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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The seventy-sixth annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene at the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, April 6, 1906, at 10 a, m. A full attendance of officers and members is requested.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND. First Presidency.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The annual conference of the Descret Sunday School union will convene at the Tabernacle, Sait Lake City, Sunday, April 8, 1906, at 7 o'clock p. m. Officers and workers are requested to be present and all the Saints are invited. The subject of "Parents' Classes" will be considered.

JOSEPH F. SMITH. General Superintendent.

THE NEW YORK RESOLUTION.

In the United States Senate on Monday, Senator Platt presented a joint resolution, adopted by the New York Legislature, for an amendment to the Constitution of the United States prohibiting polygamy. That is not any thing new under the sun, as attempts have been made in a similar direction several times. A strong feeling has been aroused on this subject, but it is not nearly so flerce as it was a year or two ago. A great many people who were then much exited over it, have learned that they were grently deceived by exaggerated reports and whole cloth fabrications, and that as a matter of fact there was very little, if anything, to warrant any great effort in the intended direction.

We do not believe that there are at States and Territories adjacent. How many polygamists there are in the United States we are not able to determine or even guess at. As to the "consecutive polygamists," as they are called, we do not think there are any statistics that may be considered reliable. But from the number of divorces that are obtained, followed by re-marriages, as chronicled by the press, it is evident that they far exceed in number the cases of old plural marriages among the "Mormons," the remains of which seem to shock so much our Christian friends, who tolerate the other kind of polygamy.

As to new plural marriages, by which we mean since 1890, that being the time from which official inquiries have been dated, the evidence, such as it is, implicates but a very few individuals, and positive proof of them is yet lacking. And the Church is not responsible for them in any event. But conceding that the charges concerning them are correct, taken all together they would be scarcely worth mentioning in comparison with the proven cases of bigamy and violations of the marriage contract, demonstrated to have occurred throughout the country.

Of course, the purpose of the resolution adopted by the New York legislature is to "prohibit and punish" that' kind of polygamy which is supposed to prevail among the "Mormons" or Latter-day Saints. The offenses known to be committed in the City and State of New York against the laws and regulations in support of morality, are not called by the same name as that which the Legislature aims to prohibit. So that body diverts attention from real evils flourishing in its own domain, by passing a resolution concerning a comparatively very small social irregularity nearly three thousand miles away.

The apathy and indifference of that body of lawmakers to the actual sexual crimes festering in its own society, known to exist, undentably prevalent, patent to all observers, vile beyond description, deadly in their effects, eating into the very vitals of the commonwealth, spreading disease, dishonor and death, when contrasted with the anxiety displayed about an alleged evil beyond the Rocky Mountains, appear not only incongruous, but extremely hypocritical.

We have before us now a statement made by a most eminent criminologist, that there are more than 300,000 fallen women in the towns and cities of the United States, New York City having more than its equitable proportion. The term is used in relation to the professionally corrupt females, saying nothing of others who have lapsed from virtue, or those who are kept as mistresses by some of the most violent male denouncers of distant polygamy. What do these figures suggest concerning the number of male consorts and resorters, upon whose means those "fallen

women" obtain their support? Yet we hear no outcry from the legislators of the land, nor of the religious ladies who have been so agitated concerning Utah's morality, against the figures we have quoted, nor of any lognition as a power interested tleship, a controversy has arisen as to phia Ledger.

concerted effort on the part of those ladies and gentlemen to purify their own towns and cities and neighborhoods, or to embody in any national legislation or movement, endeavors to prohibit and punish those crimes, or to redeem the victims of sensuality and lust who swarm in every populous Christian" city.

We shall probably be met with the old, fusty sophism that the existence of those social vices affords no reason why some other irregularity should not be destroyed. Also, by the untruth that we are apologizing for one wrong by cointing to a greater wrong, and makng kindred the practice of polygamy with the social corruptions of the age. These are the usual evasions resorted to by those who wink at the common solal corruptions of the world, and use magnifying glasses to search out and gaze at something which they detest but is essentially different to the foulless that they tolerate.

