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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-fifth Semi-annual  
Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ  
of Latter-day Saints will be held in  
the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, com-  
mencing on Thursday, October 6, 1904.  
A general attendance on that day of  
the officers and members is requested  
and expected.JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
JOHN R. WINDER,  
ANTHONY H. LUND,  
First Presidency.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The General Priesthood meeting will  
be held in the tabernacle on Friday  
night, Oct. 7, commencing at 7 o'clock.  
The special Priesthood meeting usual-  
ly held on the day after conference  
consisting of the General Authorities,  
Stake Presidents and Bishops, High  
Councilors, Patriarchs, Presidents of  
temples and Presidents of missions, will  
be held in the Assembly hall on Satur-  
day, the 8th, commencing at 10 o'clock  
a. m. The members of the General  
Board of the Sunday School Union and  
Y. M. M. L. Association are also invited  
to this meeting.The General Conference will adjourn  
on Friday afternoon to Sunday morn-  
ing at 10 o'clock.Religion class stake officers and class  
teachers will meet with the General  
Superintendency at the Assembly Hall,  
Saturday Oct 8 at 2 p. m.Sunday School Union will convene in  
the Tabernacle on Sunday night, com-  
mencing at 7 o'clock.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.

The International peace congress is  
now in session in Boston. It sits there  
on the invitation of Congress, the sum  
of \$50,000 having been appropriated for  
the entertainment of the guests. Simi-  
lar conferences have been held at  
Paris, London, Bern, Rome, The  
Hague, Brussels, Budapest, Christiania,  
and Vienna, and they have been one  
of the great forces in the world for  
peace.One of the most important questions  
now before the friends of peace is that  
relating to the establishment of a con-  
gress of nations to convene periodically  
for the discussion of international  
questions. This question undoubtedly  
will receive attention at this gathering,  
as it has already been recognized by  
the Inter-Parliamentary union, recently  
in session at St. Louis. The estab-  
lishment of such a congress would be  
a long step toward that union of na-  
tions without which permanent peace  
cannot prevail.One feature of the present peace  
congress is the strong representation  
of the labor element. Laborers are  
especially interested in the delibera-  
tions of that body. For the prevailing  
insane mode of settling international  
difficulties falls heaviest on their  
shoulders. They know that war in-  
creases taxes, makes living dear, spills  
the best blood of the nation, and rests  
like a curse upon the honest toilers.  
Laborers will have to take the question  
of war or peace in their hands, and  
settle it. War lords are not likely to  
do so. They reap glory and wealth of  
a condition that makes armies and  
navies necessary. But why should  
millions of honest laborers toil and  
sweat in order to keep thrones secure?  
As long as there was no better way,  
it was the only way. But now the better  
way has been found it would be folly  
not to take a different course.

GREAT SALT LAKE.

Farm and Fireside has now caught  
the alarm concerning Great Salt Lake  
and reiterates the prediction that this  
wonderful sheet of water will dry up  
in a few more years. "The gradual  
disappearing," says that journal, "of  
Great Salt Lake, one of the greatest  
natural wonders of America, is fur-  
nishing an interesting theme for stu-  
dents of geology. Except in cases of  
seismic disturbances, nothing like it  
has ever been known. It is estimated  
that in twenty-five years the lake will  
have entirely vanished. The records  
show a net fall of eleven and one half  
feet in the last three years. The deep-  
est part of Great Salt Lake contains  
only forty feet of water. If the present  
rate of fall of one foot a year contin-  
ues the lake is bound to be dry within  
forty years at the outside."We hear, in the same way, of the  
disappearance of the Niagara, and  
changes in the geological formation  
of the lake region, by which Chicago  
will be submerged, never more to ap-  
pear again. Only this calamity is to  
take place thousands of years hence,  
while the doom of Great Salt Lake  
is imminent.It appears to us, however, that the  
alarm is not well founded. Some ob-  
servers believe that the lake has its  
periods of rising and falling. But even  
if this is not so, it is difficult to under-  
stand how it can disappear entirely  
as long as rivers on the north, eastand south are pouring their waters  
into the basin. Those who fear for  
the future of the lake seem to make  
no allowance for the snow that covers  
the mountains in the winter, or the  
rains that descend in greater quanti-  
ties every year, as the cultivation of  
the valleys extends over an ever in-  
creasing area. The lake may become  
shallower and its waters may be con-  
fined within a narrower limit than  
at present, but its deepest part, we  
presume, will always remain covered  
with the water that is conveyed to it  
through the river channels and by  
precipitation.

WHAT HIS WORD IS WORTH.

