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SALT LAKE CITY, MAY 29, 1903.

Y. M. AND Y. L. M. I. A. CONFERENCE.

The 14th General conference of the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Associations of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in Salt Lake City on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, May 30, 31, and June 1, 1903.

On Saturday, May 30th, at 10 a. m., a conjoint meeting of all officers will be held in Barrett Hall.

Business meetings will be held on Saturday and Monday, May 30, and June 1; for the young men in Barrett Hall of the L. D. S. university, and for the young ladies in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms, and general public meetings in the Tabernacle on Sunday, May 31, at 10 a. m. and 2 and 7 p. m.

All officers and members of the associations are requested to be present at all the meetings, and a cordial invitation is extended to all the Saints to attend the Tabernacle meetings.

Special rates on all railroads. See announcement in newspapers for details.

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A SPLENDID TIME.

The day's doings mark a brilliant page in Utah's history. Everything undertaken was carried out with complete success. The weather was glorious. The rains, which caused so many forebodings, proved to have been a blessing. They washed the Lady of the city and gave fresh vigor and added beauty to the foliage and the grass. The decorations were superb, the parade was fine, the crowds enthusiastic, the music thrilling, the exercises interesting and the reception to the President a veritable ovation. The Tabernacle was jammed with loyal humanity. All the speeches were timely and were vociferously applauded. The Governor's welcome was a gem; Miss Ramsey's patriotic song a treat, Senator Keams' introduction of the President neat and to the point, the address by President Roosevelt practical, appropriate and instructive; the short speeches of the Secretary of the Navy and the Secretary of Agriculture well happy and pointed, and the whole affair was creditable to the committees and to the State. Utah is proud today and we may all congratulate one another on the splendid and happy reception extended to the Chief Magistrate of the greatest nation on the globe. A full account of the proceedings will be found in this evening's edition of the "News."

MEMORIAL DAY.

Tomorrow, Saturday, May 30, is the day set apart by custom and by legislation for the decoration of the graves of the departed. It is a beautiful arrangement. To place flowers on the tombs of the dead is a graceful recognition of their relationship to the living, and a touching expression of the tenderness with which we hold them in memory.

This general and united effort on a special day, originated after the civil war that afflicted our nation, and was made the occasion for doing honor to the heroes in that conflict who gave up their lives to maintain the American Union intact. Those martyrs to their country's cause are worthy of all the encomiums that can be uttered in their praise and the floral treasures that can adorn their resting places. The perpetration of the Union is an ever-present cause of gratitude and joy.

But as the years passed on and the embers of the strife faded from human hearts, the valor, the sincerity, the heroism of the soldiers who fought for the South and for that liberty which they thought was dependent upon secession, came to be recognized by their wily foes, and so the blue and the gray mingled together in decorating the graves of the fallen, and all were included in the eulogies of orators and the tears of the sympathizing who paid tributes to their worth.

This fraternal reunion broadened the minds of men and women and also the sphere of the Memorial ceremonies, and thus the day of decoration came to be one for general observance, in sweet remembrance of all the dear ones gone before.

The garlands placed upon the tombs of the departed will fade, like the beauty of youth and life's glances and vanities. But the fond feelings they express and the affection their perfume carries with a sweet sweetness, continue and abide, and will never perish while the soul endures. The ties that bind us to our loved ones are those of spirit to spirit, and the hand of death cannot sever them when sealed by Eternal power. So they whose eyes have been opened to immortal realities look beyond present partings to

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