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CONFERENCE.The General Conference of the Young  
Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Im-  
provement Associations of the Church  
of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
will be held in Salt Lake City on Fri-  
day, Saturday and Sunday, June 9, 10  
and 11, 1905.On Friday and Saturday, June 9 and  
10, business meetings will be held at 10  
a. m. and 2 p. m. The first meeting,  
Friday morning, will be held con-  
jointly, in Barrett Hall; sub-  
sequent meetings: For the Young Lau-  
dies in the Fourteenth Ward assembly  
rooms, and for the Young Men in Bar-  
rett hall. Complete officers' meet-  
ing will be held on Sunday morning, June  
11, at 10 o'clock, in the Assembly hall,  
and general public meetings in the Tab-  
ernacle at 2 and 7 o'clock p. m. of that  
day.All officers and members of the asso-  
ciations are requested to be present at  
all the meetings, and a cordial invita-  
tion is extended to all the Saints to at-  
tend the Tabernacle meetings. They  
will also be made welcome at the busi-  
ness meetings.JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
General Superintendent Y. M. M. I. A.  
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## A FRIENDLY SUIT.

It appears that there is to be what  
may be termed a "friendly" suit to de-  
termine the legality of the water bonds  
to be issued by this city in conformity  
with the decision of the people at the  
bonds election. This is all right. It is  
necessary to bring the matter before the  
Supreme Court, so that the doubt  
entertained by the Mutual Life Insur-  
ance Company may be dispelled, with-  
out delay.This is very different from the dilatory  
scheme of obstruction which this  
paper has exposed and denounced. A  
genuine test before the court of last  
resort in this State need not involve  
procrastination or obstruction. It may  
be hastened to a speedy decision. This  
is necessary, in order that the options  
on the water-rights to the streams of  
the Cottonwoods may not lapse, and the  
plans for furnishing this city with a  
full water supply may not be subverted.There would have been no difficulty in  
the way of the sale of the bonds, if it  
had not been for the underhand doings  
of persons who desired to hinder the  
work undertaken by the city for this es-  
sential improvement. Suspicion was  
cast upon the legality of the bonds by  
plotting for the possession of the municipal  
administration, who desired to, at  
least, postpone the consummation of the  
bonds' negotiations until after the  
coming fall election.Of course the great company which  
offered to take the bonds at a premium  
had to be sure that the business trans-  
action was legally safe, and so when  
private insinuations were made to the  
detriment of the bonds, inquiries had  
to be instituted and the delay plotted  
for has so far been accomplished. But  
if the Supreme Court will advance the  
case so that it may be heard and deter-  
mined in time to close the deal before  
the options on the water rights men-  
tioned have expired, it is possible that  
the way will be cleared for the progress  
of the great work of improvement that  
has been planned for the benefit of the  
city.It would seem that, in consideration  
of the friendly suit now instituted, the  
hostile action proposed will be aban-  
doned, as it ought to be. We hope  
that the whole matter will be speedily  
adjudicated and that all classes of our  
citizens will pull together for the up-  
building and advancement of the pub-  
lic interests.

## A GREAT ATTRACTION.

The people of Salt Lake City, in com-  
mon with the citizens of the State  
generally, should take pride as well  
as pleasure in the great success of the  
charming Utah vocalist, Miss Emma  
Lucy Gates, whose fame extends  
throughout the land and into European  
countries. Born and reared in these  
mountains, she is truly a bird of song,  
and having had the benefit of the very  
best training in both hemispheres, her  
stand in the front rank of the lyric  
world. Tonight she is to appear before  
the Salt Lake public in the Tabernacle  
and will render some of the choicest  
selections from her extensive repertoire.  
The concert arranged for her will be  
most enjoyable. The several artists who  
will assist are named on the program  
published in another part of the Des-  
eret News. We bespeak for them all a  
rousing reception and a great audience.The people here are favored with so  
much music of splendid quality, gratis,  
that it is somewhat difficult to draw a  
very great crowd when an admissionfee is charged, but on this occasion we  
hope the friends and admirers of Miss  
Gates and the musicians who will take  
part in this evening's entertainment,  
will show their appreciation of our  
home musicians and give encourage-  
ment to Utah talent and ability by  
gracing with their presence the concert  
to be given this evening. We are sure  
they will be well repaid for their at-  
tendance, and we bespeak for the  
brilliant singers and performers an audi-  
ence that will give token of Salt Lake's  
recognition of native musical genius.

