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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-eighth annual, general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, April 5, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

The general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Saturday, April 6, at 7 o'clock p. m.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,
 JOHN H. WINDER,
 ANTHON H. LUND.

The annual conference of the Sunday School Union will be held in the Tabernacle on Sunday, April 7, at 7 o'clock p. m.
 JOSEPH F. SMITH,
 General Superintendent.

A WELL CONSIDERED VETO.

It is not necessary to say that Governor Cutler was certainly not influenced by any sentiments adverse to the smelters, when he vetoed the bill proposing to give them the right of eminent domain in certain counties of this state, under certain restrictions. As he points out in his communication to the Secretary of State, the measure was unconstitutional, and it would have opened the way for almost endless litigation. It discriminates against the smelters in that it gives certain privileges to those located in one county, which it denies those in another. But, above all, it proposed to give the right of eminent domain to private corporations for their exclusive benefit, instead of for the good of the public, thus establishing a new and unheard-of rule.

If the right of eminent domain means the right of the sovereign people to appropriate whatever private property is necessary for the construction of lines of communication, public buildings, wharves, docks, etc., it does not mean the right of one private citizen to take the property of another for his own benefit, nor the right of a corporation to buy at its own price whatever property it may need for its business. The passage of the measure by the late Legislature can be accounted for only on the supposition that there was not sufficient time to consider it thoroughly during the last hours of legislative session. However, it is now dead, and the smelters have been saved the litigation they would almost certainly have had forced upon them by property owners unwilling to give up their property, and the cost of which would, we presume, finally have been assessed against the miners in the form of increased charges for handling their ores. The best interests of all concerned have been served in this veto of the Governor.

"WOMEN BOUND FOR UTAH."

One of the falsehoods industriously promulgated by anti-Mormons is this, that the Elders of the Church in the mission field are engaged in the emigration business, and that women especially are induced by them to come to Utah. Enterprising correspondents at ports where immigrants land and along the main lines of communication, knowing that sensational items regarding "Mormon" immigration are very welcome among anti-Mormon agitators, even if they are absurdly false, see to it that the demand is supplied, and thus it happens that fake dispatches about "Women bound for Utah" find their way into newspapers and are lovingly repeated in pulpits and on platforms, to do service in the unholy war on an unoffending community. Of this class was the brief dispatch from Lynn, Mass., printed and reprinted in Wednesday's issue of this paper, in which the name of Senator Smoot was used in order to make the fake appear as sensational as a depraved imagination could render it.

The Church is not engaged in the emigration business. The Elders in the field are not emigration agents. They do not encourage anyone to come to Utah. If they speak of the conditions here, they describe the disadvantages as well as the advantages. They tell of the struggles and temptations that await nearly all the emigrants to commence life anew in a strange land. That many Saints in other countries, notwithstanding this, prefer to emigrate is true. The blessings of a free government and the association with those of the same faith, are attractive to all members of the Church. But when they do come, they pay their own way. Generally several go together in little companies, and this is placed in the charge of some experienced Elders who gratuitously assist them on the road as best they can, looking after their comfort. Very often emigrants not belonging to the Church join these little companies and remain with them till they reach their respective destinations. It therefore sometimes happens that a company of immigrants that are by newspaper reporters characterized as "Mormon" grows smaller and smaller as the journey westward proceeds.

As to the allegation that the Elders import women, the fact is that the statistics show that the percentage of women in the total immigration to the United States, this is a fact that can be ascertained. There need not be any

doubt as to that. According to the last census there were 6,650 more males than females in Utah. This is again the proportion that is found in other western states, and proves that the growth of the population here is subject to the same laws that govern elsewhere. There are no abnormal conditions of any kind. The spirit of gathering has been operative among the Latter-day Saints from the beginning of the proclamation of the Gospel, and will operate until the purposes of the Almighty shall have been accomplished, but the Elders are not offering any worldly inducements to anyone, and most of all are they leading companies of women to Utah, or any other place of gathering. The rumors to that effect are started by ignorant or unscrupulous falsifiers who possibly labor under the delusion that some good is attained by telling lies about the "Mormons," and who, perhaps, find an excuse for doing so in the example set by some men who call themselves ministers of truth, but who have not hesitated to perjure themselves in the interest of anti-Mormonism.

BE NOT AFRAID.

