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## OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

All the members of the Priesthood  
of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day  
Saints, residing in wards 1,  
2, 3, 8, 9, 10, 31 and 33, in Salt Lake  
City, are requested to meet in the Assembly  
Hall, on Tuesday, Feb. 23, at 7  
o'clock p. m.

The purpose of the meeting is to  
transact business looking to the organization  
of a stake, the north boundary  
of which will be Third South and the west  
boundary East Temple street.

This meeting is for members of the  
Priesthood only, and it is desirable that  
only those living in that district be  
present at the meeting.

On Friday evening, Feb. 26, at 7:20  
o'clock, there will be a meeting of all  
members of the Church, in the above  
named district, at the Tabernacle to  
complete the organization of the stake.

All members of the Church belonging  
to that district, are invited and  
urged to be present on this occasion.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
JOHN R. WINDER,  
ANTHONY H. LUND,  
Salt Lake City, Feb. 18, 1904.

## THE MUNICIPAL MUDDLE.

It will be seen from the opinion of  
the City Attorney, given in full on  
another page of the "News," that the  
important question discussed in this  
paper on Thursday evening has been  
duly considered by that official, and the  
position taken by the "News" as to  
the power of the Mayor to appoint sub-  
ordinates or agents, as well as the  
heads of departments, "by and with the  
advice and consent of the City Council"  
is fully sustained.

Further, the defects we referred to in  
the recent revision of the City Ordinances,  
are of a serious nature, as Attorney  
Dey points out, and it will be  
necessary to thoroughly inspect that  
revision and amend the ordinances so  
as to conform to and harmonize with  
the laws, or no end of confusion will  
arise. The revision will have to be re-  
vised before the compilation will be of  
any use to the courts, the bar or the  
public.

These are very serious matters. It is  
not only the right but the duty of the  
Mayor to make appointments for all  
the appointive offices in the city, and  
also of the agents and employees therein,  
except such help as is needed in cases  
of emergency. The neglect to exercise  
this authority by the former incumbent  
of the Mayoralty, renders the payment  
of those subordinates now employed il-  
legal. The lack of understanding of  
the laws, on the part of the previous  
occupant of the office of City Attorney,  
has led to the blunders in the revision  
of the ordinances and the condition of  
affairs that confronts the present city  
administration.

A contemporary quotes one of the  
doubtful ordinances in reference to the  
appointment of a clerk for the Board  
of Health, as though a city ordinance  
could supersede a State statute. That  
is about as much as some opponents of  
the Mayor appear to know about legal  
matters. The obstructionists and pro-  
moters of discord in city affairs will  
make trouble for themselves, if they  
look for advice and encouragement  
from such a source.

The great body of our citizens are  
viewing with deep disgust the schemes  
and conspiracies of extreme partisans,  
to bring about their personal and party  
ends, indifferent to the welfare of  
the municipality and the voice of the  
majority of the people. Disguise of the  
purpose of the plotters does not seem  
to be even attempted. It is open and  
unconcealed. Usurpation of the powers  
of the Mayor, and dictation of what he  
shall or shall not do, are unblushingly  
attempted and blatantly countenanced  
and advocated by a public journal. Ob-  
serving citizens of all political persua-  
sions are looking on with keen appre-  
ciation of the course pursued, and they

will express their disfavor effectually  
when the right time comes.

The Deseret News will not support  
either the Mayor or any other official  
in an improper or arbitrary exercise of  
authority. But in the present emer-  
gency it appears very clearly that the  
powers vested in the executive must be  
maintained, and the laws in relation  
thereto must be held paramount. The  
rights of the council must not be im-  
paired, but when they are perverted  
for purposes of obstruction and per-  
sonal ends, an issue is presented that  
will have to be met with the strongest  
force that can be lawfully exercised.

In view of the whole situation, we  
strongly advise the course that we have  
suggested from the beginning of the  
contention; that is, a sincere endeavor  
to promote harmony and conciliation by  
a fair arrangement as to appointments,  
considering all just claims and reason-  
able desires on every side, keeping first  
in view the public service and the pub-  
lic needs, placing efficiency above par-  
tisan considerations, and making a  
business administration the chief ob-  
ject in view.

There should be no war between the  
Mayor and the Council, nor listening to  
bad or selfish advisers, but a mutual de-  
sire for co-operation and municipal ad-  
vancement, a course that will gain the  
approbation and support of the bulk of  
our citizens, who want peace, order and  
progress, and not petty quarreling and  
disgraceful strife.

