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NOTICE.

The Sixty-ninth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at ten a. m. on Thursday, April 6th, 1899.

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RELIEF SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY

The Relief Society of the Church was organized by the Prophet Joseph Smith at Nauvoo, fifty-seven years ago today, that is, on March 17, 1842. The event is duly remembered and is being celebrated in the Stakes and wards of Zion.

The sisters present at the first meeting were Emma Smith, Martha Knight, Elvira A. Cole, Sarah M. Cleveland, Phoebe Ann Hawkes, Margaret A. Cook, Desdemona Fuller, Elizabeth Ann Whitney, Sarah M. Kimball, Elizabeth Jones, Leonora Taylor, Eliza R. Snow, Sophia Packard, Bathsheba W. Smith, Sophia Robinson, Philinda Merrick, Phebe S. Wheeler and Sophia Marks.

The Prophet Joseph explained the duties that would devolve upon the members of the Society. These were: "To provoke the brethren to good works; look after the needs of the poor and perform charitable acts."

Emma Smith was elected president and Sarah M. Cleveland and Elizabeth Ann Whitney were chosen as counselors. These officers were blessed and set apart under the hands of Elder John Taylor, and the Prophet confirmed Emma Smith and blessed her to be "a mother in Israel, a pattern of virtue, and to possess all the qualifications necessary to enable her to preside with dignity, and give such instructions as might be requisite in her calling as an elect lady." The name "Relief Society" was then given to the new organization and the sum of $5.62 was contributed by the members. The Prophet gave a city lot on which to erect a suitable building.

Thus the Relief Society was founded, which from a small beginning has grown to be a magnificent organization, the benevolent influence of which is felt throughout the Church.

At subsequent meetings the Prophet imparted many valuable instructions to the members of the Society, notably in regard to speaking in tongues, the administration to the sick, prayer and similar topics. On one occasion he told them the Church was not going to have his instructions long, because God, according to his prayer, had appointed him elsewhere. On another occasion he emphasized the fact that the object of the Society was not only to relieve the poor but to save souls. "Nothing," he said, "is so much calculated to lead people from sin as to take them by the hand and watch over them with tenderness. The nearer we get to our heavenly Father, the more we are disposed to look with compassion on perishing souls."

These extracts from the instructions of the Prophet to the Relief Society show the spirit in which it was founded. It is through faithfulness to the original design that it has been, and will continue to be, an immense power for good. The Bishops have found the Relief Societies a valuable aid, and while they are numbered among the auxiliary organizations or helps in government, they have become a part of our ecclesiastical system which is not with them indispensable. This is Relief Society evening, and we hope it will be thoroughly enjoyed by those who are engaged in the labors of love and mercy.

"YOUNG UTAH," TAKE NOTICE.

Young Utah (mother the anti-"Mormon" paper in this city exceedingly). The storm that is impending from that quarter is of its own raising, and is only announced to gather in its strength. That sheet advises the young men who receive classes in mathematics and nonsectarianism, to read the New Testament. We have good reason to believe they are much better acquainted with the sacred volume than their would-be mentor and pretended spokesman. And when that preacher of stale scandals directs their attention to the scene at the cross, he comes as near to what is usually called blasphemy as is possible without actually reaching it. Here is what it says:

"We expect to find some young men that get the New Testament and read that little bit of history which states that when the people could never persuade the Savior of the world to do a thing, they succeeded on the cross. He asked His sire in heaven and brought the Father to inspire them because they knew not what they did."

It is not clear whether the writer places himself in the divine being who is thus sacrilegiously dragged into the dispute with Young Utah, or in the lunatics who pierced him. The public will view the latter as the more appropriate. In either case, the sneering allusion to an event that should be treated with reverence, when touched upon at all, will be duly appreciated by the young men whom that editor presumed to lecture. It is a sure and above paper to take into the Christian family circle, is it not?

A FRENCH POINT OF VIEW.

A Frenchman, the editor of a Marseilles paper, has recently given to the world his views on the future of the United States. In its imagery, it is decidedly French, but it is not without interest.

He thinks we will soon settle the colonial problems that now confront us, and then we will obtain control of the Caribbean sea. In the Nicaragua canal the United States will have a waterway between the two coasts and the consequence will be the gradual absorption of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala, the four Central American republics. Mexico is breeding more and more Americans, and it is only a question of time when that republic will succumb to the superiority of her neighbor. Great Britain will sell Jamaica and her possessions in Honduras, merely to avoid war with us, and Haiti will, of course, join the Union.

