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GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Seventy-fifth annual Conference
of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day
Saints will convene on Thursday,
the 6th of April, and adjourn Friday
afternoon until Sunday morning,
and close Sunday afternoon.A general Priesthood meeting will
be held on Friday night, commencing
at 7:30.The special Priesthood meeting for the
General and Presiding Authorities of
the Church will be held in the Assembly
Hall on Saturday morning, at 10
o'clock.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.The general semi-annual conference
of the Deseret Sunday School Union
will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt
Lake City, Sunday, April 9, 1905, at 7
o'clock, p. m. Officers and Sunday
school workers are requested to attend
and all are cordially invited.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
JOSEPH M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

THE "FRANCHISE" AGITATION.

The furore that has been worked up
by certain newspapers and a number
of individuals in this city, some actuated
by a feeling of hostility against a
corporation doing business here, others
interested in starting a rival enter-
prise, and many swayed by the influ-
ences mentioned, illustrates the ease
with which popular excitement can be
aroused through the spread of misin-
formation and the Populistic hostility
to corporate power. The meeting held
in the Grand Theater on Sunday night,
though not numerously attended in con-
sequence of the severe storm that
raged, passed some resolutions which,
no doubt, will be endorsed by many
persons who were not present and who
do not understand the situation any
better than some of the manipulators
of the movement behind the meeting.The first "Whereas" opens with an
untruth as the basis of all that fol-
lows. It is not true that "a secret
compact had been entered into by cer-
tain members of the city council" as
to the granting of franchises, nor is it
true that one member of the council
made "brazen, shameless admissions"
to that effect. The minutes of the
City Council will not show anything
that justifies the statements made in
the preamble to which we have here
referred. The second "Whereas" is
also incorrect, because even if the City
Council were to grant all the Utah
Light and Railway Company asks for,
it would not be "tantamount to the city
deeding for all time all its rights, title
and interests in and to all its streets,
alleys and public places to the afore-
said corporation." The statement is a
gross exaggeration, like nearly all
the allegations that have been made to
work up public excitement. The third
"Whereas" being merely a deduction
from the untruthful premises from
which it is drawn, need not be specially
noticed.The facts in the case are these: When
the project was formed to bring into
this city the waters of the Cottonwoods
—a most splendid plan, it was found
that certain valuable properties be-
longing to the Utah Light and Rail-
way company, which it had acquired
by purchase years ago, were necessary
to or would aid materially in the per-
fection of the water scheme. This was
mentioned to directors of the company,
who intimated their willingness to dis-
pose of them to the city for the reason
advanced. But it was stated that the
city would not be able probably to pay
for them in money. A remark was
made that perhaps something could be
done by the city which was needed
by the company that would do in lieu
of a cash payment. There was no "com-
pact" or agreement entered into, either
"secretly" or otherwise, but the matter
was left for future consideration. Now
this should be clearly understood by
the public: The company had no inten-
tion or desire to part with those prop-
erties. They were expected to be uti-
lized for the further improvement of
its business and were valued by some
of the directors as at least \$250,000. The
sum of \$100,000 cash down has been of-
fered to the company in writing for
those properties and refused. The city
was the first to move for the possession
of those properties. They were not
"tendered to the city" for any purpose
or at any price. Nor is the company
desirous of parting with them.The member of the city council re-
ferred to in the resolutions, did not
state that there was any compact or
agreement with the company for the
concessions that had been asked for. He
went no further in his explanation than
that which we have here explained. All
the rumpus that has been made over his
remarks are groundless. What he saidwas the truth, and the exaggeration
distortion and amplification that have
followed in the press and in the coun-
cil, are only part and parcel of the rest
of the senseless opposition that has
been raised against the company.As to the rights of the company to
the properties in question there may be
some dispute, because litigation is pos-
sible over almost any claim that may be
had to property, particularly as to wa-
ter rights. But the proposition from the
city to the company to convey those
rights to the city would not have been
made if there was no legality in the
company's claims. These are matters
which can be determined without pas-
sion, without misrepresentation and
without endeavors to arouse popular
clamor, all of which are unworthy the
action of sane and sensible individuals.
The notion that by extending the time
of franchises already granted and pos-
sessed the city will be "deeding for all
time all its rights, title and interests in
and to all its streets, alleys and public
places to the aforesaid corporation," is
sufficiently wild and extravagant to
have emanated from an asylum for the
demented, but it easily passed muster
in an audience inflamed by the hot
air with which it had been warmed up
on that wintry occasion.When the Utah Light & Railway
company presented its petition for a
consolidation of the franchises which
it had acquired by purchase and other-
wise, and for an extension of the same
in one grant for a period of 50 years, it
placed that request as an equivalent for
the conveyance of the properties nam-
ed, and for the continued furnishing to
the city lighting to the value of \$9,800
a year and \$25 per annum for each
street car in operation. It did not ask
anything for nothing, as frequently
asserted. The company further agreed
to reduce its charges for all grades of
lighting. These points have been either
overlooked, or wilfully distorted, or the
very opposite proclaimed as the com-
pany's intentions.Now there is another matter associ-
ated with this that should be noticed.
That is, the "brazen" proposition for a
franchise to be granted to an unform-
ed corporation for no consideration
whatever for the period of fifty years.
This would give to the unborn concern
all that the opponents of the Utah
Light & Railway company inveigh
against, with nothing in return. In the
ravings of those opponents it is claim-
ed that a grant of a fifty years fran-
chise would be worth \$5,000,000 to that
company, and yet they would give it
away to the up-in-the-air proposition
for nothing, and they want the grant to
be made without delay and without
consideration. Why? Because the peti-
tioners say they will furnish light at a
reduced rate from that now charged
by the existing corporation. When the
rates are carefully examined as pro-
posed in the two propositions, it will be
found that the average agreed upon by
the Utah Light & Railway company will
be just as low as that offered—on
paper—by a company that may never
become a reality, and which offers no
guaranty for the supply of the entire
city with light, nor any of it with trans-
portation.Now all we ask of the people of this
city, and particularly those usually
well-informed gentlemen who have
joined in the hue-and-cry that has
been raised with but little reason, is
that they will investigate the matter
thoroughly, if they can without pre-
judice and without passion. It may be
that the 50 years extension asked for
is a longer term than the people are
willing to grant. But should not the
company have something in return for
the properties which it owns and which
the city desires to possess? We think
so. If it is wrong for the company to
do what has been claimed it has at-
tempted, that is "get something for
nothing," would it not be wrong for the
city to try to "grab" something for
nothing.

