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## CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-eighth annual, general conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, April 5, 1907, at 10 o'clock a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

The general Priesthood meeting will be held in the Tabernacle on Saturday, April 6, at 7 o'clock p. m.

JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
JOHN R. WINDER,  
ANTHONY H. LUND.

The annual conference of the Sunday School Union will be held in the Tabernacle on Sunday, April 7, at 7 o'clock p. m.  
JOSEPH F. SMITH,  
General Superintendent.

## VETERANS, ATTENTION!

This is for the "boys" of "Zion's" Camp and the "Mormon Battalion."

Surviving members of those famous organizations that played such a prominent part in the events of the early history of the Church, are cordially invited to attend a reunion to be given in their honor by the First Presidency at the Lion House on Tuesday afternoon, April 9. This will be one of the great events of the April conference.

The First Presidency have for some time felt that such a reunion would be a proper acknowledgment of the importance of the services rendered by those who in the early days, cheerfully responded when the call was made upon them. The veterans are rapidly being removed from this sphere of action. There are very few survivors of "Zion's Camp," and, possibly, not more than fifty members of the "Mormon Battalion." They are scattered over a wide area of the country. Some live in Utah, some in California, some in Arizona. Some, probably, have settled in Canada. It would be well if as many as possible could be brought together at the coming reunion.

We hope this invitation will reach all for whom it is intended. Friends of the veterans should call their attention to it, in case they do not happen to see it themselves, and we suggest that those who live far away and may not be able to undertake the journey without financial or other assistance, should receive such from their friends, in order that the reunion may be complete and an event never to be forgotten by those in whose honor it is given.

We also suggest that State Presidents and Bishops look after this matter and see to it that none is absent for want of means to undertake the journey.

The invitation is also cordially extended to the wives and widows of the members of the two organizations.

We hope to see a general rally of the veterans. To many of them it will be the last before the great reunion on the other side.

## Veterans, attention!

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## THE MOVEMENT FOR PEACE.

We hope Utah will be well represented at the peace congress at Carnegie Hall, next month.

The first Hague convention, though a long step toward the abolition of war, did not prevent the sanguinary conflict between Russia and Japan, nor the recent dispute between the two European Central American republics. The second peace congress at the Dutch capital should be more successful than the first. The experience gained will be a guide for the delegates in their deliberations and the popular support that has been accorded the cause of universal peace will strengthen them.

What seems to be called for now is a definite agreement that no power shall declare war upon another, or commence hostilities, without first asking the advice of some friendly power as to whether there is sufficient occasion for fighting. At the first congress questions of "honor" were declared outside the purview of arbitrators, and that made arbitration only a last consideration, since any dispute could be said to be about a question of "honor." Were all matters of controversy first referred to friendly powers to pass upon, war would be a rare occurrence. The probability is that the go-betweens might take so long to decide delicate matters that their principals would forget what they intended to fight about.

The convening of an international peace conference in New York, next month, so short time before the Hague congress, cannot fail to have some influence upon the deliberations of the latter. The addresses to be made and resolutions adopted at Carnegie Hall, will be a sure indication of what public opinion demands. Governor Cutler has been

requested by the committee in charge of the arrangements, to invite representative men of Utah to attend that important gathering. It is one of those events which future historians will mark as indicating the birth of a new force in the world for its development.

## KEEP THE HOODLUMS OUT.

Now that spring is rapidly unfolding itself and people are taking to out of doors, the canyons are literally drawing thousands into their cavernous depths in search of that ethereal mildness and beauty of which the poets sing, and which they wish to see and taste for themselves. On every side there are deepening tints in the verdure of the earth, which tell that early winter has run his course and that he is fast being succeeded by a gentler season, in which come the dog tooth violets, modest snowdrops, soft showers, soothing winds. Canyons such as we have at our very doors would set easterners wild with delight. They are full of natural beauty and scenic attractions which are inspirational in their character. Some day they promise to become famous. When that time arrives we will appreciate them more than we now do. Still they are growing very popular, and greater numbers are flocking to them this spring than ever before, which brings us to the utterance of a pointed observation, and that is the necessity of a field patrol of the highways that lead into them. Yesterday, Easter and Sabbath combined, though it was, hoodlums, to the shame of the municipal authorities, lined the road in City Creek canyon and rent the air with ribald laughter and boisterous conduct. Women and girls as well as men and boys heard their coarse jokes and insulting language. No officer was in sight to suppress or arrest them. It is a practice that is likely to be repeated this summer unless steps are promptly taken to abate the evil. The canyons should be properly patrolled. The hoodlums should be kept out.

