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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-seventh semi-annual general Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will assemble in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, on Friday, October 5, 1906, at 10 a. m. A full attendance of the officers and members is hereby requested.

On account of the General conference being held on the first Sunday in October, it is suggested that the last Sunday in September be observed as fast day in the Salt Lake, Ensign, Liberty, Pioneer, Jordan and Granite stakes. By order of

THE FIRST PRESIDENCY.

FOR LUTHERAN REFLECTION.

A clergyman from Philadelphia was in this city on Sunday for the purpose of installing a missionary pastor of the English Lutheran church. The gentleman preached at both the English and the Swedish Lutheran churches. He is superintendent in North America of the English home missions of the Lutheran church. By way of arousing interest in his remarks, he dealt what he imagined to be some "heavy blows against Mormonism." As is usual with these traveling ministers, he succeeded in showing that he is very ignorant of that which he attempted to assail. The idea of a comparative stranger coming here to enlighten the natives and residents of this region on matters that they would naturally know a great deal more about than he knows!

It is a little strange that preachers of that type do not use the time and opportunity afforded them to explain the doctrines of their own sect, instead of wasting their efforts in assailing that which they imagine to be the tenets and doings of some other church. They are of the same stripe as the writers who spend a day in Salt Lake City and then write a book, or a series of articles, on the "Monstrosities of Mormonism" and the peculiar kind of people whom they describe as its vota-They are in very poor business and leave a very bad impression concerning themselves on the minds of Christian writer. Volume One contains the following: "To the most serene Prince and Lord Philip Landgrave of Hesse, Count, etc. our gracious Lord, we wish above all things the Grace of God through Christ; "J. We have been informed by Bu-cer, and in the instruction which your Highness gave him, have read, the rouble of mind and the uncasiness of nscience your Highness is under at this present; and although it seemed to us very difficult so speedily to ans-wer the doubts proposed; nevertheless we should not permit the said Bucer who was urgent for his return to your Highness to go away without an answer in writing.

"21. But after all, if your highness is fully resolved to marry a second wife, we judge it ought to be done secretly, as we have said with respect to the dis-pensation demanded on the same acthat is, that none but the person HINT you shall wed, and a few trusty persons, know of the matter, and they too, oblige to secrecy under the seal of confession. Hence no contradiction nor scandal of moment need be appreended; for it is no extraordinary thing for Princes to keep concubines; and though the vulga; should be scandalized thereat the more intelligent would doubt of the truth, and prudent persons would approve of this moderate kind of life, preferable to adultery, and othbrutal actions. There is no need of being much concerned for what men Ill say, provided all goes right with So far do we approve it, and in those circumstances only by us ified: for the Gospel hath neither ecalled nor forbid what was permitted in the law of Moses with respect to marriage. Jesus Christ has not changed the external economy, but added justice only, and life everlasting for reward. He teaches the true way of

beying God, and endeavours to repair the corruption of nature. Your highness hath heretofore, in this writing, not only the approbation of us all, in case of necessity, concerning what you desire but also the re-flections we have made thereupon; we beseech you to weigh them as becom-ing a virtuous, wise, and Christian Prince. We also beg of God to direct all for his glory and your Highness's salvatio

May God preserve your Highness, We are most ready to serve your Highness. Given at Wittemberg, the Wednesday after the feast of St. Nicholas, 1539. "Your Highness's most humble and

most obedient subjects and servants. MARTIN LUTHER. MARTIN BUCER. ADAM. JUSTIN WINTFERTE. PHILIP MELANCTHON.

ANTHONY CORVIN, JOHN LEVINGUE, DENNIS MELANTHER."

"I George Nuspicher, Notary Imperial, bear testimony by this present act, written and signed with my own hand, that I have transcribed this present opy from the true original which is in Melancthon's own hand-writing, and hath been faithfully preserved to this present time, at the request of the most serene Prince of Hesse: and have xamined with the greatest exactness very line and every word, and collated the same original; with and have found them conformable thereunto, not only in the things themselves

but also in the signs manual, and have delivered the present copy in five leaves of good paper whereot I bear witness. GEORGE NUSPICHER,

The Marriage Contract of Philip, Landgrave of Hesse, with Margaret de Saal.