Astonishing as it may seem, there is considerable concern in various parts of the western states, as regards personal safety in Salt Lake. Under the present police system, and particularly since the disclosures in the Sheets-McWhirter robbery and conspiracy case, people have become alarmed when about to visit the Utah capital, as to whether they are not likely to be set upon in real brigand fashion and dispossessed of their ready means. The fear that has existed, and which now exists, is thoroughly genuine. Expressions to that effect have frequently come to the Deseret News. Some of them are as amusing as they are foolish, but nevertheless deserve serious treatment for they are honestly spoken. As an illustration, the "News" received yesterday, a letter from a prominent Idaho business man, one who formerly resided in Salt Lake. He says that for years the town in which he lives, has, at each conference, sent a delegation numbering from one hundred to two hundred persons, to this city, and that they have expended in railroad fares and otherwise from two thousand to five thousand dollars, which, of course, includes their purchases from Salt Lake stores. In explanation he adds:

"This spring would have been no exception to the rule, save that country people have come to look upon Salt Lake in its present condition as a place decidedly unsafe for the ordinary stranger with money in his pockets. The recent developments in the courts of the Sheets case, indicate clearly that the police officials are in close harmony and co-operation with the lawless elements, and that the modern touch act, in which crooks are such adepts may be sprung at the most inopportune moment and in altogether unlooked for places. Consequently many country people have concluded to remain away from Salt Lake this year, as a matter of personal precaution."

Here is a state of facts that may provoke a smile on the part of some persons, but they make a showing that should not be lightly passed by. It appears clear that Salt Lake will lose a good deal of money on account of the fear that prevails in the minds of many individuals who propose to remain away from the city for the present, lest they be robbed in some hotel or rooming house in which they might chance to be stopping. If the letter here quoted is a correct criterion by which to gauge the situation in other contrary sections, then the McWhirter will not be the sole losers as a result of the transaction in which they figured so disastrously. The very business interests of the community are likewise being made to suffer. And yet the Organ contends desperately for the retention of the officers under whom thugs and gamblers prospered and a complete and remarkable get-away after the fact had been divided. In view of its past record it would probably continue to do so if all passenger traffic on all the railroads should be diverted from Salt Lake for the same reason. It is a clear case of trying to acquit the wrongdoers, regardless of the loss that shall come to the town. What it stands for is the kind of crime that has made San Francisco the blackest spot on the map of American municipalities.

But to our country friends we say, be not afraid. Come to Salt Lake, attend conference, transact your business and visit with your relatives and acquaintances. We have a good city-one that is growing by leaps and bounds. You will want to see its improvements and breathe the air of progress which fills the lungs of its people. Besides there is no reason to believe that all the police will do what their chief and the captain of detectives are charged with. And then, the offices of the United States Marshal and sheriff are filled with square men. Again we say, be not afraid. Come to Salt Lake. You will be the gainer thereby.

AN ADVERTISING TEST.

The Navy Department, says the Washington Herald, is about to commence an investigation as to whether it pays better to advertise for recruits in the newspapers or by colored posters. A considerable sum, it seems, has been expended annually in putting out huge posters in order to attract the attention of the pedestrian who may be willing to accept the employment offered at the nearest recruiting station. It has been thought by some, however, that the recruits obtained in answer to that class of advertising are much less desirable than the readers of newspaper ads, and this is probably beyond dispute. It is proposed, therefore, to discontinue for a time this dead-end advertising, and to rely entirely upon advertisements in the newspapers. It is known to what extent the applicants have presented themselves at naval recruiting stations as a result of the poster advertising, and it will now be known definitely in what measure, greater or less, the newspaper advertisements for recruits may be depended upon.

We would be surprised, if it were not ascertained by actual test that the newspaper is the best medium whereby to reach the people. The part of the public that is to be relied upon for the performance of civic duties, for the support of business enterprises

or the patronage of amusements, consists of intelligent men and women who read the papers and carefully scan its pages. A poster may be a reminder that "he who runs can read" of an advertisement already perused at leisure in the pages of the newspaper, but it cannot take the place of a newspaper ad in this age of general education, whatever may have been its mission at a time when reading was an art mastered only by the few. The test the Navy department is about to make should be of general interest to all advertisers.

COST OF WARS.

There will be two notable peace congresses in this country, and both may be regarded as preliminary to the second Hague congress, which will convene in June. One of these gatherings will open at Carnegie hall, New York, April 15, and the other at Lake Mohonk, May 27. Utah, as has been stated in these columns, will be represented at Lake Mohonk, but we have not yet heard of any appointments to the New York gathering, which will be international in character.