We do not class "Mormon" polygamy with the abominations that flourish throughout Christendom, There is nothing in common between them. What there is left of the former is insignificant when contrasted with the increasing proportions of the latter. Neither is of the same origin as the other, not are its effects in any way similar. The ed for the restraint or suppression of the greater is overwhelming, while the other is rapidly passing away, and requires no further effort for its ultimate extinction. Therefore it is the height of absurdity for the Legislature of a State where social demoralization reeks to heaven, to engage in a violent effort to burify a small community from something that is infinitesimal in comparison with its own gigantic wrongs.

It may be asked, if what you say about the decadence of plural marriage is true, why should you be concerned about a constitutional amendment for its prohibition and punishment? The mswer is, we are not. It is only the n-necessity, absurdity and hypocrisy of the movement to procure it that we have anything to protest against. It is like loading a howitzer to fire at a gnat. It is an effort to magnify in the eves of the nation something that has nearly disappeared. It is started in a similar spirit to that which prompts the sending of flannels and footwear to the Hottentots, while ignoring the shivering outcasts and starving children in the cities at home. It is a stigma upon a State of the Union which deserves no such opprobrium. Tainted New York says to cleanly young Utah,

'I am holler than thou." The people who are engaged in clamoring for such an amendment to the Constitution are crying out against an imaginary evil, and ignoring their own actual condition. If they are absolutely sincere in the pretended moral crusade, they would embody in their resolutions a provision which would strike at the root of all sexual crime, and weuld prohibit and punish every violation of chastity and virtue, and thus make a clear sweep for the cleansing of the nation, the protection of the home and the maintenance of a high moral

standard. We have nothing to say against the passage of such measures as Congress polygamous families in Utah and the | ests of public and individual purity and the correction of evils existing in the nation, but we would have more confilence in the motives of the promoters of proposed legislation of that chartoter, if they would make them so comprehensive as to lead to real social

WHAT MINERS DEMAND.

The strike of coal miners, so long threatened, has commenced, and both sides are sanguine of final victory. As far as the controversy on wages

is concerned, the miners ask for a return to the scale of 1903. In that year the wages in the bituminous mines were reduced 5.55 per cent, and the workingmen demand a return to the previous scale. The anthracite coal miners also ask for an advance. In this they deserve public sympathy For there has been a steady advance in the price of many necessities of life during the last few years, and this, of course, necessitates an advance in the wages of laborers. It is to be hoped that the contending parties can speedtly find common ground on which to meet, for a strike of the magnitude now planned, is fraught with danger

to the social structure. Some figures will give an idea of the interests involved. The anthracite mines cover an area of 485 square miles in Pennsylvania. The total number of employes is given as 155,000 with wages that amount annually to \$70,000,000. The capital invested in the mines exceeds \$700,000,000; and the profits of the operators do not fall much below \$100,000,000 annually, not counting the profit on the hauling of the coal. These employed in soft coal mining in the various states affected by the strike, number in the neighborhood of 385,000 men. More than 3,000,000 people depend upon the

coal industry for their livelihood. Both the miners and the operators have announced that they have made extensive preparations for this strike On the one hand, vast quantities of coal have been stored up, and on the other, money has been collected with which to aid the strikers. The latter however, will soon teel the burden of the situation, while the owners of the fuel are likely to reap profits, if they can maintain famine prices and dispose of their piles at such rates, as they undoubtedly will do. The real "war" sufferers will then be the laborers and the consumers. Is there any reason why these should be made the victims of controversies that ought to be settled by peaceful means?

THE MOROCCO AGREEMENT.

The Algeciras conference has finally reached an agreement and adopted a plan by which the police power in Morocco is delegated to France and Spain, partly jointly and partly separately. By this compromise France gains a recognized footing in the country, from which point of vantage further advances will, undoubtedly be atstate of affairs partly exhibited in the tempted. Germany also gained rec-

Morocco, and this was possibly, all that country expected obtain. The original intention of France was to take charge of the country, without the permission of Germany. Against this the Emperor protested. The conference was then suggested, and the result was as told in the dispatches. Germany may, perhaps, trade her Moroccan interests, whatever they are supposed to be, for French interests in some other parts of the world, and thus the conference may prove of immense advantage to that country in the future.

The conference has added another proof to the folly of the war policy. It has proved that delicate internation al questions can be settled without the beat of war drums, when the disposition is for peace. The Morocco dispute was in every sense as grave as that which led to the last conflict between the two countries. But then there was rime minister who had decided to bring about a collision, even if he had to falsify dispatches of state in order to work up a war sentiment. And he succeeded. This time, neither France nor Germany was spoiling for a war. The internal conditions of the latter country are not harmonious enough to encourage a bellicose attitude. The Algeeiras conference insures peace for the time being at least. Later, when it shall become elear that the plan adopted does not prevent France from continuing her aggression in Morcoco, other arrangements can be made.