Then our people will cast longing eyes upon Canada. The army will be enlarged to 100,000 men and a formidable fleet will be built. A war will break out between Russia and Great Britain, and this will be the signal for an invasion of Canada. Great Britain will then lose both India and Canada.

That is the destiny of this country as foretold in the office of the Marseilles editor. No reason is given why he cut his expansion short with the acquisition of Canada. He might as well have continued his conquests in behalf of the Stars and Stripes through Europe, too, leaving, of course, Paris as the last great capital to fall in the general rainstorm. But possibly his vision failed. He could not see beyond Canada.

The French seer evidently has unlimited confidence in the stability of American institutions and the power of this nation to deal successfully with every problem that may confront it. He, at least, can see no signs of decay in the American organism, and no danger of dissolution in our present policy. Perhaps his confidence in our destiny may be of some value to those Americans patronizing who treasonably regard Aguinaldo's little rebellion as a rock upon which the ship of state is sure to strike and perish.

WHAT IS THE NEWS?

"What is the News?" were the last words of Joseph Medill, the celebrated editor and politician, who passed from this life on Thursday, aged about 78 years. He was a man of great force of character, and in the field of journalism was an active, bright and successful editor. "What is the news? was the question ever in his mind, and when answered it was given to the public as promptly as type and press could convey it. No doubt the same query was in his thoughts, if not on his lips, when he entered the new life "beyond the veil." But he will not be able to furnish it to friends on earth, nor can they reach him by telegraph or phone to acquaint him with the events of the hour. But as they pass, one by one, to the other side, we doubt the question embodied in his last words on earth will subside them when they meet him, still eager for tidings of what is going on in the material world. Joseph Medill was one of the characters of the most remarkable century known to the people earth, and it is reasonable to believe that he will be a person of mark where he is gone. Could we but open real communication with the sphere on which he has entered, what wonderful interest would be involved in the question we also would eagerly ask of beings in the world beyond, "What is the news?"

LI HUNG CHANG ON CHINA.

While the European powers are planting for the division of the Chinese empire among themselves, missionaries are making efforts towards "christianizing" the country on a large scale.

Among those engaged in the latter work is Rev. Gilbert Reid, who has for some time been endeavoring to reach the higher classes of the people. His aim now is to establish an institution of learning, by the means of which western knowledge is to reach men and women of wealth and influence. About $15,000 has been raised for this purpose in China, and the balance, it is hoped, will be contributed among people interested in the Chinese mission in various countries.

Mr. Reid has obtained the endorsement of the famous statesman Li Hung Chang for his plan. In a letter to the missionary Chang says in part:

"I have admired the bold and tireless energy with which you have faced the difficulties of your present task. It is unfortunately true that superstition, prejudice and self-sufficiency are peculiar traits of educated Chinese, especially noticeable in their estimation of other countries, perhaps because of the isolation of China from Western influences for so many centuries. But whatever may be the cause, it is lamentable to feel to scan in the present backward state of China among the nations of the world.

"The social, educational official systems of China have tended to give to the educated classes control of the destinies of the nation. Whether such a monopoly of power be good or bad need not now be considered; it exists, and the practical question is how to turn it into beneficial and useful channels.

"You have set about solving this problem in a way that should commend itself to every friend of humanity. Unquestionable, if you can give to the gifted leaders of our people light and learning, enjoyed in the West, they in turn, will lead our people out of their darkness. I think I may claim to have many friends in the United States, where you now go. The cordial reception I met with wherever I went there made a deep impression upon my heart and has greatly endeared your people to me. If it would interest them to know that I regard you highly, and will give you a hearty hand in your future efforts to bring some light into the world, and encourage higher aims and aspirations, you may use for that purpose this letter from your friend.

"(Signed) LI HUNG CHANG."

These are thoughtful words of China's grand old man. They prove that even in the Flowery Kingdom there is a clear understanding of the present situation and the course requisite for it, and also that the Chinese mind is not entirely impervious to new thought. China may be asleep politically, but the dissemination of knowledge among her many millions, should not therefore cease, and the way to reach the narrow is certainly through the influential classes.

STRICKEN SPAIN.

Owing to the recent war Spanish affairs have more than common interest to the people of the United States. It would be pleasing to learn of the repentance of proud Castile and her recovery from crushing defeat.

But all reports indicate the contrary. Spain seems to be sinking under the weight of her misfortunes. The new government is not able to bring about the unity of purpose which is indispensable.