THE CANADA CANARD.

A great effort has been made to
raise an excitement over the everlast-
ing question of the purported contin-
uance of polygamy among the "Mor-
mons," and it has been heralded abroad
that wholesale prosecutions were to be
instituted in Canada, the Sandwich
Islands, etc. where it is insinuated the
practice has been extensively followed.
We do not believe that a solitary case
of the kind can be found among the
"Mormon" population in the Hawaiian
Islands. As to Canada, we publish
below an editorial that we have clipped
from the Alberta Star, in response to
the nonsensical story that has been
going the round of the press. It needs
no further comment of ours, except
that the rumors which some folks have
treated seriously, have no more founda-
tion in truth than other anti-"Mor-
mon" stories that appear to be re-
lieved by a certain class of readers. The
Star says:"The Calgary Herald is falling all
over itself in regard to what they
term 'Mormons and Polygamy.' There
is no need whatever for the Herald to
go into hysterics over the matter.
The editor of the Calgary Herald is
probably as well acquainted with 'Mor-
mon' conditions in Southern Alberta
as any newspaper man in the north-
west. He knows that the conditions
prevailing here as just as they are in
any other part of Alberta. It is not
true that there are a number of Mor-
mons here who have two wives. It is
not true that there are any here who
take two wives. It is not true that
"wholesale prosecutions are about to
take place." It is simply one of those
wild reports that are dashed abroad
occasionally in order to give the news-
papers something to talk about. We are
very glad to note the gallant way in
which the Herald steps forward to as-sist the police officers. We shall welcome
the closest scrutiny and investigation.
We are assured that when the truth
is known that the dominant Church
will rise free from taint or suspicion.
It is the easiest thing in the world
for people to talk. People have a per-
fect right to talk. The liberty of the
press would not curb their privilege
one iota. When they do talk, let them
talk about something they know and
not about something they think."

GETTYSBURG AND MUKDEN.

Comparisons are now drawn between
the battle of Mukden and other great
battles of history, and it is found that
this was a record-breaker.High authority, after careful inves-
tigation and study of the battle of
Gettysburg, places the number of ef-
fectives on the Union side on the field
during the three days at \$328. He gives
the Union killed at 3,155, the wounded
at 14,529 and the missing at 5,365, which
are the War Department figures. The
Confederates had on the same basis of
estimate 75,054 men. Their casualties
are placed at 8,903 killed; wounded, 18,-
785, and missing, 5,425.These figures appear almost insignifi-
cant when compared to the casualties
in the battle around Mukden.But, there is another way of looking
at these figures. A veteran of our Civil
War, writing to the Louisville Herald,
says that just before the battle of Muk-
den, Oyama's force was estimated at
400,000, and Kuropatkin's at 540,000. For
convenience we will call the strength of
the two armies 800,000. The battle last-
ed from February 24 to March 10, or
fourteen days. The combined loss of
both armies is estimated at 200,000—in
killed, wounded, and prisoners—or a
loss of one-fourth of those engaged, in
fourteen days' fighting. The combined
armies of Meade and Lee at Gettysburg
would not exceed 170,000, and the battle
was fought in three days. Meade's loss,
according to this veteran's estimate,
was killed, wounded and prisoners, was
22,500, and Lee's loss, 35,000—making
a total loss of 58,000—15,000 more than
one-fourth the number engaged in three
days' fighting instead of fourteen days,
as at Mukden.In numbers engaged, in territory
covered, in casualties, and in time con-
sumed, the battle of Mukden seems to
have no counterpart in modern war
history, but in fierceness of fighting,
Gettysburg seems to be first. And to
think that when the great battle of the
Civil War was fought on this continent,
Japan was almost unknown to the rest
of the world!

