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CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Seventy-fifth Semi-annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, commencing on Thursday, October 6, 1904.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN B. WINDER, ANTHONY H. LUND, First Presidency.

CONFERENCE NOTES.

The General Priesthood meeting will be held in the tabernacle on Friday night, Oct. 7, commencing at 7 o'clock.

The special Priesthood meeting usually held on the day after conference consisting of the General Authorities, Stake Presidents and Bishops, High Councilors, Patriarchs, Presidents of temples and Presidents of missions, will be held in the Assembly hall on Saturday, the 8th, commencing at 10 o'clock a. m.

The General Conference will adjourn on Friday afternoon to Sunday morning at 10 o'clock.

Religion class stake officers and class teachers will meet with the General Superintendency at the Assembly Hall, Saturday Oct 8 at 2 p. m.

Sunday School Union will convene in the Tabernacle on Sunday night, commencing at 7 o'clock.

THE PEACE CONGRESS.

The international peace congress is now in session in Boston. It sits there on the invitation of Congress, the sum of \$50,000 having been appropriated for the entertainment of the guests.

Similar conferences have been held at Paris, London, Bern, Rome, The Hague, Brussels, Budapest, Christiania, and Vienna, and they have been one of the great forces in the world for peace.

One of the most important questions now before the friends of peace is that relating to the establishment of a congress of nations to convene periodically for the discussion of international questions.

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We need not tell our readers how utterly untrue and absurd all these statements are and have proved so to be by subsequent developments.

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Mr. Beveridge—Between the council or the people or somebody?

Mr. Critchlow—I take it in a legal sense it is as close as it comes to being evidence.

HORSE SENSE.

Not long ago reports from Germany brought the astonishing news that a German horse had performed miracles in intellectual feats—that is, for a horse.

Dr. Heinrich of the Berlin Zoological garden examined the wonderful animal and was convinced that there was no trick in the performance.

In his presence, the trainer, Vog Osten, asked the horse to add such sums as 6 and 2 and 4 and 1. The horse indicated the correct answers by stamping with his right fore-foot. It is to be remarked that during the calculations Von Osten feeds Hans, as the horse is named, with carrots.

Von Osten says that without the carrots the horse would refuse to work. Carrots are to Hans simply what honors, titles, rank, and money are to men.

Dr. Heinrich says that Hans is able to convert common fractions into decimal fractions. He can also tell time by the clock. If he is asked, "It is now forty minutes after twelve; how many minutes will elapse before one o'clock?" he immediately answers with twenty

and south are pouring their waters into the basin. Those who fear for the future of the lake seem to make no allowance for the snow that covers the mountains in the winter, or the rains that descend in greater quantities every year, as the cultivation of the valleys extends over an ever increasing area.

WHAT HIS WORD IS WORTH.

One of the most prominent of the persistent assailants of the "Mormon" Church is a Presbyterian who is under "church influence" in all his anti-"Mormon" movements.

In his sworn testimony before the committee on privileges and elections made statements that were absolutely false and when simmered down to questions of fact proved to be nothing but gossip.

As the retailer of slander has recently made assertions in public that are also but repetitions of stories that have come to his ears we give here a sample of his final admission of its value (?). It is taken from the official report of the proceedings:

"The people of Brigham City wanted to own their own electric light plant and a private corporation there which was engaged in the electric-lighting business induced President Kelly to favor this by offering him a present of 1,000 shares of stock.

Kelly then told the mayor of the city that he had had a revelation on the subject; that he was right, and that God had told him that the city ought to be lighted by a private company, of which he, Kelly, should be the president.

This matter was brought up at a meeting at the tabernacle at which were present the mayor, Mr. Bowden, Apostle Clawson, Peter Knudson, a member of the city council; Isaac A. Jensen, a member of the council, and J. P. Christianson, a member of the council. This was called, as I understand it, on Sunday afternoon to pass a resolution which Apostle Rudger Clawson and Kelly had presented to them upon this subject.

The people had an election upon the subject and, without going into details, a very acrid controversy arose between the authorities of the Church and the people, and for the offense of standing in opposition to the priesthood on the subject of a municipal lighting plant a number of the people in Brigham City were expelled from the church.

Senator Beveridge—As a citizen of Utah, do you yourself believe that anybody out there told the common council that they had a revelation from the Lord on such a subject?

Mr. Critchlow—I have not the slightest doubt of it, Senator; not the slightest doubt in the world.