The war has left the country an immense debt, to meet which there are no funds except such as can be raised by taxation. But Spanish industries are in a languishing condition, conscription having for years consumed the strength of the nation; trade is paralyzed, and, worse still, the excessive dryness of the season is said to give prospect of crop failure and famine. The soldiers who returned from the colonies are clamoring for their pay and for bread, while the public treasury is empty.

Spain, it is understood, is a country rich in natural resources, but it is a grave question whether the nation has retained enough recuperative power to utilize them, and build itself up on the picturesque ruins of former greatness. It takes modern enterprise, a modern spirit to do this. There is the sum of $20,000,000 coming to the country from the United States, and something might be realized from the sale of the Carolines. With proper business methods this money ought to do something towards establishing better conditions. It would in this country, but Spain is not the United States.

Secretary Alger went to Canada, and now is going to Cuba. But he cannot escape the smell of army beef.

The proposed cookee trust in California, which seemed to be well on the way to formation, is liable to be broken up.

The way American soldiers are capturing insurgent prisoners near Manila indicates that the rebellious Tagalos are "coming into the round."

The Filipino insurgents in the neighborhood of Manila now run away at the sight of an American gunboat. That is only one turn from seeking their protection—an event that evidently is near at hand.

There is plenty of gold now in the United States treasury and in the national bank vaults, as a result of the improved financial conditions. What most people want now is a little gold outside of the vaults.

American subjects in the Philippines have some prisoners that do not belong to them, and the Spanish government can now demand their release, with a convincing exportation of having the request granted.

Politics in Arkansas is always a great quarrel-producer, but the number of blood is not usually so high as that reported in last night's dispatch. The czar's disarmament scheme would have a free field with Arkansas politicians.

Who will buy the Woman's home building? The government offers it for sale. It was a foolish thing to erect it and it would been a wise thing to give it for some really charitable purpose.

The North German Lloyd Steamship company is preparing to put a line of steamers across the Pacific. Truly the civilizing effect of extending American sovereignty to the Hawaiian and Philippine islands is remarkable in its advancing strides.

Julius Kruttschnitt, manager of the Southern Pacific, has given orders to drop the apostrophes and plural's off all station names on the line, for the sake of brevity. Mr. Kruttschnitt has a great opportunity for applying to his own name the rule of dropping unnecessary letters.

Congress appropriated $11,000 to enable the United States to be creditably represented at the Paris exposition. Of this sum $200,000 is for buildings, $110,000 for the agricultural department and $80,000 for juries, leaving $600,000 for the expense of placing the exhibits.

The Philippines are ours—there can be no question of that so far as legal title is concerned, as the queen regent of Spain has signed the treaty of peace. If Aguinaldo does any further fighting he may find the government's reconstruction methods a little jerky, in the neighborhood of the collar, for instance.

Cecil Rhodes has received from Emperor William a photograph of his majesty. He is also the recipient of what is of much greater value to the financial mind of Mr. Rhodes, namely, the assurance of a franchise for the West Coast railway through German territory in Africa.

It is announced from Washington this afternoon that President McKinley is advised that the chiefs in the Philippines may be expected any hour, and that hostilities are near the end. The company will gladly hail peace with Spain and peace with the Filipinos as a harbinger of increased prosperity to all concerned.

Russia's representative in the peace congress is Baron de Staal, the author-noble of the czar to Great Britain. He will be assisted by several special delegates and among others by Professor F. de Martens, privy councilor, permanent member of the council of the ministry for foreign affairs, emeritus professor in the St. Petersburg University and arbitrator in the Anglo-Venezuelan boundary dispute.

The coincidence in California this morning refer to The Times-editor was as proof of their theory that the day, if bombarded with sufficient vigor, will give up the treasures of rain. According to the accounts "although the night was clear the explosion was so terrific as to produce a slight rainfall." That explosion also destroyed a number of [illegible], devastated fields and killed forty people. Dynamite at that rate would be far too expensive.

At Ponce, Porto Rico, one of the Islanders drew a knife to enforce a demand he had made, when a Missouri volunteer soldier on guard near by knocked him down with his rifle, rendering the Porto Rican unconscious for several hours. The U. S. volunteers seem determined to keep up their record as hard hitters in the performance of military duty.

General Gomez has political aspirations, notwithstanding his statement that his chief desire is to return to private life. He also says that if the office of President of Cuba were offered him by the unanimous vote of the people, he would accept. He has shown himself capable of acting as the chief executive officer of the island, but unanimous request is a little too much for him to expect.

