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NOTICE.

The Seventieth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at ten a. m., on Friday, April 6th, 1900.

LORENZO SNOW, GEORGE Q. CANNON, JOSEPH F. SMITH, First Presidency.

HABITS OF CHILDREN.

The quarterly conference of the Salt Lake Stake of Zion closed on Sunday afternoon with a very large attendance in the Tabernacle, the galleries having to be opened to accommodate the throngs of people present. The meetings on Saturday in the Assembly Hall were not so large us was desirable, yet the numbers did not seem to be diminished in consequence of the organization of two Stakes of Zion out of the Salt Lake Stake, and certainly the interest and spirit manifested were in no way decreased. It was a very profitable gathering of the Latter-day Saints of this city and its vicinity, and much valuable instruction was imparted.

On Saturday afternoon President George Q. Cannon made some remarks which, it appears, have been construed | that the historical picture of Jesus, preto signify something that the speaker sented by the Gospels, is still recogdid not intend to convey. There seems to be a disposition on the part of some no higher moral standard can be people to pick out a sentence, here and | imagined than the life of the Nazarene. there, from discourses delivered by It will be somewhat difficult after this leaders of this Church, and by isolating to parade fakes, slander, falsehood,

children aside and inquire into the ways of their school companions. It is strange that so many of the excellent admonitions given by the leaders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are passed over without notice by its enemies, and whenever an opportunity arises, through some incidental remark, to convey an impression which will serve to irritate people not present to hear the context, it is heralded abroad, a false construction is placed upon it, and a forbidding mountain is fashioned out of a small molehill. It serves to show the disposiof some people and the paltry spirit by which they are possessed. It calls to mind the saying of the Prophet Isaiah,

latter days: "For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off; that make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him that reproveth in the gate, and turn asido the just for a thing of nought."

in relation to events to occur in the

SHELDON'S NEWSPAPER.

The world will now obtain an idea of how the Muster would run a newspaper, that is if Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon's judgment as to that is sound. This week the Topeka Capital will be run on that plan and incidentally become one of the best advertised papers of the country.

From what has been published about the reforms Mr. Sheldon deems necessary, it appears that one of the first is the prohibition of the use of tobacco in any form by the men employed in the office. A capital idea, to commence the purification process right at home. Mr. Sheldon reserves the right to pass upon every bit of copy intended for the paper. Advertisements will be closely scanned. There will be no patent med. icine ads this week. Corset ads will be rejected. Liquor cure ads are not accepted. Magazines containing whisky ads, or corset ads, etc., are not given any space. Retail houses outside Topeka cannot advertise with Mr. Shel-

don, on the principle that the Master's paper must first build up the local trade. Nor are the "bargain day" sales considered legitimate. From all accounts it is evident that

the Rev. gent an has made a big hit. The circulation of the paper for the week will far exceed the capacity of the Capital office, and arrangements have been made with Kansas City, Chicago and New York papers to help in printing the thousands of copies demanded.

This is one of the significant facts in connection with this experiment. It prover that the general public is dimly conscious of the need of reform in a certain class of journalism. It proves nized as the ideal and that crime and villainy, and to give to that print, on the plea that the public demand is for that which will satisfy a depraved taste. There would be no curiosity on the part of the reading public to see what kind of literature the Master would provide, were not the stamp of disapprobation clearly put on the somewhat common article. Mr. Sheldon may not succeed in demonstrating what Jesus would do, were He in any way connected with an Eastern daily. His judgment as to that may be entirely erroneous. The Capital can after all, only reflect Mr. Sheldon's ideas instead of those of the Savlor. But the experiment has nevertheless its value as showing the lines along which modern journalism is supposed to transgress the rules of morality as now understood. But whether it will have any permanent effect on journalism is a different question.

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was shown in the war with Spain, and is now shown in South Africa. Let us have plenty of war material and plenty of men to care for it. Then we will not need any armies of the Eu-

ropean continental pattern. PUERTO RICO HUNGRY.

