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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Seventy-fourth semi-annual
conference of the Church of Jesus
Christ of Latter-day Saints, will com-
mence on Sunday, Oct. 4, 1903, in the
Tabernacle, Salt Lake City. A general
attendance of the officers and members
of the Church is invited and desired.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
JOHN R. WINDER,
ANTHONY H. LUND,
First Presidency.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE.

The general conference of the Deseret
Sunday School Union will be held at
the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday
evening, October 4th, at 7:30 o'clock,
and the attendance of all officers and
teachers is desired. A general invita-
tion is extended to all Sunday school
workers and Saints to be present.JOSEPH F. SMITH,
GEORGE REYNOLDS,
JOS. M. TANNER,
General Superintendency.

RELIEF SOCIETY CONFERENCE.

The general semi-annual conference
of the Relief Society will be held in
the Salt Lake assembly hall in this
city, Saturday, Oct. 3, 1903, meetings
commencing at 10 a. m. and 2 p. m.
It is desired that each stake organiza-
tion should be represented by the pres-
ident or an authorized representative.
There will be an officers' meeting in
the evening in the same building at 7
p. m. sharp.BATHSHEBA W. SMITH,
President.
ANNIE TAYLOR HYDE,
First Counselor.
IDA SMOOT DUSENBERRY,
Second Counselor.

PRIMARY OFFICERS' MEETING.

All officers engaged in Primary work
are invited to attend the Primary off-
icers' meeting which will be held on
Monday, Oct. 5, at 4 p. m., in the L. D.
S. University Memorial building,
room 25.LOUIE B. FELT, President.
MAY ANDERSON, Secretary.

THE FRANCHISE IS SIGNED.

Mayor Thompson has signed the
franchise granted by the City Council
to the Oregon Short Line company for
the occupation of certain portions of
the city by the grand Union depot
that is to be erected, and by the
lines, tracks, switches, etc., necessary
to the completion of the extensive
plans of the company for perma-
nent improvements.The terms of the franchise will have
to be accepted by the company within
sixty days, and one of them is that
the works shall be completed within
five years. The viaduct on North Tem-
ple and the footway on South Tem-
ple streets, which have been frequent-
ly mentioned, are, of course, among
the requirements of the franchise. We
have no doubt that there will be a
prompt acceptance by the Short Line
people, and we may look for the be-
ginning of the work to accomplish the
objects in view, in a very brief pe-
riod. We are glad that the Mayor has
seen fit to coincide with the Council
and the public in this movement, and
we congratulate all parties concerned
on this desirable consummation.

THAT SENSELESS CRY.

The Caldwell, Idaho, Tribune recently
had a very pungent editorial on the re-
cent uproar in that State over the at-
tempted revival of the anti-Mormon
agitation, consequent on the election
of Mr. Heyburn and the appointment of
H. Smith Woolley as assayer at Boise
city. It touches up the sectarian
churches for their jealousy of the "Mor-
mons" and their consequent attacks on
the latter for entering into politics, and
argues that:"If it be a correct principle for the
other churches to combine against the
Mormons, and seek through political
channels to work the purposes of the
combination, we are unable to see
wherein the same thing done by the
Mormons is wrong."Leaving the religious phase of the
question, that paper thus presents the
political aspect of the case:"For ten years or more members of
the Mormon church have mixed in
politics indiscriminately with Metho-
dists, Catholics, Presbyterians, Bap-
tists, Free Thinkers, Atheists and So-
cialists. All political parties have labored
assiduously to secure the active sup-
port of the Mormon people. From every
stump in southeastern Idaho, Demo-
crats, Republicans, Populists and So-
cialists have vied with each other in
trying to make the Mormons believe
that their political party was the pecu-
liar political friend of the Mormon peo-
ple. Democratic orators have dandledMormon babies upon their knees and
predicted to fond Mormon parents a
possible Mormon president. Republican
orators have done the same thing. Re-
publicans have cited tomes of history
to prove that Democrats were the in-
veterate enemies of the Mormons. The
Democrats have done the same thing to
prove that Republicans were the perse-
cutors. There has, in short, been a wild
scramble for the Mormon vote. And regu-
larly after election, the defeated party
has charged its defeat to Mormon
church influence and the victorious party
has proclaimed that the Mormons
were an extremely intelligent and
patriotic class of voters, who saw that
which was good and voted for it. With
all these facts before us, this effort to
reopen the old Mormon fight must be
based on the idea that the people of
Idaho are chronic fools and can be
fooled all the time."After picturing the condition of mor-
als prevailing in Boise city, which we do
not think is germane to this subject,
the Caldwell Tribune closes its sharp
editorial with this pertinent paragraph:"We don't know what the people of
Idaho think about this recent outbreak
against the Mormons, but to us it looks
very much like an exhibition of small
politics. It is an attempt to embroil
the whole state to promote the interests
and gratify the spite of a few individ-
uals."The remarks we have quoted have a
very striking local application. The
persons and papers here that are seek-
ing to drag in the hackneyed phrase
"church influence," and apply it to suit
their own designs, would be the very
first to endeavor to obtain it, if they
thought there was any chance to work
it for themselves and their candidates.
It may be necessary, if the cry is kept
up, to publish a few details which
would make interesting reading, but
would not be very pleasing for a few
petitions of opposite parties.Why not announce principles and
policies, put up candidates who are
pledged to support them, appeal to the
voters to elect them on tenable grounds,
and drop vilification, false issues and
the stupid and baseless bugaboo of
"church influence" and pursue the con-
test decently and squarely?

WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH IT?

The Logan Journal is getting grumpy,
for some cause or other. We noticed
its complaint recently because the
Salt Lake press had not noticed suffi-
ciently, according to its notion, the
splendid reception of the visitors to
the Agricultural college, at the close
of the irrigation Congress. Now it is
uttering a grievance about the Brigh-
am Young college in this way:"The Deseret News intimates that
the Brigham Young College is but a
faint echo of the real thing established
by the same great founder at Provo,
which is hereafter to be known as the
Brigham Young University. The Provo
institution has more students, it is
true, but when the claim is made that
it is larger and better in any other re-
spect, our attitude is that of the gentle-
man from Missouri."The Deseret News has not intimated
anything of the kind. This paper has
always supported the college at Logan,
founded by the late President Brigham
Young, and no such words as "faint
echo" of anything were used by the
Deseret News in relation to it. In ex-
plaining the reasons for changing the
name of the B. Y. Academy at Provo
to the Brigham Young University, we
showed that it was doing higher work
than that of an academy. We remarked
that it was the parent institution of
others, and said: "The title of college
is borne by the more juvenile but ex-
cellent institution at Logan. That is
called the Brigham Young College." We
therefore endorsed the resolution to
call the former the Brigham Young
University.We do not believe that anyone con-
nected with the college is imbued with
the notion advanced by the Journal,
and simply wonder what is the matter
with our supersensitive northern
neighbor.

AS THE GREEKS SEE IT.