Such congresses are becoming an economic necessity to the world. War of any importance is no longer confined to the nations immediately involved. Its consequences are felt in financial circles throughout the entire civilized world. No nation has money enough to finance a big war. Even the United States would have to borrow money in order to defend her coasts against the attacks of a first-class power.

It is said that there is in all the world six billion dollars in gold. But a war between any two great powers would probably cost about one billion dollars a year. It is evident, therefore, that it would materially interfere with the trade and commerce of nations. There can be no "Thirty-years" war any more. And no nation can enrich itself by conquest. There is every reason why wars should be made impossible, and the financial interests of the world seem to realize this very keenly at this time.

TAKE NOTICE, PLEASE.

We receive, occasionally, letters containing news items or intended contributions for the columns of the "News," without signatures or anything to indicate the identity of the senders. We repeat what we have said before on this subject that correspondents should not neglect the formality of signing their communications, even when they do not care to see their names in print. Anonymous letters will receive no consideration. All communications containing items for publication should be addressed to the Editor, no matter for what part of the paper they are intended. Business communications, such as relate to subscription, or advertising, change of addresses, etc., should be directed to the Deseret News. Most newspaper readers are aware of these rules and observe them, when they have occasion to communicate by letter with their newspaper, but others need to be reminded of them, as their observance always facilitates business and prevents many mistakes. When anonymous communications are ignored the senders cannot justly complain of discourtesy, since they do not give an address to which to send a few lines acknowledging the receipt of their letters and explaining why the contents are not accepted for publication. Once more, sign all letters, properly, and address all communications relating to the reading matter of the paper to the Editor.

Too many alienists spoil the broth.

Is March to end with a Winter's Tail?

A bird at the fancier's is worth two in the home.

"Grattings" is the chrysalis stage of "high finance."

A man's aim should be high though he does indulge in rifle practice.

Governor Cutler did an eminently proper thing in vetoing the eminent domain bill.

If the Thaw tragedy were put into dramatic form, what a "problem play" it would make!

Reef's attorneys now are anxious for a speedy trial. It cannot be that they want speedy justice.

Instead of making pilgrimages to the White House, the railroad presidents seem to be standing "pat."

Is not Madame Emma Eames' reputation so well established that she has no need of a divorce suit to make it?

Augustine Birrell is to edit Browning's works. If he can illumine what in him is dark, he will be a benefactor of his race.

Many testify to Hermann's good reputation. It may be as they say, still he, like old dog Tray, was in very bad company.

It now looks as though there would be some sunshine in Central America after the recent storm in Nicaragua and Honduras.

Already there has been one resignation from the Thaw lunacy commission. Is that body to be as unstable as the Panama canal commission?

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a Japanese or Korean laborer, with a limited passport, to enter the United States.

A French scientist has been investigating the matter and arrived at the conclusion that every man on earth has at least six counterparts. Then look at the many parts some men counterfeit.

Germany has grave suspicions as to whether France's intentions towards Morocco are strictly honorable. Towards that country it may be doubted if any government's intentions are purely honorable and nothing else.

Oscar Hammerstein is reported as not ready to sign a contract with Ancona, the baritone, unless Ancona agrees to take at least five inches off

his waist measurement. Should not he who draws a fat salary as well as he who drives tax cabs himself be fat?

AN IDLE PREDICTION.

Chicago Record-Herald.
 An Austrian military officer has written a pamphlet in which he expresses the opinion that it would be comparatively easy for Japan to smash things on our Pacific coast. While it would be foolish to ignore the dangers to which our Pacific coast might be exposed in case of war, we may as well remember that the Austrians thought Spain would be able to whip us without calling on any of her reserve forces.

CARE OF THE VEIL.

Philadelphia Bulletin.
 "In this March weather," said a beauty doctor, "veils are a necessity, but let every woman see to it that her veil is as clean as her handkerchief or her shirtwaist. Otherwise she is liable to 'wear' a veil. Women should wear pale veils. Then, when they become soiled, the fact is patent. She who wears a dark veil should wash it after every third wear."

The veil, moist with the breath, is a veritable trap and breeding ground for every germ afloat, and if it is not kept scrupulously clean it gives its wearer skin troubles of a hundred kinds.

TOO FEW COWS.