The situation in Puerto Rico is far rom satisfactory. An appeal for food is made on behalf of the needy people, by Captain H. S. Bishop, of the Fifth cavalry. According to him many of the farmers no longer have any need of laborers, and many people are nearly starving. The sugar industry will give employment to only a few. In the central part of the island food is scarce and will be for some time to come. The captain fears an outbreak

of lawlessness, and an increase of sickness and the death rate, unless the conditions complained of are remedied. The governor general, Mr. Davis, adds that workmen and their families, lack. ing money to live, are drifting into the towns demanding food. He asks for a second shipment of five hundred tons of rice, cod fish and bacon, in usual pro-

portions, to follow the five hundred tons o go on March 16th. During the present Puerto Rican dis-

cussion, this appeal from the island and the picture of the condition of its inhabitants are timely. This country is enjoying a period of almost unparalleled prosperity. We have accepted Puerto Rico as part of the great Union. Is there any conceivable reason why one part of this country should suffer the pangs of hunger while all the rest is feasting on the good things of the earth?

Evidently it is the immediate duty of this country first to relieve the sufferers, and then see to it that no lawmaking is allowed to erect a bar which the general prosperity of the United States in vain tries to cross.

### SHEEP AND FOREST GROWTH

The discussion as to whether or not sheep injure the forest growth still goes on, though in this part of the country the view is being generally taken that no injury to forests results from allowing the woolgrowers to pasture therein. The report of F. E. Town, of the United States geological survey, made from the standpoint of one who inclined to the view that sheep damaged forests, is interesting in its bearing on the subject. The gentleman has made a careful examination of the Big Horn forest reserve in Wyoming, and thus presents his findings:

"In every part of the reserve are found areas destitute of timber which are called parks. These vary in ex-tent from a few acres to thousands of acres. It is impossible to estimate with any accuracy their aggregate extent, but it is great. I think it is safe to say that not less than one-half of the area of this forest reserve consists of these The parks are covered with parks. grass and in some cases no timber is to be seen. These parks afford excellent These parks afford excellent pasturage for stock during the summe months. I find that during the past summer between three and four thou-sand head of cattle ranged in the mountain park north of Tongue river and to

as to cause a suspicion that this latest effort is only another health board trying to find something to do to make a "name" for its members.

in a way its advocates do not now realize, there is no reason to believe he will antagonize the change. Certainly he has shown a disposition to yield to all fair American requests.

Professor Edward J. Phelps, whose death occurred last Friday, March 9th. at New Haven, Conn., was one of the prominent public characters of this country. He was born in Middlebury, Vt., 1822, and was a son of Senator Samuel Phelps. During President Cleveland's administration he was the representative of this country to Great Britain, and in this capacity he was in a position to render his country excellent service.

Senator Blackburn of Kentucky Is billed as one of the speakers at Thursday evening's meeting in New York, in favor of asking President McKinley to offer mediation between the British and the Boers. With this announcement comes up the vision of a necessity of mediation or some other interference to prevent civil war in the senator's own State. But perhaps it is better to tinker with war matters with a long pole.

Advices from the Hague, and also from Washington are to the effect that President Kruger is anxious for the powers to interfere in behalf of the African republics, and that the United States possibly is seeking to obtain an understanding as to the basis upon which peace negotiations can be commenced. It would certainly be a great relief to all interested in the progress of civilization to know that peace overtures may be inaugurated at any moment, but there seems to be but little chance of success at present. The Boers undoubtedly think they have demonstrated their right to independent existence, and no doubt will demand independence. The British, on the other hand, insist on English sovereignty and have gone to an enormous expense to maintaidn it. They can hardly be expected to withdraw from the scene of conflict before their object is accomplished.