## A WONDERFUL CITY.

An interview with Mr. O. Rey Rule,  
of Los Angeles, is reported in this is-  
sue of the Deseret News. Our readers  
will doubtless remember the mention  
made in these columns, of an Assembly  
to be held at the Venice of America,  
near Ocean Park, California, beginning  
on Sunday, July 2, when a sermon is  
to be delivered by Benjamin Fay Mills.  
On the national holiday appropriate  
ceremonies are to be had, with the for-  
mal opening of the new and novel city.  
The services are to be continued on  
Sundays throughout July and August,  
when noted preachers are to deliver  
discourses. There are to be educational  
exercises, literary gatherings, schools  
of art, music, science, etc., and a week  
will be devoted to woman's work.The project is a grand conception,  
and the city with its attractions will be  
something unique and remarkable. Its  
cost will be enormous, but it is confi-  
dently expected that public patronage  
will be so great that eventually the re-  
turns will fully compensate the pro-  
jectors.Mr. Rule is here to explain the enter-  
prise to all who are interested, and we  
bespeak for him the favorable consid-  
eration of the people of Salt Lake.

## OKUMA'S PEACE TERMS.

Speaking of peace terms, the Japa-  
nese statesman, Count Okuma, not long  
ago, declared that Japan will reject  
every proposal of peace which would  
leave any resemblance to a truce, and by  
which Russia might be encouraged to  
look forward to revenge after the re-  
establishment of her military forces.  
Japan, he said, ought to become the ar-  
bitrator of peace in the Far East. We  
shall not, he said, be satisfied with pre-  
dominance in Korea, the possession of  
the Liaotung Peninsula with Port Ar-  
thur and Dairen, and the occupation of  
Sakhalin. It will also be necessary  
that Vladivostok, if it remains in the  
possession of Russia, shall no longer  
be anything more than a commercial  
port, and that its advanced fortifica-  
tions shall be razed to the ground. This  
position in Manchuria must become  
what it was at the time of the Czar  
Nicholas I—that is to say, the expan-  
sion of Russian power must be limited  
by the right bank of the Amur.Count Okuma, undoubtedly spoke by  
authority. And it is for the Czar's gov-  
ernment to consider whether any more  
acceptable terms can be obtained by a  
prolongation of the feeble resistance  
of the army in Manchuria. The in-  
demnities question, Count Okuma did  
not discuss, but only referred to lightly.  
But, that Japan will demand an ade-  
quate compensation is not doubted. If  
she has memorized the lessons of in-  
demnities taught to China by the Euro-  
pean powers, the sums she will demand  
from Russia will be enormous. Per-  
haps Russia rightly dreads this part  
of the peace terms more than any other.

## CASES OF LONGEVITY.

The Washington Star quotes "an old  
inhabitant" who, after having given  
much study to the subject of longevity,  
came to the conclusion that most  
claimants to an age of a hundred years,  
or more, were simply mistaken in the  
date of their births.The Star, without disputing the sub-  
stantial correctness of this statement,  
points out that it is nevertheless true  
that a great many persons pass the  
century mark. In a census of Great  
Britain, our contemporary says, taken  
about 40 years ago, it was shown that  
316 persons within the period of the  
census had lived to be more than 100  
years old. The following instances are,  
further, quoted as authenticated:Dr. Galen, the great physician, who  
died somewhere in the early period of  
the Christian era, had worried along  
through 140 years of earthly existence.  
As late as the year 1700 there was a  
woman slave in Jamaica who was re-  
puted to be 135 years old. Her name  
was Cooba. She is of frequent mention  
in books on longevity. Her memory  
was perfect up to the time of her death.  
In 1812 Emma Diamond died at King-  
ston, Jamaica, aged 130. At Port Royal  
on that island, also in the year 1812,  
died Ann Wignall, over whose head the  
summers of 120 years had shed their  
sunshine. Ann was a slave who was  
captured in Africa and carried to the  
West Indies.Probably the oldest man during the  
Christian era was Henry Jenkins, a la-  
borer, who was born in Ellerton-on-  
Slade. He was 12 years old when the  
battle of Bosworth field was fought. On  
his tomb in Bolton churchyard is in-  
scribed: Henry Jenkins, aged 169. In  
the last century of his life Jenkins was  
a fisherman and used to wade streams.  
He was frequently sworn in chancery  
and other courts to above 140 years  
memory. Jenkins had, so the records  
show, lived under nine sovereigns in  
England. He was born at the time  
when the Catholic religion was estab-  
lished by law, and lived when Protest-  
antism was restored by Elizabeth.There are many similar instances of  
longevity. They are found in all cli-  
mates, and among all kinds of occupa-  
tions. There would be more of them  
were people generally better acquainted  
with the laws of nature, and more will-  
ing to render perfect obedience to them.

