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NOTICE.

The Seventieth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at ten a. m., on Friday, April 6th, 1900.

LORENZO SNOW, GEORGE Q. CANNON, JOSEPH F. SMITH, First Presidency.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Beldom, if ever, has St. Patrick's day been celebrated with greater enthusiasm among the patriotic sons of Erin, than today.

St. Patrick is said to have been born in northern Gaul of noble lineage; he was reared under Christian influence, his father being a deacon in the church.

When an opportunity of escaping from the island came, the captive availed himself of it, and returned to the home of his childhood.

In explanation of the significance of the shamrock it is told that St. Patrick used the leaf of that plant to illustrate the doctrine of the Trinity to a noble assemblage of Druids and rulers.

The anniversary of the day will be celebrated by Irishmen in this city, the chief feature being the illustrated lecture in the Theater, by Father Cashman, of Chicago.

A GOOD EXAMPLE.

The Bishop of the Thirteenth ward in this city held a general meeting of the Priesthood in his ward on Thursday evening from which much good may be anticipated.

Elders and members of the lesser Priesthood were instructed to connect themselves with their proper quorums, in cases where they had neglected to do so, and practical steps were taken in the meeting to effect this, which were eminently successful.

We recommend this action to all the Bishops in this Stake of Zion. Every man holding the Priesthood should be known to the authorities of the ward where he resides, and his name should be enrolled on the ward record, and that of his proper quorum.

These simple rules have been urged times without number. Church records should be made complete.

The clerks of the wards and of the quorums should confer together and work in harmony, so as to help each other in the recording of changes that occur from ordinations, removals, deaths, etc.

If the presiding officers of the wards and other local organizations will make special efforts to get the people together, and arrange all Church affairs under their jurisdiction in full working order, more life will be felt, more

good will be done and the spirit that should animate every particle of "the body of Christ" will have free course, joy will abound and God will be glorified.

LIBELLOUS ACCUSATIONS.

In overweening anxiety to exhibit acquaintance with the affairs of the Church, a contemporary frequently exposes itself to the derision of persons who understand Church doctrine and discipline.

A recent instance is an account of an alleged trial before the First Presidency of the "Mormon" Church. The details given are of a most scandalous character, such as ought not to be published, and are in some respects grossly libellous.

It should be understood that the affairs of the Church are not proper subjects for secular interference, when they relate only to members of the Church in their religious standing.

An appeal may be taken from that decision of the High Council of the Stake of which that ward is a part, and all the parties to the first trial have the privilege to be present.

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PUERTO RICO'S APPEAL.

The Puerto Rico Bill is still the subject of a somewhat heated public discussion. The report now is that it is proposed to change the original provisions so as to charge a duty on merchandise coming from the island and destined for the United States.

But even if such power were by the Constitution conferred upon the national Legislature, it is self-evident that its exercise would be conditioned on expediency. The power to legislate is a power to confer benefits upon the greatest number concerned.

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They then ask as a right in equity that free trade with the United States be given them. "We ask bread as a right from our mother. Do not, we pray, give us a stone. We ask for an immediate decision."

It is a pity that so much time is consumed in trying to find a compromise measure on a matter upon which the American people cannot be seriously divided. While Congress is deliberating the Puerto Ricans are suffering. They need relief by speedy action of Congress—action indicated by the Constitution and the will of a great majority of the American people.

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CAUSED A SENSATION.

Newspapers in various parts of the country are commenting on the fact that some of the larger denominations are actually decreasing, or in a state of stagnation. But seldom have "Christian" ministers had the situation brought home to them with greater force than was the case last Monday night in San Francisco, when Rolla V. Watt, a prominent Methodist, read a paper before the Ministerial association, entitled "From the Pew."

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next year, since the Glasgow exhibition managers have requested him to withhold his challenge till 1902, and in the meantime will give an international regatta that will afford opportunity for testing new boats for the competition with American yachts.

The young man in Kenosha, Wis., who, at the risk of his own life and by suffering severe injuries himself, saved the high school building from destruction by fire, at the close of an oratorical contest Friday night, showed that he is composed of the stuff of which heroes are made.