The object of "policing" Morocco is to extirpate the pillaging bands of robhers that infest the country, and to compel the officers, from the Sultan down, to respect the life and property of both citizens and aliens. In the interest of order, it is evident that there can be only one supreme authority in a country, and if this is divided between rival rulers, confusion would be the result. France has therefore contended for sole control, but finally yielded to the suggestion that Spain be admitted to share the duties of police supervision. That too much must not be expected of this compromise, is perfectly clear. International conferences do not always accomplish the objects for which they are called. Turkish affairs are as unsettled as ever, notwithstanding the Berlin conference. International agreements did not prevent the war between Japan and Russia.

CHURCH ATTRACTIONS.

The Chicago Record-Herald is authority for the statement that a certain rector is in favor of permitting smokers to indulge while attending the men's club in the parish-house. He argues that if thereby some men are drawn to those meetings, the privilege of using tobacco should be extended to them. "If," he asks, "a church can attract two or three hundred men to a club meeting by removing the ban on smoking, why

It is somewhat strange to hear this apology for what is generally regarded as a bad habit, if not a vice, from a clergyman, because now-a-days so many of them are opposed to the use of tobacco in any form. The late Mr. C. H. Spurgeon used to enjoy a cigar, and he claimed that he could do so with thanksgiving, just as he could his food or any other good gift. But that way of looking at the matter has not become general. A great many clergymen look upon the use of tobacco as an ally to drunkenness and an enemy of righteousness, and even many smokers regret the day when they first learned to long for the poison. They feel that they are slaves, and as they in vain struggle for emancipation, as many do, or have done, they are in danger of losing their self-respect.

At present all sorts of devices are invented as attractions to church. Thus, for instance, one church in Cincinnati, it is said, is to have a bowling alley in the basement, and a thoroughly equipped garage for automobiles of wealthy parishioners. The fact that the first promulgators of the Christian faith did not find it necessary to have recourse to such artificial means, to obtain a hearing and gain victories, is the only commentary necessary on modern ec centricity of this kind.

Oh, the Snow! the beautiful Snow;

Skidoo!

Dowle must feel more like Hagar than Elijah just now.

The open door in Morocco makes the Algericas conference a closed incident.

"The Philippines for the Filipinos," says Governor-General Ide. In the sweet bye and bye.

So far as tariff reform is concerned, Chairman Payne proposes to continue sitting on the lid.

Count Tolstoi's pamphlet, "Is it Possible?" has been confiscated. It seems that it is possible. The differences between operators and

If this kind of April weather continues much longer, there should be a change in the weather bureau, "for the

good of the service."

miners are to be adjusted tomorrow.

"Tomorrow's falser than the former

The Russian elections are reported to be much of a farce. And in that do they not very much resemble elections in some other countries?

While congressmen are doing so much talking about the untold wealth in Indian coal lands, why don't some of them tell how much it is? As the frigate Constitution will be al-

most a new ship when fully repaired, so the rate bill will be very nearly a new bill when all the amendments are in, Life insurance officials indicted for ontributing policyholders' money to

Even before Congress has authorized the building of the great 20,500-ton bat-

campaign funds might plead the gen-

eral welfare clause as their justifica-

what it shall be named. Why not call it America?

In Nebraska a man may roll his own cigarettes and not violate the anticigarette law, but he cannot take advantage of the legal maxim, Qui facit per alla facit per se.

Attorney Jerome refers to Bird S. Coler as "a yellow dog," and Mr. Coler retorts by calling the district atforney 'a dirty cur." There seems to be as much license in doggerel as in poetry.

One of the encouraging signs of the time is the effort of some theater managers to eliminate from their stage attractions all profanity. They will, without question, have the support of the better element of the theater-going public. Why should language be permitted on the stage, that no true gentleman would use anywhere?

An exchange claims that "Krustaleff," the president of the executive committee of the Russian Workingmen's Council, whom the authorities have pronounced the "Brains of the Revolt," is a Jew. The government's investigation of his antecedents proves that his real name is Nossar, that he is twenty-eight years old and that he was born in Little Russia. His father was very poor, a small farmer and carpenter. Is this another Russian story circulated for the purpose of excusing possible attacks upon the Jews in Russia?