San Francisco Chronicle.
 The price of milk and cream has been materially advanced all over the country. Nobody any longer attributes the raise to the manipulation of trusts. It's a simple case of too many people and too few cows.

THE PRESIDENT'S VAIL.

Boston Herald.
 We have seldom had a president who has exercised so little power less frequently. And yet President Roosevelt is popularly reckoned a headstrong, if not stubborn, chief executive. He does most of his vetoing in advance.

AGREEING ON ONE POINT.

Boston Transcript.
 Upon one topic the president and the railroad men will agree, and that is in the folly and injustice of most of the rate regulation, freight and passenger, attempted by state boards and state legislatures throughout the west. President Roosevelt realizes the peril which lies in this direction and will doubtless use his influence to check the spread of it, and may make it a subject of some of his talks in the Mississippi valley, to which he is soon going to fulfill a few engagements. Railroads are interstate highways, and more than any other agency of the modern world come within the purview of the nation as a whole and not of the states.

JUST FOR FUN.

Why?

A young lady who taught a Sunday school class of young boys was often compassed by the ingenious questions sometimes propounded by her young hopefuls.

One Sunday the lesson touched on the story of Jacob's dream in which he had a vision of angels descending and ascending a ladder extending from heaven to earth. One inquiring youngster wanted to know why the angels used a ladder, since they all had wings. At a loss for a really clever answer to escape the difficulty by leaving the question to the class.

"Can any of you tell us why the angels used a ladder?" she asked.

One little fellow raised his hand. "Please, mamam," he said, "praps they was moultin'!"—Harper's Weekly.

Little Bobby on Bees.

Little Bobby wrote an essay on bees, as follows: "The bee is a queer sort of an insect that gives people a few points that they don't appreciate. The queen bee bosses the hive, just like ma bosses our house. The drone bee is like pa; he don't care much about work. There are other kinds of bees, including political bees, quilting bees, and bawling bees. But the best bees of all are the kissing bees. There is a kissing bee in our parlor every Sunday night, and I get a nickel just to tell about it. When it comes to a choice of bees, give me a kissing bee every time."—Chicago News.

Philosophers of the Slump.

Bitt—Nothing venture nothing have.

Nitt—Nothing have nothing venture.

No Other Explanation.

It is stated that an Indiana bride of three days sprained her wrist badly while endeavoring to button her wedding gown.

The only explanation of this singular accident would seem to be that the unfortunate young woman married a mollycoddle.

Was He Right?

"How do you spell 'wrong,' Tommy?"

"R-o-n-g."

"That's wrong."

"That's what you asked me to spell."

It Was So Sudden.

Loveless—May I call you by your first name?

Miss Willin—Yes, and by your last.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

One of the most entertaining "fish" stories of magazine literature appears in the April Bohemian and is entitled "The Whale." Reinforcing this humorous leader Henry Miller tells one of the best stories yet in "My Yesterdays." Mr. Charles F. Peters writes entertainingly of some women artists. Miles Bradford's cooking article entitled "The Apostles of the Pie" will make America's mouth water. There are only a few features of this number.—Deposit, N. Y.

"Ma's 'Christ-Dead' at Miner's Camp," the Easter-day story which Alice Louise Lee contributes to the Easter Youth's Companion, is good. The same issue has an Easter contribution from "Ian MacLaren," a stirring story of the Mexican war, by Ellen Mackubin, entitled "With Blay's Squadron."

"The Marksmen," a story of woodland adventure, by Frank Lillie Pollock, and an instalment of Adeline Knapp's serial, "The Surplus Shrapnel." Among the special articles is "The Social Worker," by E. W. Frenz, in the series on "Modern Occupations for Women," and an important paper on "Kings in the East," by the Companion's staff physician.—Boston, Mass.

The April number of Dress presents in full detail and illustration the gowns of the most representative styles that are advocated by fashion to take the lead in the new models designed for spring. A colored reproduction of a painting is shown on the cover, distinctly typical and appropriate for the month. The center page is significant of an increased appreciation of the fashionable public for the fashions shown in Dress. A complete article on "Spring Fashions" from the newest hat to the latest shoes, is a feature of this particular number; also of great interest for the motorist are the models for the apparel to be worn. The special "Paris Correspondent" gives his monthly resume of the social events and fashions in the French capital, worn by noted French women at various social functions as described in detail.—24-26 East Twenty-first St., New York



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