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GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The Sixty-eighth Annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, at 10 a. m. Wednesday, April 6th, 1898. All officers and members of the Church are invited to be present.

WILFORD WOODRUFF,
GEORGE Q. CANNON,
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First Presidency.

Seventies' Conference, in Assembly Hall, Friday evening, April 8th.

General Priesthood meeting, in Tabernacle, Saturday, April 9th, at 10 a. m.

Deseret Sunday School Union meeting, in Tabernacle, Sunday, April 10th, at 7 p. m.

BREAKING UP.

As has been heretofore represented in the "News," the pressure of public opinion is becoming too strong for the partisan machine in the City Council to resist, and at the session of that body held last evening three occurred two breaks in it. The Mayor's veto of the chief of police salary ordinance was sustained, and his appointment of L. C. Kelsey as city engineer was confirmed, the machine being defeated in both these matters.

In the Third precinct public disapprobation of the machine has become so strong that it is on the point of being manifested in some tangible way; and unless a halt is called soon, the shameful war upon Mayor Clark is discontinued, something will be heard to drop in that part of town; at least such is the opinion that has been communicated to the "News" as being entertained by a number of prominent citizens of the precinct; and there are visible signs of a strong sentiment in the same line in the First precinct.

Members of the City Council combine who imagine that they have the support or the sympathy of a majority of the intelligent and fairminded people of the city, are laboring under a delusion. Dissatisfaction at the course of the combine is increasing, the feeling that all the city departments ought to have been organized under the new regime weeks ago is growing stronger, and the regret is becoming more general that men should have been elected to the City Council who are willing to sacrifice public to subserve partisan interests. The sooner the machine ceases to exist the better for all concerned in any way.

A BATTLE BETWEEN WARSHIPS.

One of the most frightful experiences a mortal can pass through and survive, is a pitched battle at fair range between two modern warships, built, armed and manipulated according to the latest models and methods. Such a ship, lying peacefully upon a gentle sea, presents a scene of wonderful quiet, order and calmness. Its ponderous mechanism, attuned to a hair, moves as smoothly as a planet in space. The perfection of neatness and cleanliness prevails everywhere. There is a place for everything and everything is in its place. The ventilation is perfect in every part of the vessel, and a touch turns on an electric blaze which illuminates every nook and corner. Each officer and man has been trained and drilled until they all speak and move with the precision of automatons.

True, there is an air of awe about the big guns. How ponderous they are! How immense their length and girth! One looks at them and tries to imagine what they can do, what noise they make, and what force there is to the explosion that takes place within them; even as a little child looks at the moon and wonders how large it is and how far away. But when these guns begin to do the work for which destructive genius created them, the beholder realizes how puerile and inadequate was his imagination.

Before a gun is fired every man whose duty brings him near it must tightly plug his ears or be permanently deafened by the shock the surrounding air receives as the projectile and its propelling gases leave the muzzle of the gun. Those who stand near to the weapon at the instant of discharge, will likely be knocked down and may be rendered senseless, and this before the enemy has fired a single shot. A courageous, calm and well trained, combined with perfect self-control and thorough scientific knowledge, must be traits of the men who fire the guns. What, then, are the qualities required in facing the enemy's fire?

Perhaps immediately after the battle opens the funnels are shot away. This destroys the draught of the furnaces and a horrible, stifling smoke fills the vessel between decks. Ventilation ceases and the air becomes hot to suffocation. Then if a shot from the enemy succeeds in crippling the electrical machinery which furnishes the current for the lamps, darkness the blackest is added to the smoke and heat, and the interior of the vessel becomes a literal torturing hell. Not the least of the torments the men below are suffering are their agonizing doubts and fears. They know nothing of how the battle goes. The enemy may be sinking or they themselves may be; they cannot tell.

It is hard to decide who are worst off, the men on deck or those below. Every impact of a projectile of the enemy against the steel sailed turret [illegible] air with a shower of red hot metallic splinters that sweep it in every direction like a radiating broadside, killing the men by platoons, or maiming them most shockingly. The men in the open air have at least one advantage over those between decks; they are too busy to spare time to realize the horrors that surround them, and calamities occur too fast to be counted.

The round that can first cripple its adversary's steering gear while preserving its own so as to be able to manoeuvre is pretty sure to win; because a helpless hulk that cannot turn nor move itself is no match for a foe that can move in a circle; but a quick-shot work is done by the ship that can first land upon the other's deck a short series of dynamite shells, for these are the means man has devised for producing an artificial earthquake; and their enormous power rends and shatters in an instant the strongest work of human hands. Dropped upon or one of them, the strongest deck of toughest steel becomes mere cardboard.

