

# DESERET NEWS: WEEKLY.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

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## GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THE Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle in this city, commencing on Thursday, April 6th, at 10 o'clock a.m.

BRIGHAM YOUNG.

DANIEL H. WELLS.

## EDITORIAL NOTES.

—As this is Leap Year, girls are advised not to marry until they can support a husband.

—A Washington paper remarks that requests for "a suspension of public opinion" are becoming painfully frequent. Offenders want a little time to explain things.

—The St. Louis *Republican* talks in this way of some inequalities of numbers—"The census man of Logansport reports eight girls to one man. A literal fulfillment of the old prophecy, 'Seven women hanging to the skirts of one man.' The census man does not say whether the girls are willing, notwithstanding, to eat their own bread and wear their own apparel.

—It is stated that politics in New Hampshire have become so demoralized that one-tenth of the voters in the State regularly sell their votes to the highest bidder. The Republicans are said to do the most of this villainous work of corrupting voters, but the Democratic managers do a large share of it, and would do more if they could; that is, if they had more and more favorable opportunities. An exchange thinks that "this is a pitiable condition of affairs, and if the other States should reach as low a plane, popular government would be on its last legs."

—How has the fine gold become dim! Now is the time that everybody is disgusted with rascality in responsible positions. The papers throughout the country are indulging in Jeremiaads over the rottenness of public life in this country and the recent developments of official corruption in the high places of the land.

—An English paper remarks that in many quarters it is believed that the Jews entertain the idea of purchasing the Holy Land, of Turkey, with the view of going there as a body.

—Now the papers throughout the country are saying that this is Lent in reality in this great republic, especially in the Republican party. It is a day of sackcloth and ashes and mourning for sins, or for their exposure.

—It has come to something new. Even the papers of naughty Paris, in alluding to the Belknap scandal, lament the decadence of morality in the United States.

—The San Francisco *Chronicle* says, "In consequence of the financial embarrassment of the Educational Department, the public schools of this city are to be closed on the 30th of April next. This is a necessity to be greatly deplored."

—It does not do to be poor in Pennsylvania. Poverty is a great crime there. Better steal than be poor. Two young vagrants were sentenced to nine months in the house of correction, but they falsely confessed to the judge that they were thieves, when his honor considerably reversed his former sentence, and sent them to jail for ninety days. Those youths may be bank tellers or cabinet officers yet. Who knows?

—Here is a good word for Judge Lowe, from the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat*, March 8—"Judge Lowe appears to have a host of supporters for the office of associate justice. Several republican papers strongly recommend him. The Fort Scott *Monitor* says: 'He is generally and justly regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in the State, and his qualifications for the Supreme Bench can not be doubted.' The Wichita *Eagle* says: 'As a man and as a

lawyer, he is one among ten thousand. He possesses one of the finest trained judicial minds in the State, while dignity and fairness are attributes born in him.' The Leavenworth *Times* says: 'No better man in the State.' It seems to be almost the unanimous opinion of the press to place Judge Lowe upon the Supreme Bench."

—The Washington *Star* of March 6 says of the reorganization at the White House—"The position of officials at the White House may be authoritatively stated as follows: General Babcock, who never drew salary as a secretary, but drew it as an engineer officer, returns to duty, and Col. Fred. Grant is assigned to his place. Gen. Babcock's retirement did not create a vacancy, nor does Col. Grant's selection create a new position. Both draw army pay. Levi P. Luckey held the office known to law as private secretary to the President. He takes A. S. H. White's place at the Interior Department, and Ulysses Grant, Jr., takes Mr. Luckey's place. Mr. C. C. Sniffin holds the same position he has always held, as assistant private secretary."

—The Springfield *Union* says more than one kind of resumption is needed in this country. "It will take more than the resumption of specie payments to restore our business prosperity. It will take a resumption, as well, of solid honesty."