A new type of locomotive has, it is said, been completed for the use of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad, and it is predicted that it will, in time, supersede the steam horses. The new electric locomotive, says an exchange, "looks like an ordinary express car, with a double trolley connection on the roof of the car. It weighs only seventy-eight tons, but its builders claim that it can pull a train of 250 tons between New York and Boston at an average speed of seventy miles an hour. A freight train that can bring goods from New York to Boston in three hours. will get plenty of business even though the freight rates may be raised. And yet this type of locomotive is only the first of what is sure to be a long line of locomotives, of increased speed and power, and the differences between this and the electric locomotive of the future may be as great as that between Stephenson's 'Rocket' and the 20-ton locomotive of the Pennsylvania today."

RETURNING SANITY.

New York Mail.

That a reaction is coming, if it is not already begun, against the prevailing fashion of mere denunctation. District Attorney Jerome's attack on what he calls newspaper "hysteria" is one of several tokens. It is not to be supposed that American indignation against corporate wrongdoers has at all abated; but the purely sensational element in the movement for public betterment the movement for public betterment seems to be approaching self-exhaustion. Even a daily diet of horrors palls after a while from the logical impossibility of out-Heroding Herod each successive morning; and credulity of the most open-mouthed sort can be strained too far by the effort to accomplish the impossible. impossible.

A CINDERELLA CENSUS.

Pall Mall Gazette.

The French census, which is taken at night on the stroke of midnight, is a rather serious affair for the French He is required to return the number of persons, not as with us, who happen to sleep, but who happen to be, on his premises at the time specified—their names, ages, professions, and so forth. He is liable for a due return about the artist who may be dressing his wife's hair for a costume supper; for the planist who may have enlivened the eventual terms of the property of the planist who may have enlivened the eventual terms. ning; and even for the burglar whom he may find at his strong box. The census of a dinner party would be trying; that of a ball is simply unthinkable.

HAIR-SPLITTING LAWS.

New York Commercial. The Supreme Court of Nebraska has decided that it is legal for a man to roll a cigarette and smoke it in that State, but illegal for him to smoke one rolled by some other person. Such a law is almost as finely drawn as that one which permits a New Yorker to buy a drink on Sunday only when there is upon the table with his glass an ancient bit of ham and a crust of bread.

GUN COTTON AS FUEL.

Technical World.

"Light another hundred-foot candle condensed gun cotton! We must of condensed gun cotton! We must make the next mile in less than a minute!" That command, or something like it, will be given by the commander of a United States torpedo-boat in the next war in which this country may unhappily be engaged, writes W. R. Stewart in Technical World Magazine for Arpil. It will not mean that, finding his ship in a desperate situation, the captain has decided to blow himself and his whole command out of water. It will signify only the adoption as emer-gency fuel of the wonderful composition of gun cotton and nitro-glycerine, invented by Hiram Maxim, whose 'Maximite" is the high explosive now used by the government in submarine torpedoes.

JUST FOR FUN.

"You say she keeps boarders?" "No. I said 'she takes boarders.' "-Milwaucee Sentinel.

"Yes, but I really did see a happy "What?" multi-millionaire once." "What?"
"Yes; he had just made another mil--Chicago Tribune.

Humps-Do you think it's a sin to contribute to a campaign fund?

Loafleigh—Yes—if you don't land a
job by it!—Detroit Free Press. "I thought Jim was going to marry

the banker's daughter." "Oh, he can do better than that." "How?" "By marrying the iceman's daughter."— Cleveland Plain Dealer. Master (to fair American, who has just ridder into the middle of the pack)

Does not your horse kick hounds? Latr American—That's so, I rech you'll want to move 'em away!-Punch. The Secretary-I find that your prop erry in Swampville cost you four dol-lars a foot, sir. What price are you willing to sell it for? The Rich Victim-Oh, I'll let it go fer two dollars a gallon,-Life.

Of Heroic Proportions—"If Tait's mantle were to fall on me," began the little man, "I'd—" "Yes," said his wife, "I know what would happen." "What's that?" "Why, you'd feel just like you did when you went to the cicus and the tent collapsed."—Philadel-phia Ladger.

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