## THE WAR REPORTS.

It is not easy, in the mass of rumors  
that come from the seat of war, to  
separate the chaff from the wheat, the  
truth from fiction. Neither Russia's  
nor Japan's leading men consider it  
incumbent upon them to furnish the  
world with authentic accounts of their  
doings. On the contrary, they claim  
the right to censor the dispatches sent  
out by the representatives of the news  
agencies, and withhold news of the con-  
flict. In our war with Spain, reporters  
were given every facility for observing  
all, and telling the public about every  
little move made. In this war, the re-  
porters have no such facilities. Con-  
sequently, rumors and wild reports will  
be as plentiful as they were during the  
Boxer trouble a few years ago. The dis-  
criminating reader will do well in not-  
icing the places from which the dis-  
patches are sent. Official reports from  
the Russian viceroy, Alexieff, or from  
the Japanese commanders, may be re-  
lied upon, as far as they go. They will  
be given the public from St. Pe-  
tersburg and Tokio, respectively. Dis-  
patches from Port Arthur or from  
Chefoo, ought to be more reliable than  
reports from Shanghai or Tientsin, the  
last places being so far from the ac-  
tual scene of conflict. It is necessary  
to read the war news with a great deal  
of allowance, and it is also necessary  
not to take flaming headlines in yellow  
papers too seriously, because they are  
composed, not with a view to conveying  
the truth, but of attracting nickels.

## THE TRUTH WILL PREVAIL.

The falsehoods sent from Utah by  
scribes that make a few dollars by  
sending sensational rubbish about the  
"Mormons" to eastern papers, find some  
believers, but are regarded in their true  
light by most thinking people. They  
induce many inquirers to investigate  
and thus some good is accomplished,  
though the intent of the inventors is  
evil. Minneapolis papers copied the vile  
story that appeared in the New York  
World and that was exposed in these  
columns, and one of them, the Times,  
published a reply by Elders J. M. Hold-  
away and H. Carter, but the Tribune  
refused to give place to their answer.  
After presenting the story told in the  
World the Times says:

"A vigorous denial of these state-  
ments is offered by Elders J. M. Hold-  
away of Provo, Utah, and H. Carter of  
Avon, who are at present engaged in  
mission work in Minneapolis.

"If these statements were true," said  
Elder Holdaway, "it is not to be won-  
dered that clergymen are becoming  
alarmed and insisting that something  
should be done to save their flocks.

"I desire to say this kind of infor-  
mation is the worst kind of rot. There  
are no Elders under contract or re-  
ceiving orders for plural wives. All the  
missionaries are compelled to pay their  
own expenses and give the two years'  
time gratis, the same as the Seventies  
and the Apostles of old.

"As for polygamous marriages, a  
manifesto was issued in Salt Lake City  
Sept. 24, 1890. It was sustained by the  
Church and conference assembled Oct.  
6 of the same year.

"I was born and reared in Provo,  
Utah, and lived there for about 50  
years. If any polygamous marriages  
have been solemnized since the mani-  
festo was issued I am not aware of it.  
"I know there are cases where mar-  
riages of this kind were performed pre-  
vious to Sept. 6, 1890, but today the  
people are observing the laws of the  
United States, the Church giving no  
permission to its adherents to break  
the laws of the land.

"Our twelfth article of faith express-  
ly enjoins our people to be law-abiding,  
and if the world at large will only ex-  
amine the Articles of Faith it will be  
seen that the Mormon Church is teach-  
ing what Jesus Christ and His disci-  
ples taught.

"If my word is not sufficient, a visit  
to our meetings on Central avenue  
every Sunday evening will convince  
any doubter that the Mormons are  
honest and sincere people, having re-  
spect for religious opinions, believing  
in a moral and law-abiding life.

"We claim it is unjust for judgment  
to be passed against us without a  
chance to present our side of the case.  
What would be thought of a judge  
who would render a decision after hear-  
ing but one side of a question? All  
fair-minded people will not be satisfied  
until both sides are represented."

The Elders should do all they can to  
refute the falsehoods fabricated in this  
city, and sent out by wire and letter to  
prejudice the public and arouse opposi-  
tion. The publication of the vile stuff  
will give them opportunity to set forth  
the truth, and they should not be back-  
ward nor fail to persevere, even though  
they meet with many rebuffs. The truth  
eventually is bound to triumph.

## DENMARK'S POSITION.

It is certainly not anticipated that  
any of the European powers will be in-  
volved in the struggle now going on for  
supremacy in Asia, but Great Britain  
is evidently determined not to be taken  
unawares. It is stated in a London  
dispatch that the Admiralty has sent  
word to all retired naval officers to be  
in readiness for a call to duty.

Another indication of British activi-

ty comes from Copenhagen in the  
form of a story to the effect that the  
British government has inquired if the  
Danish government is prepared to de-  
fend Denmark's neutrality, especially  
the important sea routes; to which  
query Denmark replied that she was  
able to defend herself. Immediately fol-  
lowing this, the Danish army reserves  
were ordered to be ready for mobiliza-  
tion within twelve hours.