"In the name of God, Amen. "Be it known to all these, as well a general as in particular, who shall see, hear or read this public in-strument, that in the year 1540, on Wednesday the fourth day of the month of March at two o'clock or thereabouts the afternoon, the thirteenth n the afternoon, the thirteenth year of the Indiction, and the twenty-first of the reign of the most puissant and most victorious Emperor Charles VI. our most gracious Lord; the most se-rene Prince and Lord, Philip, Land-grave of Hesse, Count of Catznelenboof loss." gen, of Dietz, of Ziegenhain, and Nidda, with some of his Highness's Counseltors, on one side, and the good and vir-tuous LADY MARGARET DE SAAL with some of her relatives, on the other side, have appeared before me. Notary witnesses underwritten, in the city of Rotenburg, in the castle of the same city, with the design and will publicly to unite themselves by marriage; and accordingly my most gracious Lord and Prince Philip the Landgrave hath or-dered this to be proposed by the Reverend Denis Melander, preacher to his Highness, much to the sense as fol-Whereas the eye of God searches all things, and but little escapes the knowledge of men, his Highness declares that his will is to wed the said Lady Margaret de Saal, although the Princess his wife be still living, and that this action may not be imputed constancy or curlosity; to avoid scandal and maintain the honor of the said Lady, and the reputation of kindred, his Highness makes oath here before God, and upon his soul and conscience, that he takes her to wife through no levity, nor curiosity, nor from any contempt of law, or superiors; but that he is obliged to it by such important, such inevitable necessities of body and conscience, that it is impossible for him to save either body oul, without adding another wife to his All which his Highness hath before many learned, devout, prudent, and Christian preachers, and consulted them upon it. And these great men, after examining the motives represented to them have advised his Highness to put his soul and conscience at ease by this double marriage. And the same cause and the same necessity have obliged the most serene Princess Christina, Duchess of Saxony, his Highness's first lawful wife, out of her great prudence and sincers devotion for which she is so much to be commended, FREELY TO CONSENT AND AD-MIT OF A PARTNER, to the end, that the soul and body of her most dear spouse may run no further risk, and the of God may be increased, AS DEED WRITTEN WITH THE THE FRINCESS'S OWN HAND SUFFI-CIENTLY TESTIFIES. And less occasion of scandal be taken from its not custom to have two ALTHOUGH THIS BE CHRISTIAN AND LAWFUL IN THE PRESENT ASE, his Highness will not solemnize these nuptials in the ordinary way that is, publicly before many people and with the wonted ceremonies, with the said Margaret de Saal; but both the one and the other will join them-selves in WEDLOCK, privately and without noise, in presence only of the witnesses underwritten. After Me-lander had finished his discourse, the said Philip and the said Margaret ac cepted of each other for HUSEAND AND WIFE, and promised mutual fihave. delity in the name of God. The said Prince hath required of me, Notary un derwritten to draw him one or more collated copies of this contract, and hath also promised on the word and faith of a Prince, to me a public per-son, to observe it inviolably, always and without alteration, in presence of the Rev. and most learned masters Philip Melancthon, Martin Bucer, Denis Melander: and likewise in the pres-ence of the illustrious and vallant Eber-bard de Than connucler of his determined hard de Than, counselor of his electoral Highness of Saxony, Herman de Mais-berg, Herman de Hundelshausen, the Lord John Fegg of the Chancery, Rodulph Schenck: and also in the pres-ence of the most honorable and most virtuous Lady Anne, of the family of Miltiz, midow of the late John de Ssal, and mother of the Spouse, all in quality of requisite witnesses for the validity or the present act. "And I, Balthasar Rand, of Fuld, notary public imperial who was present at the discourse, instruction, marriage, expousals, and union aforesaid, with the said witnesses, and have heard and seen all that passed, have written and subscribed the present contract, be-ing requested so to do; and set to it

usual seal for a testimonial of the the dama thereof. "EALTHASAR RAND."