We notice in the New York Mail and Express that Mme. Mountford now is in that city. The Express says: "Mme. Mountford will deliver Lenten lectures illustrative of life in Palestine, and Mr. Seward will bring his enthusiasm for Christian unity into relation with this illumination of the life of Jesus. Mme. Mountford has had great success in making clear by her knowledge of Oriental life many phases of the beginnings of Christianity in Palestine."

An announcement has now been made by Maurice Lowey, manager of the Paris observatory, that the map of the heavens on which work has been progressing for about ten years, is nearly completed. It will show in the neighborhood of 30,000,000 stars down to the fourteenth magnitude.

A kopje, says the New York Tribune, is not a hill so much as the stump of a hill—what is left of it after ages of denudation; but the special feature of it is that it is almost invariably covered with a breastwork of bowlders. Tropical torrents have washed away the earth and all the soluble components of the rock, and what is left consists of heaps and lines of detached masses of sandstone, ironstone, or granite.

The establishment of a school of forestry by Yale university is an appreciable improvement. By the way, if western universities and agricultural colleges would take up a branch of instruction on the grasses suitable for the arid sections of the West, and their cultivation and preservation, valuable results would be sure to follow.

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The current number of the Living Age has this list of contents: "The War in South Africa," Quarterly Review, "From Four Lee Treils Fortes de la Ville," Revue des Deux Mondes, "Animal Chivalry," by Woods Hutchinson, Contemporary Review, "Among Chinese Monasteries," by Alicia Bewick Little, MacMillan's Magazine, "A Man," by Stephen Phillips, London Chronicle, "Misunderstandings, II," by Th. Bentzon (Mme. Blanc), Revue des Deux Mondes, "How Long?" by Clara Singer Poynter, Chambers's Journal, "Books We Think We have Read," Spectator, "O Un distinguished Dead," by Austin Dobson, Sphere, "A Colonial's Return," by Henry Martley, Longman's Magazine, "Nerves in the Nursery," by E. H. Cooper, Speaker, "The Glory that was Rome," Academy, Boston.

The current number of Harper's Weekly contains a large number of exceedingly good pictures of the war in South Africa. Among these are Mr. Easton's photographs made on the Boer side at the battle of Popworth Hill and Gordon Grant's stirring sketch of the "Capture of the Suffolk Colabor." There are also pictures of a portion of the new Canadian contingent and the British signal corps in action.—New York.

In the March number of National Magazine, a great number of timely topics are discussed. "Joseph Chamberlain's Visit to America" sets forth some interesting views of a possible Anglo-Saxon alliance. Mrs. Fiske in "Old Novels in New Plays" will interest all theater-goers and those who are observant of the revival of classic novels in new drama.

Hon. Charles Denby, former minister to China, contributes to the current issue of Collier's Weekly a paper entitled "Our Relations with China." Mr. Richard Le Gallienne contributes a half humorous, half serious article on modern criticisms as seen through a press-clipping bureau. Mr. Richard Mansfield will contribute to forthcoming numbers of Collier's Weekly three papers on the Stage.—New York.

The April number of Pearson's has already appeared, and is, as usual, up to its high standard. It has an interesting article on New York's underground railroad and another containing reminiscences of Prince Bismarck. Other features are "The Eyes of an Army" telling of the scouting service; "Pictures by Telegraph" and "Stories of Other Worlds." The fiction and poetry are splendid.—The Pearsons Publishing Co., New York.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS. In the March number of Cassell's Magazine Mr. F. S. Robinson has an article on the Connaught Rangers, who are now at the front. Mr. Malcolm Salaman contributes an appreciation of Mr. W. S. Gilbert from long personal acquaintance.

SALT LAKE THEATRE. THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 23, 24 AND SATURDAY MATINEE. Messrs. Smith & Rice Present the Comedian WILLIE COLLIER In His Own Farce "MR. SMOOTH." The Comedy Hit of the Season as Presented in New York and Chicago. A Great Cast and Elaborate Production. ... SEAT SALE TUESDAY

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