proved to be a traud in the flesh. Particulars of these repeated exposures have been widely published by the prezs, but the deceptions still go on. Some people do not read the papers. Others are so anxious to hear from the dead, that they are in a condition of mind ready to accept the most flimsy pretenses on the part of "mediums," who have a plausible method of enticing and then fleecing their victims.

The only way to hinder the progress of that class of swindlers is to run them to earth, and then prosecute them with vigor, giving them the full penalties of the laws in such case made and provided. They usually manage to get off with a slight fine or short term of imprisonment, and knowing the gullibility of such of mankind as are imbued with a love of the marvelous, they start afresh in their career of decelt, and merely use a little more caution in their proceedings, until em-

selves open once more to the meshes of the law. The fakirs and fortune-tellers and mediums and other and similar entrappers of the simple, ought to be followed up by the officers of the law and driven from their evil pursuits, either into honest means of living or into jail where they belong. The amount of money that has been spent in this city by resorting to the places where the cheats now exposed have been practising their arts for years, would astonish the natives if the figures were published. We

boldened by new success they lay them-

hope the present exposure will serve to put an end to the career of the criminals in these parts, and that they will have to seek even greener fields and pastures new. Follow up the investigationt

# OUR CUBAN POLICY.

President Roosevelt's Cuban policy mbraces the protection of Americans in the island, and preparations for any emergency. If intervention shall be thought to be necessary, the government will not shrink from the duty, There will be no hesitation when the necessity of action becomes apparent. This policy must be regarded as-

for the but they are against its enforcement," says Speaker Cannon. And what is true of Maine is true of the people of most of the prohibition states.

the old superstitions that have ruled the masses in China for thousands of years, we are determined to do it. of the most significant features of the present movement is the outting off of pigtalls, which have always been of pigtails, which have always been worn in our country. Officials of the government have taken the initiative in this movement. The merchants and business men are following the ex-ample and within a few years I ex-pect that the masses of the people, the Chinese farmers and coolies, will cut their pigtalls off too.

"In the army and navy many re-forms have already been inaugurated. We already have 700,000 men in our army who have been thoroughly drilled in modern tactics under the new army regulations." The Chinese are coming to the front, and the rapidity with which Japan

emerged from obscurity to military prominence, proves that the Asiables are capable of progressing with wonderful speed. What will the result to the rest of the world be, when China has caught up with Japan and both are operating together? The German Kaiser once, in an allegorical painting, depicted the dark clouds rolling in from Asia. Was this prophetic? Pos. sibly, the danger of a milliary invasion is remote. But an industrial conflict might become even more serious than a war, on account of the impossibility of competing with Asiatic labor. It is claimed that the Japanese are now

gradually driving the American flag from the China seas, and seriously threatening the trans-Pacific steamship companies. This may be an indication of a menace the future may have to meet,

These are dull days for the icemen. Santos Dumont's latest aeroplane has

fallen flat on its first trial.

W. R. Hearst has ceased to be an eligible quantity in New York politics. So little is heard from Oyster Bay

these days that it must be under a reformed "speil."

The Cuban rebellion seems to thrive almost as well as when Butcher Weyler was in control.

Mr. Bryan refuses to switch his position on the government ownership of railroads question.

That Hearst is running for governor of New York, shows that he does not expect to win in a walk.

The price of diamonds continues to advance. The purpose of this is to keep up with the advance in wages.

Coach L. O. Gellesby of Northwestern University plans to have twelve football teams. This is genuine university extension.

Samuel Gompers claims 'a moral vietory in Maine. Mr. Littlefield claims a political one, and believes that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush.

Canned roast beef will continue to be on the label "roast beef" notwithstanding the fact that in reality it is only boiled beef. What kind of a label would boiled beef bear?

"A good many people in Maine are

the reclamation service of the United States, declares that eventually each acre of land under irrigation in New Mexico will support one person. As there is enough water in this territory, even in dry years, to irrigate anywhere from a million and a half to two mil-lions and a half of acres, it does not take much figuring to fortell the coming greatness of this commonwealth. And set two millions and a half of acres are only one-twentieth of the area of public lands in New Mexico today. Of the remainder at least five million acres and perhaps twenty-five million acres can be reclaimed by scientific dry farming and the selection of crops, and while they will not support one person to every acre, yet ten acres may suffice for that purpose. Ere this cenfury has run its course-yes, even be-fore every person of this generation has passed away-New Mexico will have five million inhabitants and will cities and towns like Denver, have

### AMERICAN MEN ARE BEST. Kansas City Journal.

Omaha and Los Angeles,

"Marse" Henry Watterson's unique

excursion of thirty Kentucky girls is excursion of thirty Kentucky girls is home again after a somewhat exciting, albeit enjoyable, tour of Europe. The return to the sacred soil of their na-tive state was signalized by great rejoicing not only among the girls them-selves, but by the appreciative Kentucky men who viewed with some mis-givings the entire enterprise. There There were fears that the party might not re-turn intact, or, at least, that the beau-ties might not all be as fancy free as when they went forth to challenge the admiration of old world masculinity. If we may rely upon the reports that come out of the Bluegrass state, however, the Kentucky girls were not only not impressed with the types of men they met abroad, but they have come back more satisfied than ever with American men



An entertainment was given by the Dog Hill church last night. They took in a dollar and five cents and twenty people

Yam Sims is always trying to attract attention. He has now whitewashed his buggy so that it will run light. Columbus Allsop took his cow over to Hog Ford Thursday to water her, but she refused to drink as the con-gregation of the Hog Ford church had held footwashing ceremonies there the day before.