stood that in reproducing the foregoing documents we do not cite them as any argument in favor of plural marriage, or as an example for any individual or individuals to follow. We are not discussing the rightfulness or wrongfulness or expediency of polygamy, either now or in former times, We are merely presenting facts as to the Lutheran church and its founder, who is held up by the Lutheran missionary preacher as a model, not only in intellect and morality, but as an example for others in the sacred pre-

cincts of the family home." The old adage "They who five in glass-houses should not throw stones." we think is apropos to the present case. However that may be, we consider it the height of presumption and folly for persons who are as little informed as Mr. Kunsmann is concerning the subject of "Mormonism," to come here and attempt to enlighten people who are acquaisted with it, and the depth of bad taste, bad manners and irrellsion to prostitute the pulpit to base and untruthful attacks upon a religion and a people, as far above their assailants as truth is above error, and the light of heaven is superior to the dense darkness of the average modern sectarian preacher.

MINING CONGRESS.

The ninth annual session of the American Mining congress will be held at Denver, Colo., from the 16th to the 19th of October. According to the official call, governors of states and territories are authorized to appoint tendelegates each; mayors of cities and towns, boards of county commissioners, boards of trade, chambers of commerce, mining bureaus and exchanges, mining organizations, and scientific societies may each appoint two delegates. The appointments should be made at an early date; and names and addresses of delegates forwarded to the Secretary of the congress, at Denver. We hope those interested will make a note of this. Utah should be ably represented at this gathering because of the immense importance of the mining industry to the

State. As already noticed in these columns, one of the objects of the Mining congress is the bringing about of the adontion of laws providing protection against fraudulent mining and promotion operations. On this subject the Secretary of the congress. Mr. J. F. Callbreath, Jr., in his letter to the "News," says:

"We anticipate that definite action will be taken looking to the enactment by each of the mining states of laws for the protection of investors mining enterprises. The character of the members of the Committee which has undertaken to frame these laws will furnish ample evidence that the work will be thoroughly and satisfactorily done, and that through their efforts the evil complained of will be eradicated.

"Every prosperous section of the country is interested in this part of our work, by which material misrepresen-tation of property upon which the sale of mining stock is predicated, are made criminal offenses. The fabulous prof-its made in mining have furnished in-ducement for ill-advised investments of millions of dollars. By furnishing protection against mining frauds, it is hop-ed to turn this tide of investment into successful channels, by which the min-eral production may be largely increas-ed and the investor find profit instead

Hampshire was one of the most novel experiences he ever had.

The Russian terrorists are making the claim that General Trepoff's death was a case of vergeance. Like all politicians, they claim everything.

A boy never gets used to school. He always has the look, while at school, of one deprived of his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

A French scientist says that sleep is simply a state of intoxication. This explains what a man means when he says that he is drunk for sleep.

Mr. Hearst has opened his campaign. He says his league is fired by the "spirit of '76." Before the campaign is over it may be "fired" by the vot-

When New York's high buildings are stood three or four thousand years it will be time enough to claim that they are more durable than the pyramids.

The representative of the Worshipful Company of Butchers of the City of London says the British public has nothing to fear from purchasing Amerlean meat products, 'Ear! 'Ear!

A Pittsburg millionaire astonished a ustoms inspector in New York by declaring two valuable pearls for duty at the price paid for them in Paris. It is a miracle that the officer was not paralyzed.

Mr. Gompers says that "Uncle Joe" Cannon has dared to call the Federation of Labor names. It was rather daring in him to criticise anything that Mr. Gompers bosses. Evidently there is somewhere in "Uncle Joe" a latent daredevil

"The school census gives Chicago a population of 1,780,000, whereas the city directory's estimate is 2,300,000," says the Record-Herald. The school census figures doubtless are for home consumption while those of the directory are for the export trade.

