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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-first Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, April 5, at 10 a, m.

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MONTHLY FAST.

As the general conference of the Church will be in session on the first Sunday in April, the monthly fast which would otherwise be held on that day, will be observed on the last Sunday in March and the fast meetings be held on that day, March 31, 1901.

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LET THE RIGHT PREVAIL.

When a public measure is violently opposed without an intelligent reason as to its demerits, it may be taken for granted that it is right in itself, whatever may be urged against its policy, Misrepresentation of the purpose of the proposition, falsehood as to its provisions, ridicule or abuse of its supporters, threats as to the consequences of its adoption, may serve to defeat it, but to rational minds they are proofs of its virtue and arguments in its favor.

What progress would have been made in the affairs of the world, if the advocates of reform, of relief from oppres-

DESERET EVENING NEWS 1882, and brings our judicial doctrine into conformity with those established principles of jurisprudence, which for a time were upset in the rigid enforcement here of repressive measures, for the extirpation of a system obnoxious to the prejudices of the country.

RUMORS OF ANOTHER STRIKE.

There are rumors of grave dangers of another strike of coal miners in the anthracite region. On Friday a conference is appointed between the miners and the operators, to discuss the situation, and further action will depend on the outcome of that conven-

tion.

The great contest last year was setifed by the operators granting the workingmen a 10 per cent increase in wages, the schedule to be in force to the end of the present month. If the operators refuse to continue this schedule, it is believed the men will again strike. Rumor has it that the operators who for political reasons compromised with the miners some months ago, now are contemplating a reduction of wages to the former scale. and that they are prepared to shut down every colliery in order to starve

the men into submission. Among the miners these rumors are as yet discredited. They think the operations are not in a position to court a fight with the men, first because the market is absorbing all the coal that is mined, and secondly, because the miners now are so thoroughly organized that they are prepared to keep up a strike for a long time successfully. Of 100,000 workers in the anthracite region, less than five per cent do not be-Jong to the union, while all other coal miners have joined that organization, and it is estimated that with the aid of the American Federation of Labor, a million dollars a week could be poured into the district for some time, to ald the strikers.

This may be a too sanguine view of the strength of the laborers, but there can be no doubt that the operators would make a mistake, were they to cut down the wages now. Public sympathy would at once be with the men. It always is when employers in times of prosperous activity attempt to lower the wages. And then, in all probabillty a strike now would be accompanied by riots and perhaps bloodshed. Public opinion will condemn the party responsible for such occurrences.

The wage question, particularly when so many individuals are involved, should be settled peacefully. An industrial contest means starvation to women and children as well as to the men. It is to be earnestly hoped that at the coming convention a spirit of fairness may prevail, and that any existing differences may be adjusted in accordance with the best interests of all concerned.

CROWDED CARS.

The New York chamber of commerce has taken up the question of the conditions on the elevated railroad and bridge trains during what is called 'rush hours." Mr. Alexander E. Orr laid the matter before that influential body, after a personal experience in over-crowded cars, and he laid special stress upon the rough treatment to which women are subjected in such cars, and protested both "in the name of humanity and common decency." Judge Gaynor, of the Supreme court, is quoted as having made the same point in some remarks on this subject called out by a case against the Brook. lyn Heights Railroad company the other day, when he said that cars are often so packed that people "are shoved about and trampled on in a way not only painful, but actually immodest and immoral." The condition complained of is generally admitted as scandalous, and even the officers of the transit companies say that reform is needed. The trouble in New York, as elsewhere where street cars are suffered to admit a much larger crowd than they can reasonably accommodate, is that the companies do not provide sufficient cars for their patrons. The employes ought to have instructions as to how many their conveyances can hold, and govern themselves accordingly, particularly at times when contagious diseases are abroad should this rule be enforced. The public need some education as to the demands of decency in public street cars, and concerning their rights in that matter. And when the subject is taken in hand by so influential a body as the New York chamber of commerce, the probability is that practical remedies against a wide spread evil will be suggested and adopted.

payment of an indemnity, much of which is also for the disturbance of aerve, but robbery is robbery, no matter under what name it is known, and the standard bearers of civilization should not engage in it. If the pagan world is ever to be redeemed, it must be through the proclamation and practice of a higher moral code than it has. People who need \$30,000 as a

nerve tonic should be kent away from the Chinese imbroglio. They are a nuisance near an electric battery which may at any time give the entire world a terrible shock.

FROM A BOER STANDPOINT.