The fact that Greece has taken a
stand at present in favor of Turkey,
against the Bulgarians, has been the
cause of much unfavorable comment,
especially because it is remembered
that the Greeks themselves a few
years ago, against the warnings of Eu-
rope, attacked Turkey with great vehe-
mence for the ostensible purpose of free-
ing the Macedonians. Then, the atroci-
ties of the Turks were painted in scar-
let; now these seems to be forgotten
among the Greeks.A Greek paper is published in New
York under the classic name of At-
lantis, and in a recent issue appears an
article on the Balkan situation, in
which the writer endeavors to explain
the Greek attitude. The article discred-
its the reports from Sofia, and ridicules
the "manufactured news" that is pub-
lished from day to day. Then it denies
the allegation that the "war" is one for
religious, or humane, principles. There
is, according to the writer in the At-
lantis, one motive that actuates the Bul-
garian in his fight against the Turk,
and that motive is greed, and the sole
object is to bring about the annexation
of Macedonia to Bulgaria. This object,
the Greeks can, of course, not further.
They look upon Macedonia as theirs,
and will rather see it temporarily
under Turkish rule, than part of a
Greater Bulgaria. The writer in the At-
lantis does not say so, but that is the drift of his
argument. He says:"That the attempt of the Bulgarians
to usurp Macedonia, and make it a part
of their country, is unreasonable is
proved by official statistics recently
contained in a diplomatic note from the
Greek government to the governments
of Europe. These show an overwhelming
majority of Greeks over Bulgarians in
the vilayets (territories) of Monastir,
Salonica and Thessalonika. The figures are as fol-
lows:MONASTIR.
Greeks.....309,782
Turks.....344,704
Bulgarians.....174,011
Servians.....12,693
Bosnianians.....12,693
Jews.....4,950SALONIKA.
Greeks.....348,620
Turks.....425,514
Bulgarians.....205,888
Jews.....51,909
Other nationalities.....3,770This comparison holds good also in
Adrianople, and the rest of European
Turkey. Not only do the Greeks pre-
dominate over the Bulgarians, but they
are, too, intellectually and morally
superior, as the greater number of
Greek schools prove."That, then, is the Greek view of the
situation. It reveals one reason whythe Turk still rules. Jealousy between
the different states prevents them from
co-operation, and as long as they are
fighting one another, they are easily
held in subjection by tyranny. The
great powers, too, are jealous of one
another, and neither can, therefore, act,
even if there were a desire to end the
fearful condition. And thus peace is
bought at the cost of human sacrifices.
That is too dear a price to pay. That
is peace with a curse attached. Civiliza-
tion cannot afford to have peace un-
der such conditions.

FOR LACK OF TRAINING.

Mrs. Russell Sage speaks the truth,
when she says that the prevalence of
smoking in public places is, very large-
ly, due to the indifference of the women
to the bad habits of the men. If the
women did insist on refinement in the
men that seek their company, they
would have it. But as long as they
consent to breathe the air that has
been contaminated by tobacco smoke,
they will be welcome to it. It is the
same with contaminated moral atmos-
phere. They will be treated to swear-
ing and otherwise bad language, as
long as they do not insist upon gen-
tleness in conduct in those with whom
they associate. Woman's responsi-
bility is great, because her power is
great, as long as she exercises the dis-
tinctive qualities that are hers, given
for the elevation of the race to the
highest moral level. To many men it
does not occur that they are discourte-
ous and ungentlemanly when they
annoy their fellowmen with their bad
habits. If these were pointed out to
them by mothers, sisters, wives, or
sweethearts, they would probably do
better, and thus gain the benefit of a
moral victory.Some do not call anything less than
a deluge a rain.In these days to be a steel baron is al-
most to be a pauper.Will the stockyards be the biggest
thing at Chicago bicentennial celebra-
tion?The San Francisco mint is to be sup-
plied with elevators. But they will not
raise the price of gold.Russia may or may not evacuate
Manchuria October 8. The chances
seem to be in favor of may not.A little more fealty to truth by those
who prate so much of fealty to party
would be a splendid and improving
thing.It is now quite certain there will be
no war in the Balkans before next
spring. The approach of winter cools
their war-like ardor.Richard Olney, second, has been
nominated for lieutenant governor of
Massachusetts. What is Richard Ol-
ney, one, to be named for?A movement has been started in Chi-
cago for the suppression of the divo-
rce evil. It is a very good move, but
from its origin it looks like Satan re-
bucking sin.It would be a bold man who would
dare say the two-minute trotting re-
cord will not be beaten. The twentieth
century bids fair to beat the nineteenth
in many things besides trotting re-
cords.Amelia Bingham, addressing the
Ministerial association of Chicago, said
the stage had its moral function as well
as the church. Possibly, but still it is
not within hailing distance of the
church on this matter as yet.Booker T. Washington is traveling in
Europe under the name of Jones, to
avoid attracting attention. There is
but one other way in which he could
have attracted less attention, and that
was by traveling under the name of
Smith.The Vatican has called off the ne-
gotiations for the sale of the friars'
lands in the Philippines. It is sug-
gested that the way out of the difficulty
is the accrediting of a nuncio to the
Washington government. It is a very
shrewd and insinuating suggestion but
will scarcely accomplish its purpose.According to China, Glass and Lamp
of Sept. 26, since the beginning of the
present year 44 New Jersey corpora-
tions have been placed in the hands
of receivers. The authorized capital of
these was \$30,340,000, their liabilities
\$17,272,333, and their assets \$1,564,654.
A hard time for trusts, it seems, or for
those who have put their trust in them.Independent papers throughout the
United States will be charmed, no
doubt, with the exquisite and convin-
cing logic of the Salt Lake Tribune;
which is, that when a public journal de-
fends innocent persons from false at-
tacks and speaks neither from a Re-
publican nor a Democratic standpoint,
it is taking religious ground and is us-
ing "church influence." Strikingly origi-
nal if not conclusive, is it not?New York municipal politics are in a
sad mess. The Fusionists named
Messrs. Grout and Furness on their
ticket, and then Tammany endorsed
them. Now the Fusionists propose to
take their names off their ticket. All
admit that they are excellent nomi-
nations. Such being the case, why
should not all who really desire good
government for New York City stand
by them? But there is no fathoming
Gotham politics.A week or so ago a millionaire named
Dexter was killed in the Adirondacks.
It was said that he was assassinated
from ambush but no proof as to
who the assassin was, was adduced.
It was well known that he was on bad
terms with his neighbors and this,
more than anything else, led to the
murder theory. Now it is not only pos-
sible but quite probable that this man
Dexter was the victim of a stray bullet
from some unknown hunter's gun. The
hunting season is on in the Adirond-
acks and the woods are full of hunters.
This theory suggests itself from the
fact that yesterday morning a
young man hunting ducks, near the
mouth of Weber river, was shot and
killed by a stray bullet. Yet no one would
think of suggesting that Mr. Ogden was
assassinated. May not Dexter have
been accidentally killed?