If this story is true, it means that  
Great Britain is unwilling to assign the  
duty of guarding the straits to Ger-  
many. Some time ago, Germany in-  
timated her willingness to occupy Cop-  
penhagen in a "friendly" manner. Den-  
mark's declaration in reply to Great  
Britain is a notice to Germany that  
"friendly occupation" is not needed.  
The aged king of Denmark is the  
grandfather of the czar and the father-  
in-law of King Edward. He is also a  
relative of the German emperor, his  
daughter Alexandra being the Kaiser's  
aunt by marriage. Naturally Great  
Britain would be curious to know what  
position he would take in a European  
conflict.

## WHO WILL WIN?

Michael Davitt, who has just arrived  
in this country for a brief visit, scouts  
the idea that Japan can overcome Rus-  
sia. The resources of the former  
country, he points out, are so much in-  
ferior to those of the latter, that a few  
victories do not count in the long  
run.

It will readily be admitted that Mr.  
Davitt's reasoning appears plausible,  
but it would be very unsafe to stake  
anything on either side at this time.  
Russia has generally come out on top,  
even when to all appearances she ought  
to have given in. Peter the Great was  
badly beaten by his Swedish antagonist,  
Charles XII, but he managed to wipe  
out the stains of defeat at Narva and  
other places, by the victory of Pultava,  
although years intervened between the  
defeat and the triumph. The great Na-  
poleon did not fare well, when he ven-  
tured too near the northern lair of the  
bear. Russia was defeated in the Cri-  
mean war, by combined Europe, but her  
latest victory over the Turk, and the  
Berlin congress almost fully com-  
pensated her for that loss. If Russian  
history is an indication of the future  
in this instance, Russia will let the  
Japanese hammer away until they have  
exhausted themselves, and then her  
time for action will come. She has time  
to wait.

But another factor must be reckoned  
with this time. To make war costs  
money. If it is true that Jewish bank-  
ers control the money of the world,  
Russia is likely to be brought to finan-  
cial straits long before the resources  
of Japan are exhausted, for, since Kias-  
hineff, the Hebrews of the world have  
no love for the czar's government. If  
the purse strings are tied, Russia may  
as well give in now. It cost Great Brit-  
ain fabulous sums to maintain a com-  
paratively small army in Africa. It  
will tax Russia's resources in the same  
way, to maintain army and navy in  
eastern Asia. It will not cost Japan  
near as much. When the cost of the  
conflict is considered, the probability  
is decidedly in favor of Japan.

Mr. Cleveland still believes that the  
pen is mightier than the sword.

The big Butte mine owners seem still  
to believe in government by injunc-  
tion.

Korea is destined to be the land of  
the free—flight.

The Japanese have got into Korea  
early but not in order to avoid the  
Russians.

All that is lacking in various irriga-  
tion projects is to project the water  
into the valley.

Japan and Russia will both respect  
the integrity of China if there is any  
integrity in their word.

"Money Talks" is the latest Ameri-  
can comedy. There is a good deal of  
cents and nonsense in it.

Summed up, Russia's explanation of  
her unpreparedness for war amounts  
to this: This is so sudden!

The Porte says it is all Bulgaria's  
fault. Turkey is a little white hen  
that never lays away from home.

The trouble with the brick trust  
that has gone into the hands of a re-  
ceiver is that it made bricks without  
straw.

The Russians are officially advised  
that they must wait patiently for news  
of a Russian victory. And seemingly  
very long.

Orchardists often delay too long the  
work of hunting for the borers. Let  
them remember that it is the early bird  
that gets the worm.

The czar promises to give the Japs  
the chastisement they so well de-  
serve. It is well to catch your rabbit  
before cooking it.

Wisconsin comes forward with a  
candidate for presidential honors. It  
amounts to no more than an attempt to  
badger the public.

Charles A. Rannack of Shenandoah,  
Iowa, claims to be the champion corn  
husker. His picture shows that he is a  
very husky fellow.

Dartmouth Hall, one of the oldest  
college halls in the United States, has  
been burned. Any loss to Dartmouth is  
little less than a national loss, so fa-  
mous is the old college.

Chicago passed an ordinance for  
making theaters safe and at the very  
first opportunity her city council voted  
to let a theater violate it. Such action  
is worse than childish. It is wicked.

Edward M. Shepard has resigned his  
position as counsel of the New York  
Rapid Transit Commission to accept  
that of counsel of the Pennsylvania  
railroad in New York. His old salary  
was \$10,000 and his new one will be

\$50,000. Here is a Shepard who is all  
wool and a yard wide.

Mr. Kurino, late Japanese minister  
to St. Petersburg, scouts at the idea of  
the yellow race peril. He takes a very  
sensible view of the matter, one that  
might be adopted to advantage by the  
"yellow peril" boosters. There is no  
"yellow peril."