# SPEAKING OF THE WAR.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. Now the forces of the two republics are hurrying to defend their own territory. The Free State has been invaded in force by the main army under Roberts. Unless his progress is checked he will be soon threatening the South African Republic from the Free State while the forces of Buller and White, after brief time for recuperation, will

take up the line of march for Pretoria through the scenes of British defeats in 1881 and 1899, or by way of the Drakensberg passes to co-operate with Lord Roberts. But, unless there is a sudde



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as well as in the laager of Cronje. The march of Lord Roberts' army to the Modder river was unexpected and its achievements were due to the befud-dling of the Boer bureau of information.

## Chicago Times-Herald.

The British war office continues to pour troops into South Africa at the rate of 1,000 men a day-although it rate of 1,000 men a day-aithough it has over 200,000 there already. It evi-dently intends to smother Boers and at the same time present to Europe an object lesson on the equipment and transportation of a vast volunteer army. We rejoice in this exhibition be-cause it demonstrates that the volun-teer system, which prevails only in the United States and in the United King-United States and in the United King-dom, is capable of development to meet emergencies beyond the resources of those nations where conscription is forever devouring the vital energies of the people,

them from the context either distort or exaggerate their signification, and which is good and beautiful in human sometimes give them the very opposite | life a subordinate position in public meaning to that which was expressed. This is not only very unfair to the speaker but is also misleading and unjust to the public.

The facts in this case are these: Elder John Henry Smith delivered a discourse on the subject of family instruction by the parents. He deplored the lack of time and opportunity for this needful exercise, because of the numerous engagements of active men in the Church whose services were in constant use for the general welfare. Most of the leading Elders of the Church, he showed, were constantly engaged in public work, often to the comparative neglect of their own families. He dwelt upon the need of parental influence and teaching in all families, so that the children of Zion might be led in the ways of righteousness and falth and be imbued with the spirit of Zion.

President George Q. Cannon was greatly impressed with the remarks of the preceding speaker, and emphasized the lesson that had been conveyed to the Latter-day Saints. He dwelt strongly on the duty devolving upon fathers and mothers in the proper training of their offspring, and advised them to inquire personally into the habits of their children and the kind of company they keep. He spoke of the influence of associations among children, and of the conversations held among the boys and girls. Incidentally he referred to the companionship created among schoolboys, and the improper habits which are sometimes indulged in by corrupt boys who communicate vile things to others. He admonished fathers to talk plainly with their boys as to the habits and conversation of their companions, and said some of them would be astonished by what would be brought to light. He remarked that there were vile practices right in this city, not only among men but among children, and if our youths were not cautioned and guarded against such things, they might fall into the very worst of conduct.

These instructions were given in such a way that they could not fail to have a good effect upon all who heard them, who were disposed to receive them in the spirit in which they were imparted. But it seems advantage has been taken of the incidental reference to the district schools, to create the impression that those institutions were attacked by the speaker. Nothing was further from his thoughts, nor could the insinuation be fairly construed from his language. The endeavor to pervert his discourse in this way does not spring from any desire to accomplish a good purpose.

There is not any need for our public educators to be exercised in their minds over anything said by President Cannon on this subject, unless it be to cause them to make private and quiet inquiries as to the conduct of children, belonging to the public schools, when they are not under the supervision and discipline which is so well maintained in those institutions. They need fear no opposition from President Cannon, who is a friend to education in every sense of the term. He did not say one word against the district schools or their management. He did not state that there was anything wrong done or said in those schools, but there will always be found men to simply advised parents to take their handle it in times of necessity. That pearances are so much the other way

# ARTILLERYMEN NEEDED.

Secretary Root's army reorganization scheme contemplated among other things to have certain promotions in the grade of colonel, lieutenant-colonel and major made by selection and as a reward for merit, instead of by the rule of seniority. This part of the plan seems, however, to meet with a great deal of criticism among army officers eventually affected by the proposed change, and so determined is the opposition, that the neasure probably will not be agreed up. on by the present Congress.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says the fact is by the government considered alarming. The increase of the artillery service to a strength absolutely needed to care for the sea coast defense works, is a question that cannot be put off indefinitely, and if the debate on the Secretary's plan is deferred the clauses referring to the artillery service will be served the same way. The only remedy is to make a separate bill of the part treating of the artillery and urge its adoption.