—A St. Louis paper talks of things existing in this style—"It is certainly neither pleasant nor complimentary to say that our political morality is the reflex of our social morality, but any dispassionate attempt to weigh the evidence on both sides will show that such is almost exactly the case, and that political corruption is rather the result than the origin of a widespread dishonesty in private life."

—Sophie Edwin (Mrs. W. Stevenson) died at San Francisco, March 7, in her 35th year, of a complication of diseases, culminating in dropsy. For twenty-five years Miss Edwin occupied a prominent position in theatrical circles in California, having during all that time appeared in the principal theatres of San Francisco and Sacramento, her first appearance being in the American Theatre in the first named city in 1850, in "The Cockneys of California." She was for several years leading lady in Maguire's company, playing with equal success in tragedy, comedy, and burlesque. Her last appearance on the stage was in November last, in "Willie Reilly," but she was so ill that Mrs. Sanders had to finish the part. Miss Edwin was born in Sidney, Australia, in 1839, and emigrated with her parents to California in 1849. Her maiden name was Anderson. She was married to William Stevenson in 1854. As an actress and a woman, her name was above reproach, and she was widely respected. She left four children.

—The Springfield *Republican* thinks "Grant is not holding up the republic by the tail as much as he was."

—A correspondent of an eastern paper wants to know why the habitual use of profane language is increasing to such an alarming extent in the midst of what is supposed to be a community of superior civilization and Christian intelligence; why the merchant at the head of a vast establishment, venerable and aged men, pillars of banking houses, leaders of public charities and of other great and glorious enterprises, should be addicted to this vice, even in the presence of ladies of refined and elegant taste, so that everywhere the air resounds with a coarse and low dialect.

—Governor Ludington, of Wisconsin, is not inclined to be ever ready to exercise the pardoning power. He recently refused, when importuned, to pardon a convicted criminal, saying, "I believe the decisions of our courts, arrived at after a full and fair hearing, should not be interfered with, except upon the most grave considerations."

—Hamlin's new and complex postal bill does not seem to be winning golden opinions from all sorts of people for that gentleman. The Springfield *Republican* says, "Hamlin's new postal bill will win him new execration in the eyes of all people. The charging of four rates of postage on all third-class matter, according to distance, is a violation of all convenience, both of the public and of the post office,

which will never be submitted to. Two rates, easy distinguishable, as for instance one within the State and one beyond, would have been tolerable, but a cent an ounce for all under 300 miles and four rates in all make a mess of it."

—The great desideratum in this country seems to be a lack of integrity in responsible positions, and the great question seems to be "How shall a higher standard of honor be obtained, such honor consisting very largely of probity and morality?" The aim of American public life certainly needs elevating very considerably.

—Recently a bill of importance to Leavenworth passed the Legislature of Kansas, and was printed in the Leavenworth papers in a garbled form. A committee, appointed to investigate the matter, reported, March 6, that Senator Johnson, of Leavenworth had been tampering with the bill. Johnson was crazy all that evening, and twice attempted to kill himself.

—The Omaha *Herald* says, "Col. O. J. Hollister, somewhat revived and invigorated after a silence so long and absolute as to cause us to forget his earthly existence, is out in the Utah organ of all the virtue of that dominion in a terrible philippic against the Utah Legislature. That's right, Colonel, give them *sub shirtibus hellum*, or any other man.' There is nothing like frankness in dealing with public affairs, but if we did not know your severely judicial cast of mind and benignity of thought we might think you slightly prejudiced against the Mormons."

—Blaine is said to be growing very uneasy about the persistent attacks of the *World*, and he wants to get up a newspaper fight to ease the assault upon himself.

—A Washington correspondent of an eastern paper writes—"The bottom seems to be falling out of everything. Everybody is uncomfortable. The army and navy are in a tremor about their tenure of office and salaries; the departments are trembling about the cutting down of clerkships and salaries, with the lengthening of hours of work. Presidential candidates are in fear that they are not to be the chosen ones. Many who are in power rue the day they ever entered public life."