One good thing is that all is quickly over. The employment of the mighty forces of the modern battle ship prevents a long drawn contest. Within a few minutes after the first shot lands upon the weaker vessel most of the men on board of her are dead. Their suspense is brief. If the ship sinks, the fate of what was done on board of her may never be told, for lack of a living witness; for the dead, wounded and unharmed will likely go to the bottom together. Dante never portrayed the hell on board a modern warship engaged in desperate action. His imagination, amazing as were its powers, was too feeble.

A BAD CASE.

Lawyers sometimes get into the places which they are always trying to get others out of. A notable instance is that of McIntosh and Haymond, who are defending or at least appearing in behalf of Hoff, the alleged murderer of Mrs. Mary Clute in San Francisco. That place has become deservedly noted as the breeding place of sensational mysteries, but it has rarely if ever produced any combination of circumstances more completely out of joint than the matter referred to. The first named attorney calls upon the other with a document which purports to be a complete confession of the defendant's guilt and authorizes the latter to sell it for $2,000. The dicker is proceeding when news of the business reaches Hoff himself, who at once and in the most vehement manner denies the whole story and refuses to admit anything whatever. The trial proceeds, a jury is impaneled and the taking of testimony has begun, when the court sends the jury out and orders the arrest of the lawyers, who are at once placed under bonds. All the while they are acting both for and against their client, defending him against a charge in court that out of it they show he cannot be defended on account of having admitted his guilt! They have upon them to keep the case, while he as stoutly maintains that he has done nothing of the kind. The question is, how can they put in a thorough defense after placing their client in such a position that defensive matter is estopped, provided the confession is genuine, and if not genuine, how can they defend themselves against the fraud committed or attempted on their own part? Surely they are between the evil one and the deep sea.

At this distance it looks very much as if the attorneys expected to realize on the document, thus perhaps compensating themselves for their services, and then go ahead and put in as strong a defense as they were capable of notwithstanding, to do which they would be compelled to stand with the defendant in court in pronouncing the whole thing a fabrication. Having obtained the money for it, they probably thought they might be able to stave off examination and eventually escape altogether. It seems, however, that the sale was not made and they are in jeopardy without the coveted $2,000. Well and good. One way or another their conduct is criminal and both ways it is outrageous. Let law exponnders be made to know, where they do not know it already, that their profession so far from being a shield to them for nefarious actions is more severe upon them than upon those who ineffectually plead ignorance of statutory provisions, or in fact, anybody and the law will then command the respect which it should always receive. It seems as if nothing short of peremptory disbarment and subsequent prosecution will satisfy justice in this proceeding.

JUSTICE LONG DEFERRED.

Judge W. N. Dusenberry of Provo has just returned from an investigating errand to the nation's capital. Over seventeen years ago the collector of internal revenue for the government, the late O. J. Hollister, levied a tax upon certain sects which was used by various institutions of the Territory as a matter of convenience in paying off employes, cash not being always available. The strife obtained more or less circulation, according to where and by what places issued, but it was never regarded as currency, much less as a means of usurping the functions of legal tender. No less than $13,000 in money as such taxes was exacted from those institutions, a great hardship at the time, much greater than it would have been in later years. Although a burden unjustly imposed never becomes less a burden because of the improved circumstances of the victim thereof. A test of the matter was finally made, it reaching the supreme court of the United States, by which the imposition and collection were pronounced illegal. Last January Senator Dawes introduced a bill providing for the refund of the money, and Judge Dusenberry's object was the pushing ahead of the measure.

It would seem to be about as little as the government could, generally in such a case to return money which its agents unlawfully took away, and any steps looking to such return should be accelerated rather than retarded. Doubtless with a full membership, which sometimes is much more satisfactorily and speedily gained by means of personal interviews than through the routine of legislation, there will be no opposition. This, we understand, the judge has fully attended to, and such being the case those to whom the money belongs should not be compelled to do without it much longer.

DENVER HOTEL KEEPERS.

Apart the coming medical congress at Denver, the Medical Record (New York) has this unkind reference to the hotel managers of that city:

"The hotel proprietors in Denver, with the usual shortsightedness of people of that class, are purposing to make it as uncomfortable as possible for those in attendance at the meeting of the American Medical association in June, in order that the charging may be made as profitable as possible to themselves. The managers of one of the leading hotels in that city has already refused to make any reservations unless two persons will consent to occupy one room. How many he expects to put into a double room we have not yet ascertained."

THE PLAGUE AT BOMBAY.

So much space has been given by the papers of war news, or news of progressive wars, that the American public he has not been kept well posted concerning a pestilence that has been raging during the winter and near Bombay, India. A recent report from there states that the number of deaths in a single week, from the plague, has run as high as 1,134, and from other diseases and causes 835, making the total mortality for seven days, 2,007. These figures apply to the city of Bombay alone. In the city as high as 348 deaths have occurred in a single day.

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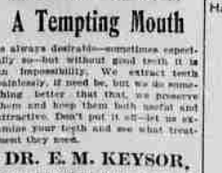

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