The consul general of the Orange Free State, in New York, has issued a statement of the South African situation, which purports to give the Boer view of it. The essence of it is that there is no doubt of the final success of the two republics. The Boers are determined to fight "until the general situation is strong enough to make diplomatic steps certain." The statement does not seem to be

borne out by the latest advices from that region, but it is possible that the world at large is not in possession of the information the consul has. He may have other channels of news than

the censured press dispatches. He claims that the Boer forces in the field number 25,000 men, admirably fitted for

guerilla warfare. Dewet, he says, in one week captured \$925,000 in gold and 130,000 khakl uniforms-enough to last the army four years-and also over 100,000 cattle and horses and 6,000 prisoners. The Boer forces, he continues, are divided into commandoes of 200 to 500 men and can be quickly assembled at short notice for vigorous and successful attack on the British forces or outposts whenever desired, and in this way have advanced to within two days' march, or 100 miles of Cape Town. Most of the burghers have two horses-many of them three -enabling them to make rapid march-

es and quick retreats. They meet for concerted action and disperse when that object is accomplished, leaving no trace of their whereabouts, save the spectacle of a solitary horseman or two disappearing in the distance. They have an abundance of provisions, guns and ammunition and when short of any of these important elements it is only necessary for them to capture a Britsh outpost or provision train and help themselves to what they need. This

supplying of ammunition, food and even horses to their opponents is a hardship not relished by the British. In the beginning of the war the Boers were armed with Mauser rifles using plain bullets, but many of them now through necessity have Lee-Metford rifles, using a dum-dum bullet, all of which have been captured from the British and bear the arrow mark of

Woolwich. From the above it can be readily understood, the consul thinks, why the Boers can continue the war

indefinitely regardless of the number of British troops sent against them. The Boers fight without pay and practically carry on the war by obtaining most of their supplies from the British.

and "boomers" on the boundaries of an Indian reservation waiting for the pistol shot that is to be the signal for all to rush forward and seize and locate what lands they can.

One of the surprises of the day is Senator Morgan's mild comment upon England's rejection of the Senate amendments to the Hay-Pauncefote treaty. Where people had looked for an eruption of Ætnic proportions there is but a gentle murmur with not a rumble audible.

Japan is not at all alarmed over Russia's doings in Manchuria. In fact, none of the powers seems to be, except England. The cause for whatever alarm she may feel is very largely historical, based upon the old rivalry and fear for India. No doubt she is apprehensive that Russian success in Manchuria means loss of British power and prestige in the Yang-tse valley.

The wound that Emperor William received must have been more serious han reported in the dispatches, for his matesty has had to remain in his room, possibly in bed for several days. A slight cut does not usually necessitate such care and caution. Was the man who threw the iron missile really an epileptic? The dispatches say he was, but official dispatches are often made to represent facts in certain and favorable lights.

It is often the guilty man who first cries 'Stop thief." Thus a contemporary that is noted neither for its special telegraphic service nor its journalistic enterprise, virtually accuses the "News" of "faking" a Washington telegram on the question of the internal revenue collectorship. The "News" is not doing business in that way. Still, we forgive our contemporary, for it knows not what it does. We have received no letter from the source intimated by our contemporary.

A number of senators and representatives are intending to visit the Philippines to get information at first hand. A short visit, even where it is possible to meet the native inhabitants of a country, does not usually give much new information for there is no time to get acquainted with the people and to study their habits of life and thought. How much less then is the opportunity to get anything but second hand information when a state of war exists and one cannot go beyond the reach of a rifle bullet. Some acquaintance with the physical appearance of the country can be gained and that is about all. One good from such visits is accomplished. Those who make them become deeply interested in the country and they give greater attention to matters concerning it. This of itself is much.

SLAVERY IN THE SOUTH.

San Francisco Call.