—Virginia is not satisfied with her Legislature, for she complains that she has had to pay \$100,000 for an eighty-days' session, when one good lawyer would have prepared more and better laws in a week for \$1,000. Virginia should do with her legislators as Congress did with the Utah legislators—pay them nothing, but let them board and lodge themselves while they sit out their session. That is one way to encourage patriotism and bid for good legislative work.

## "IT IS AWFUL—IT RUINS THAT FAMILY."

THIS is how it is said that Mr. Marsh, the accuser of the Belknaps, talked to a reporter of the *Troy Press*, while he (Marsh) was on the way to Canada, so that he might be out of the way—

"My friend, I am completely exhausted, and if I were not, this is the last subject in the world that I would choose to talk about. I know nothing more that should be given to the public. Had I not been satisfied that the exposure would come, I would have remained silent forever, fled the country, or done anything else that would have kept the subject from the public. Why, it is awful; it ruins that family; it will drive me crazy. For years my family and that of the Belknaps have been intimate. Mrs. Belknap is a fascinating woman, and her husband has been one of the most polished and genial of men. Nobody could resist them. Ah! you will never know what I have suffered within the past fortnight. Sooner than repeat the experience I would die. But don't press me to talk on the subject. I can't bear even to think of it. I am going to spend a few days with friends to recuperate. It's too late to flee the country now. Nobody can gain by my absence now."

Of course "it is awful" to "ruin that family," or any other family, especially one that has had a liberal swing in fashionable society. But what must it be to ruin the

country, to which all such crimes as these of the Belknaps directly tend? Compared with the ruin of the country, the ruin of a family cannot be mentioned, and particularly when the family brings the ruin upon itself.

## Local and Other Matters.

FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 16.

**Wide Awake** for March contains "How Miss Chaty Earned a Living," "About Maps," "Snow Birds," "Centennial Trees," "The Street Singer," "Lost in the Woods," "Work for Little Fingers," "Talking it Over," "Young Rick," "Grinding Coffee," "The Old Elm of Boston," "Shut the Gate," "How the Ojibbeways Live," "Willful Winnie," "The Magic Carpet," "Sunday School Entertainment," "Music," etc.

**New Invention.**—To-day we were shown an invention that will, it is claimed by the inventors, create a revolution in various kinds of machinery, such as reapers and mowers, pumps, saws, tilt-hammers, slotting machines, sewing machines, and in fact wherever gearing can be used.

It is claimed that wherever machinery is driven by a shaft, this new mechanical motion can be applied, changing a slow rotary motion to a vibratory. It has six motions, three backward and three forward, obviating the necessity of so much gearing, and, in its application to reapers and mowers it reduces the draft one-half, two horses doing the work of four.

We were also shown a double-knife for reaper or mower, which cuts on shear principle.

The idea of both these inventions was suggested to Naylor Brothers by Mr. John Jordan, of Heber City, and the drawings were got out and models made by A. M. Mortimer of this city. Patents on both inventions have been applied for.

**Another Murder Case.**—Captain Bergher Deaa.—Captain Bergher, who was so brutally beaten over the head by the prisoners who escaped from the Penitentiary on Tuesday evening, died at three o'clock this morning, from the effects of his injuries. Cain and Patterson, the two who are said to have done the actual beating, are among the four who were captured by Gaines, but it appears that all seven of the villains are about equally guilty, and consequently liable to swing for this most brutal murder, all apparently being at least accessory. It is said to have been admitted by one of the two named that the intention was to kill Bergher. It appears that the prisoners had much antipathy toward him because of his having been stricter in enforcing the prison rules than his predecessor had been.

It is to be hoped that the three still at large will be captured, the country having been pestered long enough with such scoundrels, Williamson especially being one of the worst men that can be found anywhere.

Captain Bergher was late of Michigan, and is spoken well of by those acquainted with him.

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 17.

**From Tooele.**—Bishop John Rowberry, of Tooele, is in the city.

**The Lamanites.**—The Indians in the western part of the Territory purpose extending their farming operations the coming season.