It has been discovered that the Wild Onion schoolhouse is situated in such way that it is directly under the sun at noon, and Sap Spradlen, the teacher has become overhet. The schoolhouse ought to be moved from under the sun's flerce glare,--Hoghollow Kentuckian.

#### Joe Jefferson Anecdote.

The late Joseph Jefferson was well known for his kindness of heart, a kindness which extended to the smallest of animals; but nothing annoyed him more than affectation in this regard

Upon one occasion he was dining with an acquiintance, when a fly drop-ped into the other man's coffee. The man carefully fished it out, and called

to a walter, "Here," he said, "take this poor lit. here, he said, take this poor lit-ile fellow-be very careful or you will hurt him-and put him out of doors." Mr. Jefferson laid a restraining hand upon his shoulder.

"Why, how can you think of such a thing, my dear friend? Don't you see that it is raining? Suppose the poor little fellow should catch cold!"-

Harper's Weekly. "I always do my hardest work be-fore breakfast." "What's that?" "Get. ting up."-Sketchy Eits.

"Why has old Gotrox made a new will? "His doctor



nothing more than a protest against deceptive and groundless schemes, and advice to the unwary not to partake of the craze that is certainly epidemic as to mining stocks, especially to people of little means who cannot afford the losses that are likely to ensue.

There is very great danger in the temptation offered by such speculations, to employes who have the handling of funds belonging to their employers, and who are sometimes led to "borrow" means wherewith to invest, expecting fully to pay back the amounts when the stocks they purchase take a rise in the market. Without any intention to steal, they place themselves on the list of those guilty of embezzlement, whether they succeed in replacing those funds or not. They appropriate to their own use that which does not belong to them, and that is uniawful and dishonest. In too many instances they fall to gain what they anticipated and are therefore unable against a friendly country, and the to carry out their intention. The consequence is, liability to prosecution and very often a sojourn in prison and the loss of a good character.

Every young man, and every older person for that matter, should stand firm on the rock of right, by refraining under any, circumstances from speculating with money that belongs to somebody else. Borrowing without the consent of the owner is larceny. No matter how firmly the taker purposes to restore it, the act itself is wrong and there is always the uncertainty as to the ability to put it back. Public funds should be as exempt from such "borrowing" as private money, No dazzilng prospect of a rise in stocks or other speculative venture will justify the appropriation of anything not one's own, no matter how soon it is expected to restore it.

Apart from all dishonerry, a warning is needed against rushing into speculations such as those the Governor daprecates. It is a fact that they are fads of the times. More poor people will be financially ruined over them than will ever regain what they risk In that kind of gambling, call it by what other name one pleases. Mining men need not and ought not take exceptions to such words of caution. Nor should the brokers who are doing a legitimate business be angry over them. They can do no harm to a real industry or an honest calling. They are against wildcat schemes, and false pretenses, and rash ventures, by people who cannot afford the risks. Don't misrepresent that which is offered with rood intent, nor take umbrage at wise pounsel!

## TURN ON THE FULL LIGHT!

The arrest of an alleged "medium" in this city, as related in our local department, for assault upon an aged lady who detected the fraud that has seen practised upon many guilible persons, is a step that should lead to the point of full exposure of the trick. tex that has been carried on here for nany months. It should be followed sy further action in the courts for of Chinese are determined on the acar such other proceedings as may be secessary, to put a stop to the fake piritism, that has evidently deceived point when they will see the folly of

United States has reserved the right to intervene in the affairs of the island at any time to establish and maintain peace, order and stability of government. It is understood that this is not merely a right of this government, but a duty toward the other

powers. And it is therefore necessary to be prepared for the performance of this duty.

But, while waiting for developments in Cuba, our government should take the steps needed to prevent the insurgents from getting arms and supplies in this country. It is charged that they are preparing arms and men for their campaign at New York. Philadelphia and some other ports. If this is true our government should exercise all its powers to prevent the departure of these filibustering forces. Under international law this country is bound to take all possible precautions to prevent the fitting out of armed forces Cuban republic is such a friendly country. To fall in this, is to neglect a plain duty. Perhaps if the insurgents

could not make their preparations here. American interference in Cuba would not be necessary, for the simple reason that the rebels, but for the freedom they enjoy here, would be unable to make war.