CHICAGO'S CENTENNIAL.

New York Mail and Express.

The town has done exceedingly well
—as compared with us, of course. In
this one century a tiny Indian village
has developed first into a trading post,
then a white man's village, then with
astonishing leaps into a city whose
ambition even the great sea is not
could not check, and finally into that
"overgrown hawk of a village" which
we are bound to admit is the wonder
of the western hemisphere. There is
no such near and illustrious illustration
of the rapid building of a great city.
Men are still alive who knew Major
Whistler, who, in 1833, laid the corner-
stone of Fort Dearborn, or Chicago,
which occupy its site.

Chicago Record-Herald.

And thus is greatness being thrust
upon the modest little western hamlet
which in a hundred years has grown
quietly and unostentatiously from a
government fort and Indian trading
post to a city of over 2,000,000 souls.
And if the ragazines hadn't discovered
us there are people in Soundersville,
Rhode Island, and Gampville, Connecti-
cut, who would have died in blissful ig-
norance of the little giant that has
sprung up out of the prairies where the
buffaloes used to roam.

THE VICE-PRESIDENCY.

Chicago Evening Post.

The time has come to make a radical
change in the position occupied by the
Vice-President of the United States.
The constitution simply provides that
the Vice-President shall preside over
the Senate and succeed to the Presi-
dency in certain contingencies. There it
stops. As our system has developed
the Vice-President has nothing to do
with the administration; he is not a
force or factor in the government. The
law declares him of voice or vote with
a single exception on the floor of the
Senate; custom and practice shut him
out from participation in the work of
the executive department. He may be
an ornament; he is not useful, even, as
a "silent partner" in the government.
Is this a reasonable, sound, safe plan?

Portland Oregonian.

The Post's suggestion is that the of-
fice be made attractive by endowing it
with the properties of a Cabinet posi-
tion, so far as counsel is concerned, if
not departmental duties. The main use
of a Cabinet officer, after all, is ad-
visory. Trained assistants do the bulk
of the department routine; but what
the President needs is a body of sage
counselors. It makes little difference
whether a man like Root is Secretary of
State or Secretary of War, for the
President leans upon him in foreign as
much as in military affairs, and also
in finance. The Cabinet councils cover
every branch of the Administration's
policy. It is fitting that into this body
of the nation's executives the Vice-
President should be admitted. His
chances of the succession, however re-
mote and ignored, afford sufficient
basis for his recognition as a factor in
the government, and for his induction
into the counsel and considerations
upon which policies are framed.

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