One of the most prominent of the  
persistent assailants of the "Mormon"  
Church is a Presbyterian who is under  
"church influence." In all his anti-  
"Mormon" movements, and in his  
sworn testimony before the committee  
on privileges and elections made state-  
ments that were absolutely false and  
when summoned down to questions of  
fact proved to be nothing but gossip.  
As the retailer of slander has recently  
made assertions in public that are also  
but repetitions of stories that have  
come to his ears we give here a sam-  
ple of his final admission of its value  
(?). It is taken from the official  
report of the proceedings:"The people of Brigham City wanted  
to own their own electric light plant,  
and a private corporation there which  
was engaged in the electric-lighting  
business induced President Kelly to  
favor this by offering him a present  
of 1,000 shares of stock. Kelly then told  
the mayor of the city that he had had  
a revelation on the subject; that he  
was right, and that God had told him  
that the city ought to own the plant by  
a private company, of which he, Kelly,  
should be the president. This matter  
was brought up at a meeting at the  
tabernacle at which were present the  
mayor, Mr. Bowden, Apostle Clawson,  
Peter Knudson, a member of the city  
council, Isaac A. Jensen, a member of  
the council, and J. P. Christensen, a  
member of the council. This was called,  
as I understand it, on Sunday afternoon  
to pass a resolution which Apostle  
Rudger Clawson and Kelly had pre-  
sented to them upon this subject.The people had an election upon the  
subject, and a great deal of detail was  
a very acrid controversy arose between  
the authorities of the Church and the  
people, and for the offense of standing  
in opposition to the priesthood on the  
subject of a municipal lighting plant  
a number of the people in Brigham City  
were excommunicated from the church  
and lectured and tried for their  
fellowship.Senator Beveridge—As a citizen of  
Utah, do you yourself believe that any-  
body out there told the common council  
that they had a revelation from the  
Lord on an electric light plant?Mr. Critchlow—I have not the  
slightest doubt of it, Senator; not the  
slightest doubt in the world.The Chairman—Now, the next in-  
cident you were about to mention?Mr. Critchlow—The other incident  
is one about which a great deal has been  
written in the papers in Utah, in Salt  
Lake City, and in Brigham City—a  
matter of very great notoriety—and  
has been commented upon by the De-  
seret News editorially, and refers to the  
action of the authorities in Brigham  
City in cutting off from the Church  
members of the Church for going to a  
certain dance hall to dances, contrary  
to the counsel of the priesthood. As I  
say, it is rather a long story. I had  
not thought of venturing to weary the  
committee with the relation of all these  
matters.Mr. Taylor—Had the Church an opera  
house or something of that sort down  
there?Mr. Critchlow—The Church had an  
interest, as I understand it, in an opera  
house, that was in opposition to the  
amusement company. I ought to say,  
I think for my own sake, that I had  
not at all expected to speak of this,  
and therefore had not refreshed my re-  
collection from the memoranda, of which  
there is an abundance upon this subject.Mr. Worthington—You said for these  
things the members were cut off. What  
do you mean by "cut off"? Do you  
mean excommunicated?Mr. Critchlow—Yes, dis-fellowshiped.  
As the expression goes in that com-  
munity, the right hand of fellow-  
ship is withdrawn from them.Mr. Worthington—Does that mean  
they are out of the Church altogether,  
or in some sort of suspended state?Mr. Critchlow—The understanding  
we have in the community is that they  
are cut off from the Church and out of  
the Church from that on.We need not tell our readers how uti-  
lity untrue and absurd all these state-  
ments are and have proved so to be by  
subsequent developments. Nor will we  
just now take up valuable space with  
other sworn statements of the witness,  
but here append the report, from the  
same record, of the colloquy between  
the voracious (?) romancer and a mem-  
ber of the committee:Senator Beveridge—I am interested  
in the revelation about the light plant.  
I understood you to say that you got  
this information from an attorney out  
there?

Mr. Critchlow—Yes, sir.

Senator Beveridge—And that he, of  
course, got his information from some-  
body else outside of general reputa-  
tion?

Mr. Critchlow—Necessarily, I assume.

Senator Beveridge—So that testi-  
mony amounts to this—that you say  
that a man said to you that somebody  
else said to him that the president of  
the stake had a revelation on the sub-  
ject of an electric light plant at his  
place, that he laid it before the coun-  
cil, and there was a disruption, etc?

Mr. Critchlow—A disruption?

Mr. Beveridge—Between the council  
or the people or somebody?Mr. Critchlow—I take it in a legal  
sense that is as close as it comes to  
being evidence.

HORSE SENSE.