The anticipated hostilities between Americans and Canadians on the Alaskan line have occurred, and four men are dead. The statement is that the fighting was on American soil, and the Canadians were defeated. Such a conflict between other nationalities might easily lead to war, but in this case there will be no international trouble, and the incident may cause a some distinct settling of the boundary line.

Since enterprising Chicago citizens have cast an eye over the isle of Pines, situated close to the Cuban shores. They propose to buy 1,000 acres of land for $25,000, and to locate on it one hundred families who are to cultivate it on the co-operative plan. The island was formerly used as a place of deportation for Spanish convicts. It is now hoped that it can be transformed into a veritable garden of Eden. But will it be possible to keep out of it that "old serpent?"

Mr. Wilson, founder of the Wilson Packing company of Chicago, says he furnished the British army with canned beef during the Zulu war, and never heard of a complaint. He further declares, however, that the beef furnished the American army during the recent war was put up by a cheaper process than he used, and afforded many causes of dissatisfaction. He would like to testify to these facts before the beef investigation commission, but thus far has not been permitted to do so, since his evidence would be valuable in upholding Gen. Miles's complaints and in condemning the commissary department under Gen. Eagan's administration.

The Cuban military assembly has removed Gen. Gomez from office, and Gen. Brooks has been authorized to dissolve the assembly. There may be no formal action ordering the dissolution, but Gen. Brooks practically effects it by declaring that he will recognize Gen. Gomez as the official representative of the Cubans till the island affairs are settled, and if the assembly causes trouble in opposing this course will treat its members as offenders against military law.

ELECTION OF SENATORS.

New York Journal.

When the method of Senator was intrusted to the legislatures it was supposed that this would be the most convenient mode of choice. In an age that had no better means of communication than the stage coach and boat even that lawyer, or only a few of the most important routes, a vote of all the people of a State was considered a momentous undertaking. But now the whole citizenship of the State, or of the entire Union, can vote on a single day and have its will known the same evening, while the little legislative body which was expected to act smoothly and decorously, is half an hour wrangles, flounders in bribery and neglects its business for a whole winter, and finally adjourns without doing anything. The State legislatures must be relieved of a duty for which they are daily proving their unfitness, and the Senate must be brought into touch with the people. There are no deadlocks in elections for governors.

Stockton Independent.

The rejoicing of the Republicans of Utah at the adjournment of a Democratic legislature without electing a United States Senator, should be an object lesson to the Republican members of the California legislature. As the Utah failure is hailed by the Republicans there, the failure of our legislature to elect will be greeted by Democrats here. The Republicans in the California legislature, if there are any, should lose no time in getting together for the single purpose for which they were elected.

GOMEZ AND THE CUBANS.

Chicago Record.

A majority of the Cubans, it is said, are opposed to annexation; certainly a majority of intelligent Americans are against it. But until the existing governing body in Cuba shows some signs worthy of maintaining an independent government, the United States cannot be expected by the friends of both Cubans and Americans to maintain its protectorate over the island. Neither the military nor the civil authorities at Washington will do wisely in continuing to consult with General Gomez as if he were other responsible agent appears on the scene to act for the Cubans.

Chicago Times-Herald.

While the assembly has removed Gomez, it is worthy of remark that General Ruloff, inspector general of the Cuban army under Gomez, has made out a list of the Cuban soldiers which is to be sent by our paymaster in disbursing the vested $3,000,000 which the assembly reported. Each Cuban soldier will be entitled to give up his arms before he gets his share of the money advanced by the United States. It will be interesting to find out how many Cuban soldiers have arms according to this test. It will afford something of a check on the list furnished to Paymaster Clay by General Ruloff.

Denver News.

The letter of General Gomez to the Cuban assembly is that of a patriot. In a manner that will force to his advantage in the field, shows his love of Cuba and his constant devotion to her cause, and relinquishes command, accepting him to return to his home. Considering the record of Gomez with the necessary character of the assembly, the freedom, the fearless and the patriotism of the old veteran stands out in striking relief. That he has force of the army and of the people as well is not to be doubted or wondered at. That a self-constituted assembly of mercenary civilians should assume to remove from his command a man like Gomez is a daring business, a public humiliation, and yet Washington was similarly treated by a portion of the American people.

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A magnificent line, specially for street skirts. The materials are all new, and are sure to be decidedly popular. These goods have just been opened, and we have marked them at specially low prices, which, with their choice quality, will insure quick sales.

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