Last year the discovery was made that a large number of negroes were held in the convict camps in Georgia and worked under the lash who had there will be general satisfaction here over this. It has been a great relief of late not to have so many dispatches as we used to get about engagements in which some Americans were generally killed and large numbers of natives and worked under the lash who had never been convicted of any crime nor sentenced by any court. They had been lured into the camps and thereafter de-tained by force. Among them were found women who had entered the camps to visit relatives and were forwere usually reported as slaughtered. bidden to depart. One of these had carried with her a baby boy, that had CALT LAKE THEATRE, been kept and had nearly grown to manhood as a convict. The mother had been repeatedly whipped by the over-seer to compel her to render uncompensated service. The story of wrongs endured by her and other innocent per-EXTRAORDINARY EVENT! The consular statement includes the WAGENHALS & KEMPER sons held in slavery as criminals caused a passing sensation. There is no evi Present the Great Tragic Actress, dence that the State took any steps to MADAME right the wrongs or punish the wrong-MOD.JESKA, Chicago Times-Herald. It is easy to trace the growth of the conditions which have led to these amazing disclosures. The parent of the Fagewell Tours of the United States, Assisted by South Carolina prison pen or stockade is the infamous convict lease system R. D. MacLEAN and in force in that State. So highly did the farmers regard the plan of leasing convicts from the State that private stockades were finally erected, and and a Brilliant Supporting Company. Presenting and when convicts could not be obtained from the penitentiaries, a price was fixed on the head of every negro who could be kidnapped and thrown into bondage under the lash. The convict Tonight, lease system is a reproach to our civil-Macbeth. ization and a disgrace to the common-wealths which tolerate it. If the States will not abolish it the federal govern-ment should not hesitate to resort to Wed. & Fri. Nights. & "KING JOHN." drastic measures to wipe it off the con tinent. Wed. Matineo and "MARY STUART." Chicago Record. Elaborate and Artistic Scenic Effects and Accessories. leave pressing every-day duties to It is gratifying to learn that the grand jury summoned to investigate the conditions of negro labor in South Carolina has taken summary and ex-emplary measures of correction, but the facts disclosed are none the less shocking in thenselves and discourag-NEW CRAND THEATRE, ing as an evidence of the difficulties in the way of the southern negro's ad-THE BEST ATTRACTION L. J. CARvancement. The industrial system as investigated by the jury at Anderson. TER HAS EVER SENT WEST. S. C., is substantially slavery. To say nothing of the cases wherein negroes have been seized outright and comlash, the "contracts" which they have been obliged to sign upon taking em-THE 11TH ployment have been such as to make them veritable chattels. Con THE PHILIPPINE SITUATION. New York Mall and Express, The immediate plans of the Peace Commission, comprehend within a few weeks, or months at the latest, the extension of civil government to ninetee or more of the thirty provinces. With-in that brief period the bulk of the population of the archipelago will be exercising the degree of self-govern-ment under the American flag, which the commission has the authority to bestow. It is a most significant inaug Greatest ural greeting to the new administra-tion. It is the verdict of facts against the judgment, intelligence and veracity of the "anti-imperialists." Assisted by Boston Herald.





sions, of deliverances from evils, of advancement in liberty, had been swayed by the clamors of obstructionists, and terrified by the menaces of mobs, the predictions of trouble by the timid, or the curses of would-be tyrants? The history of mankind is a record of struggles against such influences, and every victory for the champions of right is a triumph over terrorism, brute force, unteuthful charges and prognostications of calamities to come.

In the enactment of laws, two considerations should enter into the deliberations of statesmen. The first ought to be, is the measure right; the second, is it wise. A law that in itself is righteous may not be timely, or applicable to present conditions, or there may be obstacles in the way of its enforcement which would render it void, or make it impossible of action. But if it be proper and feasible and politic, no noise that is made, no threats that are uttered, no club that is lifted, ought to deter for a moment the course of its promoters, Courage is necessary as well as prudence, for the success of all undertakings, and when any measure is met only by falsehood, tumult and cowardly fear of possible consequences. It is pretty certain to be for the ultimate benefit of the community. "Do what is right, let the consequence follow!"



A very important decision was rendered by the Supreme court today. The case is one that obtained great notoriety, and caused some unfavorable action toward the defendant from the national administration. It is that of John C. Graham, formerly postmaster at Provo city, who was convicted in the Third district court of unlawful cohabitation. The alleged plural wife resided for a time in Salt Lake county, and the legal wife was said to be living in Utah county, or vice versa. The complaint was that he lived with more than one woman as his wife in Salt Lake county. between January 1, 1898, and May, 1899. It will be remembered that the Deseret News took the ground that the defendant could not be lawfully convicted of the offense charged, when the facts stated in the complaint showed that he lived with only one woman as his wife in Salt Lake county. We were derided for this view by some of our contemporaries, but the court appears to hold est ethical system ever conceived by the same opinion.

The court also clings to an old principle of law, which for some time did not hold much sway in Utah, namely, that all the presumptions of innocence are to be held in favor of the defendant by the jury, and that opinions. hearsay, popular belief, &c., are not sufficient to prove the guilt of the alleged offender.