General Miles estimates that over 18,-000 men are urgently needed to take care of the batteries and expensive guns in the various forts. The present strength, including the service in Puerto Rico, Cuba and the Philippines is about 16,000 men. The total money investment in the guns of the coast defenses today, is said to be \$50,352,848. The deterioration of these guns and carriages from lack of care due to an insufficient force of men is estimated to be at least 15 per cent and amounts, therefore, to \$7,552,927 annually. The saving to the country by increasing the artillery service to the proposed number s, therefore, calculated at about \$5,-

000,000 annually. There can be no valid objection to a proposition that has for its aim the preservation of the coast defenses. As the world at present is constituted, it is absolutely necessary to be prepared for defensive warfare. It follows that men are needed to take care of the works of defense. Standing armies and a vast apparatus for offensive war are not necessary in a country like this, but an army to care for the expensive war material on hand is different. Preparedness for war consists now in the possession of much first-class material in good order. When that is on hand and while this may not be the case with San Francisco just now, the ap-

ward Bald mountain. In addition to these cattle there was a large number of sheep in the same vicinity during the season--probably not fewer than 459,-000 head. I have had excellent oppor-tunity to look into the charge that eat of the young trees and sheep sprouts just springing up, and also gnaw the bark of young trees and kill the growing timber. I found sheep in almost every park in the mountains and I examined carefully through the timber after the sheep had passed, but was unable to find the slightest evidence of the correctness of the charges. was unable to find so much as a twig of a pine or a spruce tree, large or small, which had been bitten or touched by the sheep. Hence I am obliged to say that this charge of sheep injuring the forest reserves or the tim-ber thereon is entirely unfounded."

#### Civil war may break out in Kentucky; but it will not be civilized.

It was a penceful Sabbath in Kentucky yesterday; but the contending political factions were dangerously near war.

Lord Roberts is expected to be in Bloemfontein on Wednesday. But the probability is that he will have to come out again to catch the Boer army which is impeding his northward movement.

The Mexicans have defeated the Yaquis and Mayas again; but the Indians seem to regard the alleged defeats as partial successes for themselves. Mexico is far from being "out of the woods," with its Indian wars.

A seven-year-old boy in Chicago has shot his mother with a pistol his father gave him. The father who presented such a young child with a pistol and cartridges as playthings either must have little regard for the life of the child and his associates, or is dangerously near being non compos mentis.

Another fearful tenement house fire is reported today, this one at Newark, N. J. Fifteen persons are dead, mostly children. The fact that sixty persons were cooped up in a house of the character described is a disgrace to the officlals who permitted such unsanitary and dangerous conditions to prevail undisturbed.

Mr. See, who died at New Rochelle, N. Y., on Saturday night, with two physicians, two Christian Scientists, a Roman Catholic priest, and a Methodist minister in attendance on him, evidently intended to make a sure thing of being billed through to the "other side" by one of the numerous competing routes doing business in that direction.

Gen. Buller reported that Natal was 'free from Boers," and Gen, Roberts made a similar announcement of the vicinity of Dreifontein. Yet there has been sharp fighting at both places. No wonder the London papers are criticising the "intelligence bureau," which gives alleged information to be followed

by surprises in the way of sufficiently heavy attacks to hold the British line in check The physicians have decided that there is no bubonic plague in San Francisco, but the health board is proceeding as if there ought to be. The trouble with some boards of control is that they have too little useful labor to perform to keep them out of mischief.

collapse of Boer resistance through Free State defection, the march to Pretoria will be no picnic. Some of the most formidable natural defenses have yet to be passed.

#### Worcester Gazette.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.

Chicago Record.

Boston Transcript.

New York Evening Sun.

Louisville Globe-Democrat.

Spokane Spokesman Review.

British in South Africa secrecy has been the most potent factor. The arrival of the flying column of General French at

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