The Cuban rebellion does not appear to be the insignificant affair it was at first represented to be. It is growing in extent and importance. President Palma, naturally, hesitates asking this country for aid. He does not con template with pleasure the necessity of admitting the weakness of the government of which he is the head. But he knows the situation. If he knows that this country must intervane to settle the trouble, he should not pastpone the inevitable too long. It would be just as well to apply to Washington

for aid now, as to wait until many lives have been sacrificed and much property has been given over to destruction.

# THE SUN DOES MOVE.

That the Chinese government is in earnest with regard to the reforms promised the people as soon as they are prepared for them, is evidenced by the fact that the ancient custom of er depredations for months or even wearing a cue, or pigtail, as it is years. It was the expertness with wearing a cue, or pigtail, as it is Breverently called, is about to be discarded. Government officials of all degrees, it is said, are having their peculiar head ornament cut off, and the example is being followed by the professional men and other subjects of the "Son of heaven." This is reform | tervention. indeed. It proves that the Chinese are determined not to leave any relies to

remind them of a dark past, when they emerge into the full day light of the present. The authority for the statement that the cue is doomed, is a surgeon in the Chinese navy who in an interview of with a San Francisco newspaper repré-

sentative, some time ago, said; At present the whole Chinese peoundergoing what perhaps, is to be the greatest social and political re, form in history. All the better classes

have been established all over if country, and while it muy take a ger station to educate the people to that

William H. Newman of the New York Central railroad holds the record this year for directorships and trusteeships. He represents the Vanderbilt interests in 106 corporations. Frederick Underwood, president of the Eric road, holds 72 directorships and trusteeships. These gentlemen put Senator Depew completely in the shade.

On a photograph sent to her sister. Zenaide Konoplienhovo, the girl who assassinated General Min, wrote, just before her execution. "My life was all had to give." The girl was mistaken n her aims, but she was of heroic spirit. When women so cheerfully render up their lives for the cause they have espoused, such a cause must give any government pause

"Newport, N. H., boasts a native resident who completed yesterday his hundred and fifth year, and has been \$1 years a Mason. There is no guess work about the age of James Bellows Mac-Gregor, who was born in that place, the son of Joel MacGregor, who had been a Revolutionary soldier and lived to be 10) years old. Mr. MacGregor was 14 years old before he saw a waron, one that was brought by his father from Connecticut, and the first one used in that part of New Hampshire The old man has just had his first ride in a large automobile. In company with Ezra T. Sibley, his spry young neighbor 50 years old, says the Springfield Republican. May Mr. MacGregor live long and prosper! He deserves an old age pension.

> IN CUBA. Pueblo Chieftain.

In the district where a majority of the people are allied with the revolu-tionists, and a large part of the re-mainder are secretly favorable to the insurrection, the fact that the government forces do not meet with open re-sistance in the field is not a reason for predicting an early termination of the revolt. Under such circumstances. bands may continue to prey upon peacefully disposed citizens and to raid government depots and to commit othwhich the Cubin rebels conducted this kind of warfare that led the Spanish governors to establish the "trochas," or military lines, and later to send the entire population of certain districts into concentration camps,-a scheme that ultimately resulted in the liberation of Cuba as a result of American in-

York.

### CIVILIZED MAN. Success Magazine.

We need not have the slightest fear that civilized man is going to become degenerate from city dwelling or any of the other strains of civilization. Con-trary to popular belief, the white man of today has a lower death rate, a higher average length of life, is taller, heavier, and stronger than any of hi predecessors, or any known race of Almost any company of Amavages. erican and English soldiers will con-tain men who can outswith the best athletes of any native tribe.

IRRIGATION POSSIBILITIES.

Santa Fe New Mexican. Prof. F. H. Newell, at the head of

of heir."-Harper's Weekly. Knicker-I think the world owes

every man a living. Bocker-Perhaps; but he has to take it out in trade.-New York Sun.

Higgins-Old Gotrox is a distant relof yours, Isn't he? Wiggins-Yes: and the richer he becomes, the more distant he is .-- Chicago Daily News.

# RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

In the ninety-one years that have elapsed since it was established, the North American Review has been, successively, a quarterly, a bimonthly and a monthly. The number issued on September 7th now begins its career as a forinightly; it will henceforth be published on the first and third Fridays of each month. It will stifl adhere to the spirit of its old motto, discussing important subjects from all points of view. But, in addition, through an editorial department, it will now exopics of interest; and, through a distinctive literary department. systematically review Important books. The current issue opens with the first of a number of chapters form Mark Twain's Autobiography which have been selected for publica tion in the Review during the coming year. An American publicist, over the pseudonym "Q," discusses "Mr. Roose-velt's Right to Accept a Renomination," Goldwin Smith describes the ma-ture and forecasts the ultimate out-"British Empire in India. W. H. Mallock expounds the philosophy of the relations between "Great Fortunes and the Community." E. Liss-ner calls attention to the "Disruption



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