Another point is made clear by tha decision; that is, the holding out and flaunting before the world the opportunities of a bigamous household, is an essential element in the constitution of a public offense of the character in the final account one claim should charged against the defendant, and that being absent or not proven, the it goes. complaint fails. And further, that crime cannot consist of acts which are wholly or in part lawful.

The decision marks a turning point in prosecutions for the class of offenses originating under the Edmunds act of mands made by this country for the

DELICATE NERVES.

What the claims against the Chinese for indemnity may be when all the bills are properly made up, may be judged from the demands made by an American citizen, whose name is not given, but who nevortheless has succeeded in asking, through the foreign ministers, for a reimbursement of \$50,000 for alleged damages sustained during the riots. His account is itemized thus: "Loss of property, \$20,000; damage to my nerves, \$10,000; damage to wife's nerves, \$10,000; damage to daughter's

nerves, \$10,000." What the pagan Chinese may think of such demands by people professing to believe in the principles of the highman, may not be a matter of importance, but it is conveivable that the memory of them will not aid missionarles in any future efforts at conversion. It is but right that China should be held responsible for actual damage done in violation of treatles, but she should not be made to pay for property that probably never existed, or for the disturbance of nerve centers, however delicately constructed. Justice would also demand that the foreign powers be held responsible for Chinese property destroyed by their soldiers, except when engaged in self-defense, and be made to offset the other, as far as

Of course, "claims" against foreign governments are not always very serious affairs, julging from the facility with which the Turkish sultan has succeeded in evading for years the de-

They move about over the entire coun try almost without hindrance, avoiding the large towns. They have no cities, towns nor outposts to protect as they had during the first six months of the war.

assurance that Kruger is in excellent health, and that the probability of his visit to the United States is still an open question. The consul general, in all probability

takes a too hopeful view of the situation. The raid into Cape Colony, whatever were the objects if it, seems to have been a failure. General Botha is said to be negotiating for surrender, and that does not augur well for the cause of the Burghers. If, as Mr. Pierce thinks, the independence of the republics will yet be saved, that, as near as human eye can see, must be as by a miracle.

AN HONORED GUEST.

The annexed invitation has been received by the editor, who regrets being unable to respond. It arrived too late for him to attend, and if it had come earlier he would not have been able to

make an eastern journey for that purpose. We are pleased at the attention paid to Sister Gates, and at the interest taken by Major and Mrs. Pond in Utah affairs and Utah people. If it had been possible, we would have been delighted to pay our respects to the host and hostess and the guest of the occasion: Mrs. Major Pond (and the Major him.

self) invite you to their house Monday evening, March the eleventh, at 8:15, to meet Mrs. Susa Young Gates, of Utah, Mrs. Gates is editor of the Young Woman's Journal, of Utah, one of the aculty of the Brigham Young Normal College of Provo, daughter of the late Brigham Young. She is also vice dent of the National Woman's gress, Mrs. Gates will tell her audience some things they do not know unless they were brought up in Utah.

Those who entertain hope are usually pleasant hosts.

Wireless telegraphy has not been perfected, but that is no cause for despair: it is still in the air.

A Washington dispatch says that San Francisco is free from plague Not so long as it has Chinatown.

In Pekin the British troops occupy the Temple of Heaven. Small wonder they are little inclined to evacuate it.

The announcement may be expected almost any day that Mr. Morgan has formed a syndicate to buy the earth and the fulness thereof.

Goy. Wells' hands must be getting pretty full, for bills by the dozen are going into them. And yet with all this he seems to grasp the situation.

A few more such storms as that of yesterday and the water problem for the first year of the twentieth century will be solved. It was glorious, and may more glory come.

Many thousands of Porto Ricans are emigrating to Hawall. We fancy that these emigrants will become Americanized much sooner in their new home than they would in their native island.

The waiting attitude of the powers in China is much like that of "sooners" | the President asked for, and there are







Miss Anna Winnifred Stuart,

One immense advantage of the Fillplnos in learning from us is that they are to be inducted at once, through the agency of the Taft commission, into the best attained knowledge and methods. Take the subject of public education, for example. That is in charge of Mr. Atkinson, late superin-tendent of schools in Springfield. He First knows what the best is, and will lead the Filipinos to an appreciation of in

Then the whole civil political system of the country is to be constructed in conformity with the principles of civi service reform. There are some advantages of opportunity in wiping out old systems completely and imposing new ones of the best modern brand.

Kansas City Star.