A merry Christmas to all!

In labor unions there is strength but
no ministers.After all, if negotiated it may only
amount to a constructive peace.Castro acts as though he thought
himself Gulliver among the Lilliputians.Having failed to secure a divorce
Bill might arrange a modus vi-
vendi.Up-to-date hotels have libraries. Why
shouldn't a hostelry supply intellectual
food?If World's Fair medals were sold, then
the purchasers and the public have
been sold.The best acreage will be doubled this
year. It beats everything how the best
industry grows.Leopards are susceptible to several
diseases, chief among them being lep-
rosy and spotted fever.In the matter of retiring, Lincolnton
can never hope to equal Kuropatkin's
record, work as hard as he will.The Federal building is being plastered.
It is to be hoped no "white-
washing" will ever be done there.John D. Rockefeller is praying for Dr.
Harper's recovery. It will benefit Mr.
Rockefeller if it does not help Dr. Har-
per.Nearly three-quarters of a million
men sent to the front by Russia and
one word tells the result to that coun-
try—licked!Let the Czar remember that "peace
hath her victories no less renowned than
those of war." It is his best chance
to achieve one.When a man displays a lack of geo-
graphical knowledge he always blames
it on the school geographies that he
used to study.Jiu-jitsu has lost some of its prestige
in this country, but still the Japanese
have been able to overthrow the Rus-
sians with it.No man should be appointed judge
of the juvenile court who cannot be
held up to juveniles as an example.
Here as elsewhere example is better
than precept.Major Warner, senator-elect from
Missouri, reports that his total cam-
paign expenses did not reach thirty
dollars. But he made some million-
aire competitors look like thirty cents."Booker Washington has lately dis-
covered that the American people know
more today about the negroes than
they do about the negroes," says the
Springfield Republican. Probably it is
because there is much more to be
known about them.The Senate having failed to ratify
the treaty that had been negotiated
with Santo Domingo, although hard
urged by the President, Minister Daw-
son, on his own initiative and without
instructions from the state department,
has negotiated "a satisfactory agree-
ment" with the Morales government.
Evidently he is of the opinion he can
have initiative and discard the refer-
endum. He is sadly mistaken.The "Cullinan" diamond, found a
month ago in the Premier mine, Trans-
vaal, has been brought to England. The
stone, which is by far the largest dia-
mond ever discovered, measures 4 1/2
inches by 2 1/2 inches, and weighs 3,022
carats. While in South Africa the dia-mond was most carefully guarded, and
before being shipped it was insured to
London for \$500,000. The wealth of
Ormus and of Ind never knew anything
like it.

LITTLE LESSONS IN LIVING.

Chicago Journal.
We all take life too seriously, of
course, but to some it is a mountain
of duties that must never be lost sight
of. "Some day I am going to remain
in bed and rest to my heart's content,"
said a tired woman one day, as she
went over the list of things that she
thought must be done. "That was five
years ago, and recently she was asked
if she had found 'some day,' and she
confessed that she had not. She never
will, for she will never be able to dig
through that mountain she was foolish
enough to build up years ago. She
has forgotten how to live. That is the
trouble with many of us.

FRAUD EYEN AT FAIRS.

Springfield Republican.
The stories of fraudulent awards at
the St. Louis exposition are helping to
drive nails into the coffin of the world's
fair business in the future. How dis-
gusting are bogus medals!

NEW PARADISE FOR VEGETARIANS.

San Antonio Express.
In East Texas hundreds of acres of
land are being planted in Irish po-
tatoes, cucumbers, beans, canteloupes
and watermelons, and other hundreds
of acres are being devoted to straw-
berries and peach orchards. That is
the sensible way to decrease the cotton
acreage.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Four of the principal articles in the
National Magazine for April deal with
the railway problem now in the front
in American politics. The titles of the
articles and their authors are: "Con-
gress and the Railroads," by Represen-
tative John J. Bach; "The Republic vs.
the Banking Syndicates," by Frank
Putnam; "The Masters of Our Rail-
ways," by Edward D. Tittmann; "What
Causes Railway Wrecks," by C. H. Al-
lison, of the Illinois Central Railroad.
The literary and pictorial features of
the number are up to its usual high
standard. Among the contributors are
Charles Warren Stoddard, Joe Mitchell
Chapple, Katherine Lee Estes, Gover-
nor Charles Aycock of North Car-
olina, Yone Noguchi, Miriam Sheffey,
James Earl Naylor, Anna McClure
Sholl, J. E. Conrad (the new Iowa
humorist), and Mabel Percy Haskell—
Chapple Pub. Co., Boston.Harper's Bazar for April opens with
a paper on "The Fashion Outlook for
1905," by A. T. Ashmore. This is fol-
lowed by an illustrated article on
"Costs and Wraps," "French Evening
Gowns," "Frocks for School Girls,"
"Summer Millinery," etc. are other
topics discussed and illustrated. Besides
such features the "Bazar" offers short
stories, poems, etc. It is, in every re-
spect, a very attractive number.—Har-
per & Bros., New York.

TEA

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Is there anything bad that
isn't kept down by good tea?

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