Mrs. Adeline Mullings of Rockford, Ill., aged seventy years, and David Jacobl of Sharon, Wis., aged seventyeight, were married the other day. They were sweethearts in childhood, but their plans miscarried. And now they are sweethearts in their second childhood.

President Wheeler of the University of California wants an international academy to have oversight of reforms in the English language. And when the members of the academy could not agree to proposed reforms they could refer the matter to the International tribunal at The Hague for settlement.

PRESERVING OUR FORESTS.

Outing Magazine. One of the most hopeful signs of the times is the changing attitude of the lumbermen toward the science of forestry, as fostered by the Federal government. They are beginning to see that their industry is doomed to an early extinction unless the wastage is checked and the forest is renewed for future generations. And more than ture generations this, unless the forests are preserved, vast tracts of fertile and prosperous America will become desert in the next century. This is a lesson taught by such countries as Tunis, now a part of the North African desert, which in old times was a smiling and populous old times was a smithing and populate garden. An Arab chronicler relates that in those days one could walk from Tunis to Tripoli in the shade. The Arab conquest destroyed the forest, and the desert swept over the face of the land.



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thinking and ordinarily decent people. We notice the Philadelphia Lutheran

preacher on account of two points which he set forth in his discourses as reported by the press of this city. Referring undoubtedly to the Book of Mormon, he said that "Mormonism attempts to foist upon humanity as the revelation of God, a book written as fiction and stolen from its author." This can have no other signification than a reference to the old, defunct and decayed Spaulding story, which many decades ago did pulpit duty to account for the origin of a book, the truth of which has not and cannot be disproved by all the specious and sophistical tirades that have been preached and published ingainst it.

The Spaulding story answered its purpose for a long time and until "The Manuscript Found," written by that overrated individual, was found indeed and placed in the library of Oberlin College. It is now thoroughly established that the Book of Mormon bears no resemblance to it of any kind, and every candid investigator concedes the fact that the Book of Mormon certainly was not derived from "The Manuscript Found" as was alleged and proclaimed for many years. If Rev. J. C. Kunzmann, of Philadelphia, does not know of these circumstances, he is ignorant of the history of his own times, and if he is aware of them he is a wilful retailer of exploded falsehood, presenting it in the garb of truth.

The other point he made against "Mormonism" was that "It attempts even to disguise its sensuality with a religious cloak, and appeals to the faults and vices of the Patriarchs as a work of righteousness. It assumes the form of godilness but it both denies and nullifies the power thereof. Against this abomination the Lutheran church is set as a witness."

Of course the preacher referred to the plural marriage system which once was instituted and supported by the "Mormon" Church, but the further practice of which was debarred by a formal resolution and announcement by the Church. If he does not know of the action taken concerning that matter and the effects of it upon the people who compose the Church, again he is evidently in ignorance, and if he is acquainted with the facts he is willfully untruthful

But passing that by, what about the position and mission of the Lutheran church concerning the main question? Mr. Kunsmann held up Martin Luther as the grand "hero of the reformation and the author of civil and religious liberty for these modern ages." While admitting the greatness of Calvin and Zwingli as religious reformers, he proclaimed that Luther "overtowered them in qualities of intellect and heart" and as a model man in church and state, in the sacred precincts of the family home and in the realm of thought and principle."

Simply for the sake of showing what Luther did or consented to and approved, we have been requested by a gensteman who appears to be acquainted with the preacher that lauds Luther so highly, to publish some documents that have before been placed in print and are taken from "History of the Varia. tions of the Protestant Churches," by James Benign Bossuet, a celebrated

Other important subjects will come up for consideration. The mining interests should be well represented, and politics should be kept out of the deliberations, in order that nothing may disturb the unity and harmony necessary for the furtherance of the objects of the organization.

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARIES.