## MERELY A RUMOR.

A rumor is afloat to the effect that  
the Japanese contemplate sending a  
squadron to the Baltic, to make a dem-  
onstration against Russian ports. This  
would now be possible. Admiral Togo  
does not need all his ships for the home  
defense, or to keep communications with  
Manchuria open. He could dispatch a  
strong squadron, to threaten the very  
capital of Russia. To do so, would beto make a grandly spectacular display.  
It would be one that could not fail to  
make a deep impression in Europe.  
And, although there would be but lit-  
tle chance of seriously injuring the for-  
tifications of the Russian ports, the  
presence of a Japanese squadron in the  
Baltic would almost certainly force the  
Russian government to sue for peace.  
If this is correct, the undertaking  
would be in the interest of an early  
termination of the war. But, notwith-  
standing all that speaks for such a  
demonstration, it will probably not be  
attempted. It will be remembered that  
the European powers became very  
nervous when our government, during  
the war with Spain, talked about send-  
ing an American squadron to Spanish  
waters. They would be still more so,  
were Japan seriously contemplating a  
naval expedition to Russian Baltic  
ports.The fact that such a move is consid-  
ered proves how utterly helpless Rus-  
sia's case now is considered. The lead-  
ers of the war party are still deter-  
mined to carry on the conflict, but they  
seem to be dead to the clamors of the  
people for peace. They forget, that,  
while it would be practically  
impossible to fight and retreat almost  
indefinitely, had Russia only one ene-  
my to meet, it is impossible for any  
country to successfully combat revolu-  
tion at home and foreign armies at  
the same time. The total blindness,  
on account of which the war lords fail  
to recognize the seriousness of the in-  
ternal disorders, and therefore hope for  
final triumph against Japan, is, crimi-  
nal, particularly after several friend-  
ly rulers of mighty nations have point-  
ed out the hopelessness of the struggle.The day of reckoning seems to be  
very near, when the Russian people  
will deal with their oppressors accord-  
ing to the demands of the law of retribu-  
tion. And when that day comes,  
neither the Czar, nor the grand-dukes  
will be the central figures in the popu-  
lar fury. The procurator of the holy  
synod, M. Pobiedonostzeff, will be  
the man whom history will mark as the  
evil genius of the country. He has,  
according to all reports, counseled in  
favor of the support of autocracy. He  
has encouraged the prayers, pilgrimages  
and reverence for icons as sure  
means of victory for the autocracy upon  
which, according to him, heaven  
smiles in favor. He has condemned  
such institutions as parliamentary  
government, a free press, trial by jury,  
and popular education. "Faith in ab-  
stract principles," he says, "is the pre-  
vailing error of our time." He bunches  
the characteristics of Western civiliza-  
tion and condemns them all. "This  
is Russia," he says in effect, "and Rus-  
sia is a phenomenon to be treated by  
no methods applicable elsewhere." And  
now the disasters on numerous battle-  
fields have proved the fallacy of his  
reasoning. Poor, old man! He is  
said to be of a very kind disposition,  
and yet his errors have been of the  
gravest consequences.Concerning this human ruler of the  
Russian destiny, a writer in the World's  
Work says:"He is one of the most remarkable  
figures of the age; the real force be-  
hind the throne. He was born in 1827,  
and took the shortest road to political  
distinction by winning the chair of civil  
law at the University of Moscow. He  
was tutor to Czar Alexander III., and  
afterward became his most favored ad-  
viser. Alexander valued before all  
things sincerity, and M. Pobiedonostzeff  
would seem to have been convinced  
enough in the views he adopted and has  
so widely expressed. Since then, he  
has never discarded the influence he  
gained in the councils of the empire,  
and his exalted position enables him  
readily to reach the ear of the Czar  
with advice that has weight."On him, then, depends very much  
whether the last disaster is to be the  
prelude of a peace treaty.The Storching has a way of distort-  
ing things."The yellow peril" has given Nicholas  
the jaundice.The great water suit seems to have  
arrived at the parting of the ways.Using the First Street hill by bicy-  
clists as a toboggan should be tabooed.The canals of Mara have been photo-  
graphed but that of Panama has not  
been.Norway has made it plain that she  
does not believe that "in union there is  
strength."It is better to think all men good and  
be mistaken than to think all men bad  
and be mistaken.The peace negotiations will snatch  
victory from Linavitch's hands just as  
he was about to grasp it.And just think! Probably all those  
men upon whom Mayor Weaver has  
been so hard had grandfathers.The Nan Patterson theatrical venture  
proved a dismal failure. Good! There  
cannot be too many failures of such  
ventures.That Portland, Or., wife-beater who  
got twenty lashes for beating his wife,  
would probably have preferred a tongue  
lashing, after all.The Japanese bureau of statistics is  
no doubt figuring out the cost of the  
war and making up the amount to be  
demanded as indemnity.Nansen is talked of as the head of a  
possible Norwegian republic. Having  
gone "Fathered North," he might go  
farthest in revolution.King Oscar refused to receive the  
deputation appointed to present to him  
the Storching's address. But he will  
probably read it in the papers.Admiral Enquet has been instructed  
to remain at Manila. Although much  
nearer the equator, he will not find it  
nearly so hot as it was in the Straits  
of Korea.After he has brought Russia and  
Japan together the President may es-  
say the far more difficult task of bring-  
ing the teamsters and employers to-  
gether.