Not long ago reports from Germany  
brought the astonishing news that a  
German horse had performed miracles  
in intellectual feats—that is, for a  
horse. Dr. Heinrich of the Berlin  
Zoological garden examined the won-  
derful animal and was convinced that  
there was no trick in the performance.  
In his presence, the trainer, Vog Oeten,  
asked the horse to add such sums as  
6 and 2 and 4 and 3. The horse indicated  
the correct answers by stamping with  
his right fore-foot. It is to be remark-  
ed that during the calculations Von  
Oeten feeds Hans, as the horse is  
named, with carrots. Von Oeten says  
that without the carrots the horse  
would refuse to work. Carrots are  
to Hans simply what honors, titles,  
rank, and money are to men.Dr. Heinrich says that Hans is able  
to convert common fractions into de-  
cimal fractions. He can also tell time  
by the clock. If he is asked, "It is now  
forty minutes after twelve; how many  
minutes will elapse before one o'clock?"  
he immediately answers with twentystrokes of his hoof. These are simply  
a few among a great number of his ac-  
complishments, we are told.But, astonishing as all this is, Hans  
is said to have been eclipsed by an-  
other horse, Rosa. Rosa can spell  
words, distinguish 10 different colors  
and add sums. But her, superiorly  
over Hans consists, we are asked to be-  
lieve, in her voice. Both animals up  
to date have answered all questions by  
stamps of the hoof. But Rosa, it ap-  
pears, has a very flexible neigh, and  
her instructor is certain that she will  
soon be able to modulate her neighs  
in such a way that she will express  
vocally all her wants and answer all  
questions. Rosa is expected to develop  
a regular neigh language.Scientists have vouched for the genu-  
ineness of the tricks shown by these  
wonderful animals. It may not be  
necessary to deny the statements made,  
but there can be no offense in recall-  
ing the fact that even scientists, after  
the most thorough tests have declared  
their belief in the tricks of spiritists,  
that afterwards were exposed. Some  
tests of so-called "magic" look as mys-  
terious as can be, and yet they are very  
simple. In view of this fact incredulity  
is not entirely unjustifiable.The Fair is more than fair; it is  
splendid.Utah is ashamed of those who are  
ashamed of Utah.A state that is debatable ground must  
expect to be talked nearly to death.A soft word and a big stick (of  
candy) will win any child in the coun-  
try.A man's acceptance of a nomination  
does not prove that he is an accepta-  
ble nominee.The Boston Peace congress opened  
yesterday. "Peace on earth, good will  
toward men."Rather odd that Booker T. Washing-  
ton has not been booked for any cam-  
paign speeches.Chinese from Port Arthur seem  
to have a great deal to tell. Where  
do they get their news?The Kaiser in his scheme of educa-  
tion for three of his sons will have  
them instructed in commercial subjects.The enemies of Utah and all her peo-  
ple are those who are engaged in the  
unholy effort to stir up strife and hat-  
red.If international law is a myth as the  
St. Petersburg Novosti declares, where  
does Russia get her justification for  
seizing contraband of war?The beef trust again has put up the  
price. It justifies its action by this  
sort of logic: If the farmers raise beef  
why shouldn't the trust raise prices?A man in Marlboro, Conn., is dead of  
an operation for the removal of a set  
of false teeth from his stomach. Cut-  
ting stomach teeth is always disagree-  
able and sometimes dangerous.When William Waldorf Astor returned  
to "dear old England," there was  
no friend at the pier to bid him fare-  
well. But that doesn't mean there was  
no one glad to have him go. Really  
their name is legion.According to Kelly's confession  
threats of assassination did not deter  
Circuit Attorney Folk in the prosecu-  
tion and running down of rascals. Such  
a prosecuting attorney is a man of  
which any state may well be proud.Ex-Speaker Kelly of the St. Louis  
house of delegates, in his written con-  
fession telling the story of boodling  
says: "These agents would rarely ever  
betray us. In one or two instances they  
confiscated part of the money, but as a  
general rule they were honest with us.  
Among ourselves, understand, we had a  
high code of morals, and it was consid-  
ered extremely dishonest for a member  
of the combine to accept bribe money  
without dividing it amongst his fel-  
lows." A high code of morals, indeed!  
This "high code" was simply the old  
code, "Honor among thieves."President Faunce of Brown Univer-  
sity, has this to say of "amateur" ath-  
letes: "We are living in a time when  
college athletics are honeycombed with  
falsehood, and when the professions of  
amateurism are usually hypocrisy. No  
college team ever meets another today  
with actual faith in the other's eligibil-  
ity. \* \* \* Men trained in such meth-  
ods through all the years of school and  
college life may become future leaders,  
but they will be leaders in the art of  
evading taxes, manipulating courts and  
outwitting the law of the land." Ath-  
letes are good and victory is gratify-  
ing, but if they cannot be honest and  
manly, without a tinge of suspicion of  
fraud, it is better that they be not at  
all. Dishonesty and deceit can never  
be combined with true manhood.