## LET UNITY PREVAIL.

The Origin of the knuckers in this City devotes a column to vilification, taking as its text the Agricultural college situation. But there are at least two sufficient reasons why the general public should pay no attention whatever to any expression of opinion volunteered from that quarter.

The first is this, that that sheet is utterly unreliable. It never attempts to present any question from an impartial point of view. It is always one-sided, and generally on the wrong side. On the College question, it lumps to the skies all that is done by former administrations and condemns all that is attempted now. Those upon whom the responsibility now rests are "butchers" or incompetent, or scoundrels. All that went before were angels. The purpose is, clearly, not to present facts on which to base an opinion, but to throw mud at the administration. Those who are so blind as to see nothing but what they want to see, are not competent guides to sane and safe views on public matters. They are blind and, as leaders of the blind would only land them in the pit.

Another reason is this, that that concern has proved itself utterly void of any interest in everything intended for the public welfare. It is egotistic to the last degree. Its policy is the policy of rule or ruin. Whatever is to its own advantage, or the advantage of its lords and masters, it defends. Whatever is contrary to those interests it assails with the violence of a savage. A paper with such a record has no opinion which anyone need take seriously.

Undoubtedly that unscrupulous sheet would like to see strife and contention impede the usefulness of the board and the faculty of the Agricultural College. It would encourage schisms and division between the citizens of the State on that, as well as every other question. But it can safely be left alone to enjoy its own scurrility. Let the citizens who really have the welfare of the community and the interests of education at heart, work together with a view to obtaining the best results for the public.

## SMOKING IN PUBLIC.

A spirited discussion has been carried on for some time in the columns of the Portland Oregonian concerning smoking in public places. A contributor in a recent issue of that paper calls attention to the fact that at the Lewis and Clark Fair, by the side of the main entrance to the government building, was posted a notice, absolutely prohibiting smoking within. That, he says, was really the voice of the people of the United States. And no one was wronged by the observance of that rule. It was a public building, put up by public money, and belonged to the public, and no one had a right to go in there with a disgusting or injurious habit, and the government, recognizing this fact, issued its edict to protect the people. On the same principle, he continues, "smoking should be prohibited in the postoffice, the courthouse and the City hall. These are all public places, built with public money, for the transaction of public business by the whole public—men, women and children, non-smokers as well as smokers—and no one has a right to go in there and pollute the atmosphere that all must breathe." This reasoning is absolutely correct. Even when the liberty of the devotees of the fumes to enjoy themselves to their hearts' content is admitted, the fact remains that no one has the right to make a nuisance of himself by coughing upon the rights of others, for instance by befouling the air that others have a right to breathe as pure as natural conditions will permit. The question is not whether smokers have a right to smoke, but whether they have a right to compel everybody else, in the streets, in elevators, in public buildings, to inhale the smoke they have discarded. No refined gentleman will claim such a prerogative. The ordinance against soiling the sidewalks could profitably be augmented by a clause relating to smoking.

## "THE GASOLINE CAMEL."

Every Salt Lake mining man who has visited Nevada in the past year, and whose business has taken him from camp to camp, knows how marvelously

the modern automobile has helped in the mineral development of that state. It goes with speed and certainty where no freight train can go. It is so much better than the olden means of transportation, that these are relegated, except in places that are inaccessible to it, or with those who cannot afford it on account of its great cost. "The gasoline bus" or the "gasoline camel," as the miners call it, has done for the desert what the steamship has done for the ocean. It has made animal and pulsating arteries of travel between widely scattered camps which were formerly far distant and difficult to communicate with. It has removed the dangers and privations attending such travel, and it has pushed the over-faithful burro out on the bunch grass to pick his living, and has superseded the many mule team wagons over the parched sands and through the rocky ravines. It does not perish for lack of water or require great bales of hay and sacks of grain to keep it alive. A reasonable supply of gasoline does all that. The day of the automobile is distinctly here, and its use is expanding constantly. That it will play a still greater part in the future of transportation there is no doubt. It will surprise some people to learn that automobiles are very much in use in Egypt, being considered a far less costly and difficult means of conveyance than camels. Consul-General L. M. Fiddings, of Cairo, reports that cars registered in Cairo now number 264; last season, 73; Alexandria, 127, as compared with 120 last season.