And now General Miles is mentioned

as a candidate for governor of Massa-  
chusetts. There are very few offices  
for which the General has not been  
mentioned as a candidate.

## THE PARIS OUTRAGE.

San Francisco Chronicle.  
The recent attempt to murder the  
young King of Spain and the President  
of the French Republic was a dastardly  
deed, whose infamy parallels the mur-  
der of our own Presidents, Lincoln,  
Garfield and McKinley. The govern-  
ments of France and Spain are such  
as the majority of their people desire  
them to be. If it were not so they  
would be changed. There is no tyrann-  
y in either country. Every law-abid-  
ing citizen of each is as carefully pro-  
tected in his rights as the citizens of  
England or the United States. The mis-  
creants who, with no following and no  
consequence, plot in secret for the murder  
of estimable men who happen to be  
called, as chiefs of state, to execute  
the law may be "mean," but if so it is  
an insanity of ugliness and hatred,  
which renders them the enemies of  
mankind and warrants us in exterminat-  
ing them as we would exterminate  
rats.

## Boston Herald.

Alfonso is captivating Paris with his  
gayety and evident determination to  
please and be pleased. The height of  
his triumph was reached at the great  
Central Markets, where 400 porters  
constituted themselves his guard of  
honor, and the fishermen enthusiastically  
mobbed him, frankly expressing  
their admiration and calling him "such  
a dear!" When he gallantly received  
the "Queen of the Market," a buxom  
girl of 20, and saluted her with a  
smacking kiss on each cheek, the  
conquest was complete. Nothing  
seems to faze the young man. Even  
bomb throwers and hissing anarchists  
have no terrors for him, and he would  
salute the bladders were it not unkindly  
so to do. While having the time of his  
life, the engaging fellow is carrying  
himself well.

## Louisville Herald.

Of late it seems that Alfonso has been  
rather the victim of slander or has re-  
formed. The able dispatches tell of his  
grief over the suffering of his people  
stricken by a great disaster, and only a  
day or two ago, we are told, when sur-  
rounding himself with a number of  
poor subjects traveling through rain  
and slush to a nearby town in search  
of employment. A tiny babe was in  
the party. Alfonso carried the infant  
in his arms, and in his motor car con-  
veyed the women of the party to their  
destination. His lunch basket, and his  
purse he placed at their disposal. When  
the crowd recognized the King he had  
to flee from a popular approval of his  
acts. It is more pleasant to believe  
these things of Alfonso and to have our  
faith strengthened in the young ruler.  
His country has been in sore distress,  
and no country would welcome news of  
its prosperity and his deserved popu-  
larity more than the people of the  
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