Colorado and Kansas are both to celebrate events of historical interest. The first mentioned state will have its Pike's Peak centennial while the latter will remember the first unfurling of the American flag over the soll of Kansas, a hundred years ago.

This event took place in what is now Republic county, in a place near the Nebraska boundary line. There Lieut. Zebulon M. Pike, in command of only a score of men, met in council with the chiefs of the Pawnees in their great village. On that occasion Pike demanded that the Spanish flag, which was floating over old Chief Characterick's tent, should be lowered and replaced by the American flag. The demand was complied with. The centennial commemoration to be held at Republic city is to extend over four days, from the 26th to the 29th. On Nov. 15, 1806, Captain Pike first

saw the lofty mountain that now hears his name. He was then several days' journey from the mountain, and the peak, he says in his journal, looked to him like a "small, blue cloud." He traveled two days, but found no visible difference in the appearance of that "cloud." By November 25 he had reached the present site of Puebio, forty-five miles from the peak. From there he started with three of his party of fifteen to reach the "highpoint of the blue mountain." After a struggle of six days he abandoned the undertaking, fully convinced that no man would ever be able to reach the "pinnacle."

But the top was reached thirteen years later by members of Major Long's exploration party. In later years an endless procession of tourists stood where Captain Pike thought no human foot would ever tread. Colorado Springs is to celebrate the peak's anniversary with military maneuvers, with polo tournaments, parades and addresses.

The sending of American warships to Havana harbor bids us "Remember, the Maine.'

If the Cuban Liberals were more moderate and the Cuban Moderates more liberal, the Cuban trouble could soon be settled.

The oath taken by members of the Jesse James. Jr., gang would have made the heart of Tom Sawyer loap for very joy.

A plaul for manufacturing artificial marble was recently established in Catania, Italy. This looks like carrying ceals to Newcastle.

Winston Churchill's campaign for the We wish it to be distinctly under- nomination for governor of New

THE DEATH PENALTY.

Brooklyn Eagle, Inquiry among officials of the states and countries in which capital punishment has been abolished, and of others where it has been continued or restor. ed, has created new interest in the question as to whether the death penalty has any effect on the conduct or morals of the people. The general view seems to be that it has not. Mur-The general ders are commonest in states like New York, where the death penalty is nominally continued, and is not common in states like Maine, where it has been abolished. Curiously enough, when it was restored for two years in one of our states, homicide and crimes of violence increased, and it was again abolished. In the south, where justice is administered by the people directly, instead of by law, the activity of lynch. ng parties appears in nowise to dimin. ish the occasion for them; on the contrary, crime among the negroes is commoner today than it was before lynchings.

CUBAN SUGAR INDUSTRY.

Day A. Willoy in Moody's Magazine. While the mode of agriculture on the cane plantations has not been changed as radically as methods of manufacture, the steam engine is being used to haul plows by means of cables. Modern plows and cultivators have also been introduced. While no better implement than the knife, or machete, has yet been devised for cutting the cane, other parts of the industry are being revolutionized. Many of the larger plantations are provided with narrow or standard gage railroads. As fast as the cane is cut, it is loaded upon cars especially built for the purpose and hauled, by the trainload, to the central. Here the tedious and expensive way of unonding cars by hand has been discarded. A steam-driven conveyor of the link belt type lifts half a carload at a time, transfers it to the crushing rolls and feeds the rollers mechanically. The machinery of the modern sugar mill is so complete that from the time the cane enters the crushing rolls until the sugar is emptied from the vacuum pans, no human labor is re-quired to manipulate It.

OMINOUS 1910.

Paris Depeche.

England will find herself in great danger if Germany's naval program is carried out, and if in 1910 the Em-peror William's projected squadrons are ready to take the offensive. England is firmly decided to stop this at any price. She believes herself to any price. She believes herself to have found the way-by a make-believe disarmament. If Germany takes the hint, very well: if she resists, England has a right to treat her an she formerly treated Holland, France and Spain.

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