March went out like a Teddy bear.

If there is anything in a name the Marvin boy is safe.

What Nicaragua, Honduras and Salvador need just now is the rest cure.

A fair field and no football seems to be President Eliot's idea of athletics.

The lid's off in San Francisco and they are stirring it for all there is in it.

Secretary Taft says he expects to live to see Congress pass a Philippine free-trade bill.

That San Francisco board of supervisors has become a board of supernumeraries.

After all it may be that Thaw is nothing more, mentally, than a "pie-faced mutt."

John D. Rockefeller, Jr., says it is easier to tell the truth than to lie. Is that the truth?

"The railroad men are talking too much," says James J. Hill. But he forgets that talk is cheap.

It was a lovely Easter Sunday for new hats and frocks. And how lovely were the hats and frocks!

Ripe peaches are being picked in Louisiana. This will make Maryland peach-leaf green with envy.

Not the Monroe doctrine but the doctrine of sic utere is what needs enforcement in Central America.

The representatives of the conductors and trainmen and Commissioners Knapp and Noll only get together "to part again."

Excess of outcry against the denunciation of the great corporations does not in the least palliate or mitigate their offenses.

Tammany Leader Gerard, after a visit to the White House, calls President Roosevelt a Democrat. After all, what's in a name.

who laughs is rare," says Mr. Carnegie. But that does not prevent them from smiling and smiling and being villains still, if they choose.

His keepers have been instructed to shoot Abe Ruef in the event of any attempted forcible rescue. Is this on the theory that death loves a shining mark?

Is it perverseness, piggishness or lack of will power that causes some persons to persist in reading a dull, uninteresting book through when once they have started it?

According to the Milwaukee Ministerial association, the cost of saving a soul in that city is fifty dollars. Considering the high price of everything, the cost is far from excessive.

"What we want is more children from the rising elements of our population and fewer from those who cannot rise," cries Professor Ross of Wisconsin. Why doesn't he appeal to the rising generation?

"All but one of Harvard's crew are above six feet in height. No molly-coddles there," says the New York World. Which statement raises the interesting question, is a mollycoddle a physical or a mental fact?

"As I said once before, a millionaire 'World's fair,'" says the Los Angeles Times, have been made so common that they have ceased to be attractive, and it is doubtful if they are greatly beneficial to the cities in which they are held."

## COLOR-BLINDNESS.

April Century.  
If one thousand men gaze at a garden of flowers, fifty of them will see the colors falsely. If one thousand women view them, nine hundred and ninety-six or seven will perceive the hues correctly. Of the six colors of the rainbow which, mingled in the light of combinations give all the varying hues of sky and sea, of mountain and valley, some are never seen by the color-blind, or are felt only as light and shade of black and white. Very few persons are totally color-blind, yellow, blue and violet being rarely lost. To the totally color-blind all landscapes and objects are like an engraving in black and white.

## HOW CENSUSES HELP STATE.

Young's Companion.  
Many persons think that censuses are compilations of figures for the delight of statisticians. But all workers for special classes and special sorts of legislation know that a good census is the foundation of work. To provide proper education for the blind and the deaf it is necessary first to have a full registry of them. To know how to prevent and punish crime we must first and classify

our criminals. It is next to impossible to legislate, even to think intelligently, about divorce until we have divorce statistics. These are examples of the kind of census that we still lack. There are only three states in the Union that have been to make a proper registry of the blind; only nine that publish divorce statistics. In time every state will have an adequate working census of every class and kind of person that needs public help, and the national census will combine and codify the state censuses.

## BLESSING ANIMALS.

Mexican Herald.  
The ancient custom of blessing animals on the feast of St. Anthony, by the abbot in Guadalajara, was observed last Thursday afternoon at La Merced church, in that city, where the observance is more general than in any other Mexican city. Within a period of ten hours hundreds of animals including horses, oxen, cows, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, pigs, dogs, cats, rabbits, chickens, turkeys, parrots and singing birds were sprinkled with holy water. St. Anthony, the abbot, is the protector of dumb animals, and is credited with power to guard them from disease and to bring increase in numbers.