**A Grateful Change.**—Beautiful spring-like weather to-day. A grateful change from the late snow and slush.

**St. Patrick's Day.**—The 17th of March, to-day, is St. Patrick's day, celebrated by "true born Irishmen" all over the globe.

**Not Commenced.**—The men and teams at the terminus of the Utah Western Railroad had not commenced work on the additional fourteen miles yesterday, owing to the dreadfully muddy state of the ground thereabout.

**The Waterworks.**—At 3 o'clock this afternoon the water had been let down and was flowing through the pipes, and the waterworks, so far, were proved to be a success. It was intended to let down the water in sufficient force to test the hydrants,

**Heating Up.**—To-day steam was got up in the heating pipes of the Z. C. M. I. new building, making the temperature of the interior agreeably warm. This heating up at present is for the purpose of drying the building. The apparatus works well.

**A Place to Lodge.**—Last night a drunken man, who appeared to be on the lookout for a place wherein to lay his muddled head, made his way to the interior of the Z. C. M. I. new store, and from there he was gently removed to the City Hall by the watchman and engineer. He was to have a talk with Justice Pyper this afternoon.

**Mousetraps.**—An aged gentleman, named John Gunn, of the 20th Ward, is making mousetraps for a livelihood. They are on a more improved principle than those generally sold, being easily set by a slight pressure of the finger. He called to-day and showed us specimens. Those who patronize the old man will be performing a good action.

**Pardoned.**—Harry Gaines, the young man who showed so much energy and intrepidity in capturing four of the seven escaped convicts who murdered Warden Bergher, has, we understand, been pardoned by the Governor. We believe this act of clemency meets with general approval, the public service, so bravely done by Gaines, being, in the opinion of most people, an antidote to the offense for which he was confined in jail. His action of yesterday afternoon was entitled to reward, and probably nothing in that line could be more agreeable to him or more suitable under the circumstances than to award him his freedom.

**'Uncle' Robert.**—This is the name by which the veteran carrier and newsdealer, Mr. Robert Carter, is known. Nearly everybody knows Uncle Robert, who, although far advanced in the sere and yellow leaf, is still jocular and jovial. Tomorrow is the seventy-eighth anniversary of the old gentleman's birthday, and, as is his annual custom, he desires, through the *News*, to return his grateful acknowledgments to his patrons for past favors, hoping to receive a continuation of the same. Whoever desires the latest and best newspapers and periodicals, promptly delivered, Robert is a proper man to supply them. We have always found him faithful to his agreements.

**The Blockade on the Central Pacific.**—A gentleman called on us to-day, who arrived in this city last night, from San Francisco, having had, while en route, some experience in the recent blockade on the C. P. R. R. He left San Francisco last Saturday morning, and reached Welles on Sunday evening, the train on which he travelled having five cars filled with passengers. On reaching Welles they learned that the road was blocked with snow, and that in attempting to clear it one or two engines and a snow plough had been wrecked, and another snow plough had to be sent for from Elko. A marked feature of the blockade, our informant stated, was the absence of energy or effort in clearing the track of the wreck, which might have been accomplished during the time they were waiting for the arrival of the second snow plough, but this was not attempted, the men in charge being either incompetent or indifferent, and the road was still blocked with the wreck when the plough arrived, and it was not removed until Tuesday night; and from that time until between 3 and 4 o'clock yesterday, Thursday, morning, was occupied in clearing away the snow, when the train again started eastward, it having been detained from Sunday evening until that time, part of the delay being undoubtedly owing to negligence or indifference on the part of the company or its employees, causing pretty general dissatisfaction and complaint among the passengers.

**Additional Particulars.**—We learn a few additional particulars regarding the escaping convicts. It appears that Gaines received aid in securing the four who were caught. Two young men, named Eldredge, captured two of them, and on their way back to the Penitentiary with them they met Gaines, following up with his gun, to whom they turned them over and who took them back. The Eldredge boys then went after and caught two more, turning them also over to Gaines, who had returned to the pursuit.