MEREDITH'S IDEA.

Springfield Republican.

George Meredith, the English novel-  
ist, has started society by predicting  
a change in the marriage system by  
which the state will permit marriages,  
for limited periods, say 10 years. There  
is a gleam of sense in his remarks  
when he admits that "there will be a  
devil of an uproar before such a change  
can be made." It would mean not  
merely an uproar, but an upheaval and  
a revolution. The Meredith suggestion  
seems to place marriage on much the  
same plane as the saloon, that is, some-  
thing whose license may or must be  
periodically renewed. Probably he has  
a much nobler and higher conception  
of the wedded state than that, and has  
it in mind to remedy certain evils con-  
nected with imprudent and unhappy  
marriages. But the general effect of  
the system Mr. Meredith evidently fa-  
vors would be debasing to society, be-  
cause it involves the surrender of ideals  
bearing directly upon human self-de-  
velopment and self-control.

New York World.

An oracular remark of Mr. Meredith's  
about "English conservatism, notably  
revealed in criticism of America," may  
possibly indicate a realization of the fact  
that the plan he proposes is in actual  
operation in the United States. The  
American divorce system permits mar-  
riages for limited periods, the only dif-  
ference between it and the Meredithscheme being that Mr. Meredith would  
bring each of his short-term marriages  
to a decorous end, while under our ar-  
rangement each marriage period is ex-  
pected to end with a scandal. But even  
that difference does not exist in all  
cases. In Kentucky, Rhode Island,  
Louisiana, New Mexico and Wisconsin  
couples may secure divorces by simply  
living apart for a longer or shorter time,  
without the necessity of airing any un-  
pleasant charges. And in forty-six  
states and territories marriages may be  
dissolved on the merely technical  
charge of desertion, not this a suffi-  
ciently "limited" matrimony to satisfy  
Mr. Meredith?

New York Evening Sun.

Mr. George Meredith's remarks on  
marriage ought to be added as a sup-  
plement to his celebrated "Essay on  
Comedy and the Comic Spirit." He  
called one of his novels "The Amazing  
Marriage." Perhaps he wants to make  
all marriages amazing. It is a well-  
known fact that this novelist's own  
matrimonial experiences were unfor-  
tunate. Hence, perhaps, his eagerness  
to have marriages limited, say to terms  
of ten years, with the possibility of renew-  
ing the contract if both parties are  
willing. Here hardened bachelors will  
ask, Why ten years, and if such affairs  
are to be made temporary arrange-  
ments, why not two years? Mr. Mer-  
edith sticks to the decade idea, because,  
according to his theory, enough money  
might be saved in that time to support  
the children when the father and moth-  
er parted. But unfortunately in such  
unions, when contracted early in life,  
the opportunity to lay by enough cash  
to insure the state against the chance  
of having to support the infants until  
they reached the self-sustaining age  
might not be present.

A HERO OF PEACE.

New York World.

No warrior-hero who has arisen with-  
in a generation has left in his work so  
fine a monument to his memory as has  
Dr. Niels Flisen, the Danish scientist  
who by his discoveries of the healing  
power of light pushed a little further  
back the veil that once hid the art of  
healing. The Nobel prize was in his  
case a potent of enrollment in the true  
Legion of Honor.

RADIUM AND TEMPERATURE.

Harper's Weekly.

How far radium is responsible for  
the heat of the earth is one of the philo-  
sophical questions now interesting  
scientists. Prof. Rutherford, before a  
recent meeting of the Royal Institution  
of London, stated that he believed the  
amount of radium present and uni-  
formly distributed throughout the earth  
would be sufficient to account for all  
the heat lost from that body. In this  
event the cooling of the earth, so that  
ultimately it would become uninhabitable,  
as was calculated by Lord Kelvin,  
would be postponed, and a few million  
more years would be afforded for the  
various forms of animal life. Such a  
possibility was anticipated doubtless by  
Lord Kelvin himself, for in his calcu-  
lations he inserted, "provided no new  
form of heat is discovered." This is  
now held to exist in the minute quanti-  
ties of radium which are widely and  
universally distributed over the earth,  
and which may account for the gradual  
increase of temperature as the interior  
of the earth is approached.

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