## SUPERSTITIOUS CUSTOMS.

Chicago Journal.  
Many of our customs date back to the dark ages and are based on superstition. We sit up with our dead because long ago our ancestors kept watch by night lest evil spirits come and bear the body away. We shake hands with the right hand because that is the hand that is clean, and we disarm ourselves in the presence of a friend. We bow the head in passing others because our ancestors were wont to bow before the real yoke of the oppressor. Men bare their heads because they had to unmask in the days of chivalry before the queen of beauty.

## JUST FOR FUN.

"Willow Cabin" Tactics.  
When Mr. Labouchere was at the Washington an angry Britisher came to the embassy and demanded to see the British minister. Mr. Labouchere told the visitor that the minister was not in. "Well," said the man, angrily, "I must see him, so I shall wait till he comes." "Very good," responded Mr. Labouchere, "I'll take you to a chair." He resumed his writing. At the end of an hour the visitor asked when his excellency would be back. "I cannot say exactly," said Mr. Labouchere. "But you expect him back?" the visitor said. "Oh, certainly," replied Mr. Labouchere, and again went on writing. Another hour passed, and again the visitor bounced up and demanded if the minister was likely to arrive within the next hour. "I think not," said Mr. Labouchere blandly. "The fact is, he sailed for Europe on Wednesday, and can hardly have reached Queenstown yet. But, you know," he added, to quell the rising wrath of the visitor, "he will be back in a week or so. He will come back, and that is why I offered you a chair."—Tit-Bits.

Now She's Mad.  
Mr. Huntum—I'm going to India to hunt for six months.

Miss Catchem—And I suppose you will forget all about poor me.

Mr. Huntum—My dear, it will take a terribly fierce elephant to make me forget you.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Her Reason.  
On which fine folk might frown— Never will she stick a stick on otherwise than upside down.

Once I asked her why. She answered, Giving me the sweetest glance: "What girl will turn a man's head Every time she gets the chance?"—Boston Transcript.

Bringing Her Up.  
Little Willie, tired of play. Pushed sister in the well one day. Said mother, as she drew the water, "This difficult to raise a daughter."

The Limit.  
A rich man out in the suburbs who owns a large place has among the many people employed to keep it in shape an Irishman of whom he is particularly fond, on account of his unassuming wit. This Irishman is something of a hard drinker, and his home is limited, he is more particular as regards the quantity than the quality of his liquors. The other day the employer, who had been awaiting a long and important remark in it, and tone, as the closing sentence of a friendly lecture: "Now, Pat, how long do you think you can keep on drinking this cheap whiskey?" To which Pat instantly replied: "All my life if it doesn't kill me."—Harper's Weekly.

## RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

The leading article in the April McClure's by George Kibbe Turner is a study of the sale of dissipation, and the ruin and disaster that it has brought. "The City of Chicago" is the title, and Mr. Turner shows the tremendous forces that are working to destroy the social organization in every American city. "Mary Baker G. Eddy, the Story of Her Life and the History of Christian Science" continues to pile up its facts. Carl Schurz writes of an almost unknown portion of American history in his Reminiscences—the foreign attitude to the Union during the Civil war, as seen from his residence in Madrid. Maud Younger's "Diary of an Amateur Waitress" adds much light to our knowledge of New York's quick lunch restaurants. The fiction is noteworthy. Viola Roseboro's "The Mistaken Man" tells of an engineer, a dividend-hungry railroad president, a bridge that they built, its wreck, and the wreck of their lives. In "The Dice" Percival Gibbon shows us a Russian prince and a student who gamble for their lives in the Russian Helen of Teresian Bingham. A unique and original combination of animal and children stories, "A Mountain Yogi" by Homer S. Woodbridge is a piece of distinctive verse.—44-45 East 23rd St., New York.

"Bellegarde's Girl" is the title of a complete novelette which opens the new number of "Smith's Magazine." The author is S. Cartier, well known as a contributor to high-class magazines, as well as by her novel, "The Mio Mac," which has attained a wide success. Another story of love and fighting in the same number is "The Return of the Colquhoun," by Robert Barr. Holman Day contributes another story to the series he is writing about "Captain Spruce of Scotland," Seventh Ave. and Fifteenth street, New York.

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