A special festival is to be held at  
Madrid in May, 1905, to commemorate  
the three hundredth anniversary of the  
"Don Quixote" of Miguel de Cervantes-  
Saavedra. There will be an elaborate  
musical program from operas and other  
writings based upon the story and the  
character of the most famous of  
knights errant. This is as it should be,  
for the noble Don is the finest knight  
that ever lived and the first and finest  
gentleman of all time.

## MARK HANNA.

Milwaukee Wisconsin.  
That Senator Hanna was a broad and  
a kindly man is attested by the fact  
that John Mitchell, the great labor lead-  
er, expressed the opinion that Hanna  
would be the fairest man in the coun-  
try to become President of the United  
States, and that neither labor nor cap-  
ital could take offense respecting what  
he proposed to do for better accord be-  
tween labor and capital.

## Pueblo Chieftain.

No American ever looked upon the  
fierce sun of presidential ambition with  
untroubled eyes. Yet no man can  
truthfully claim that Mark Hanna un-  
der any stress of temptation has ever  
been guilty of the slightest infraction  
of the code of honor established by  
himself to regulate his duty toward his  
murdered friend, or toward the man  
who has so ably and conscientiously  
carried forward the policies and the  
principles of the McKinley administra-  
tion. Speculation may run rife over  
all the varied possibilities of what  
might have happened in the near, or in  
the remote future, had Senator Hanna  
continued to hold his place in the Re-  
publican councils and in the direction  
of national affairs. But such specula-  
tion is apart from the duty of the hour.  
One of the greatest Americans has  
passed away, and the party he has  
served so long and the nation whom he  
has benefited so greatly finds its chief  
duty is that of grief.

## Portland Oregonian.

The blight that fell on Mr. Hanna's  
political ambitions and the loss of life  
itself from the stress of conflict, lend  
point to a new question, whether  
politics is a paying investment for the  
prosperous and happy man of business.  
If he had continued in commercial life,  
with its crowning years of rest and  
honors, Mr. Hanna would have lived to  
enjoy himself for many years, without  
enemies, instead of being carried to the  
grave a broken-hearted man at 66.  
What killed McKinley is precisely what  
killed McKinley—the terrific pace of an  
overburdened life. Many men have re-  
covered from worse wounds than Mc-  
Kinley's, but the week the bullet lay in  
his body there was not the slightest  
effort of the tissues to repair them-  
selves. They were helpless, they were  
worn out as it was, the vitality was  
gone. Mr. Hanna, too, has been lead-  
ing a life as full of care as any in the  
land. It is worry that kills men; and it  
kills most of them as it did McKinley  
and Hanna.

## San Francisco Call.

Though he was a delegate to the Na-  
tional conventions of his party in 1884,  
1888, and 1896, and was appointed by  
President Cleveland a director of the  
Union Pacific railway, he excited no  
anacronym until he entered the arena  
as the champion of his friend McKin-  
ley. Then he had to endure the abuse  
which is always the advertisement of  
the success and ability of his victim.  
But in his case the sustained attack  
made upon him had an element of vir-  
lence unusual in American politics. The  
first impression made by it upon public  
opinion was unfavorable to him. But  
he went straight on and outlived it, hav-  
ing the satisfaction of seeing himself  
entrenched in the respect of his coun-  
trymen as a sincere, upright and es-  
pecially level-headed American. He is  
the last of the older generation of Ohio  
men who have so deeply impressed the  
destiny of their country and will be sin-  
cerely mourned by the good men of all  
parties and by all Americans who re-  
alize the force he exerted for the honor  
and welfare of his country.

## San Francisco Chronicle.

The taste for public life which Mr.  
Hanna acquired during that campaign  
led him into the Senate, in which, and  
especially during the lifetime of Presi-  
dent McKinley, he was one of the domi-  
nant factors. To a large part of the  
people he was, until quite recently, bet-  
ter known by his political name, than by  
his actual personality, which, it is un-  
necessary to say, had very little resemblance  
to the portraits made by his political  
enemies. Mr. Hanna was in no sense  
a statesman. He did not originate and  
promote great national and interna-  
tional policies. He did, however, bring  
to the practical problems of politics  
and legislation the sagacity of a trained  
business man of commanding intellect,  
remarkable administrative ability and  
great executive force. He overtasked  
himself, however, and his position as a  
national figure was unquestionably  
gained at the cost of some years of his  
life.

## Kansas City Journal.

It was inevitable that there should be  
a revulsion of popular feeling in Mr.  
Hanna's favor. The reaction began sev-  
eral years ago, and has steadily grown  
in strength until today. Mr. Hanna  
occupied a high place in the esteem of  
the country. Even those who once most  
malignantly attacked him now frankly  
concede his many excellent qualities of  
mind and heart.

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