The Chairman—Now, the next incident you were about to mention?

Mr. Critchlow—The other incident is one about which a great deal has been written in the papers in Utah, in Salt Lake City, and in Brigham City—a matter of very great notoriety—and has been commented upon by the Deseret News editorially, and refers to the action of the authorities in Brigham City in cutting off from the Church members of the Church for going to a certain dance hall to dances, contrary to the counsel of the priesthood. As I say, it is rather a long story. I had not thought of venturing to weary the committee with the relation of all these matters.

Mr. Taylor—Had the Church in an opera house or something of that sort down there?

Mr. Critchlow—The Church had an interest, as I understand it, in an opera house that was in opposition to this amusement company. I ought to say, I think for my own sake, that I had not at all expected to speak of this, and therefore had not refreshed my recollection from the memoranda, of which there is an abundance upon this subject.

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MEREDITH'S IDEA.

Springfield Republican. George Meredith, the English novelist, has started a society by predicting a change in the marriage system by which the state will permit marriages, for limited periods, say 10 years.

There is a gleam of sense in his remarks when he admits that "there will be a devil of an uproar before such a change can be made." It would mean not merely an uproar, but an upheaval and a revolution.

The Meredith suggestion seems to place marriage on much the same plane as the saloon, that is, something whose license may or must be periodically renewed. Probably he has a much nobler and higher conception of the wedded state than that, and has it in mind to remedy certain evils connected with imprudent and unhappy marriages.

But the general effect of the system Mr. Meredith evidently favors would be debasing to society, because it involves the surrender of ideals bearing directly upon human self-development and self-control.

New York World. An oracular remark of Mr. Meredith's about "English conservatism, notably revealed in criticism of America," may possibly indicate a realization of the fact that the plan he proposes is in actual operation in the United States.

The American divorce system permits marriages for limited periods, the only difference between it and the Meredith

strokes of his hoof. These are simply a few among a great number of his accomplishments, we are told.

But, astonishing as all this is, Hans is said to have been eclipsed by another horse, Rosa. Rosa can spell words, distinguish 19 different colors and add sums. But her superiority over Hans consists, we are asked to believe, in her voice.

Both animals up to date have answered all questions by stamps of the hoof. But Rosa, it appears, has a very flexible neigh, and her instructor is certain that she will soon be able to modulate her neighs in such a way that she will express vocally all her wants and answer all questions. Rosa is expected to develop a regular neigh language.

Scientists have vouched for the genuineness of the tricks shown by these wonderful animals. It may not be necessary to deny the statements made, but there can be no offense in recalling the fact that even scientists, after the most thorough tests have declared their belief in the tricks of spiritists, that afterwards were exposed. Some feats of so-called "magic" look as mysterious as can be, and yet they are very simple. In view of this fact incredulity is not entirely unjustifiable.

The Fair is more than fair; it is splendid. Utah is ashamed of those who are ashamed of Utah.

A state that is debatable ground must expect to be talked nearly to death.

A soft word and a big stick (of candy) will win any child in the country.

A man's acceptance of a nomination does not prove that he is an acceptable nominee.

The Boston Peace congress opened yesterday. "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Rather odd that Booker T. Washington has not been looked for in any campaign speeches.

Chinese from Port Arthur seem to have a great deal to tell. Where do they get their queue?

The Kaiser in his scheme of education for three of his sons will have them instructed in commercial subjects.

The enemies of Utah and all her people are those who are engaged in the unholy effort to stir up strife and hatred.

If international law is a myth as the St. Petersburg Novosti declares, where does Russia get her justification for seizing contraband of war?

The beef trust, again has put up the price. It justifies its action by this sort of logic: If the farmers raise beef why shouldn't the trust raise prices?

A man in Maryland, Conn., is dead of an operation for the removal of a set of false teeth from his stomach. Cutting stomach teeth is always disagreeable and sometimes dangerous.

When William Waldorf Astor returned to "dear old England" there was no friend at the pier to bid him farewell. But that doesn't mean there was no one glad to have him go. Really their name is legion.

According to Kelly's confession threats of assassination did not deter Circuit Attorney Folk in the prosecution and running down of rascals, such a prosecuting attorney is a man of which any state may well be proud.

Ex-Speaker Kelly of the St. Louis house of delegates, in his written confession telling the story of boodling says: "These agents would rarely ever betray us. In one or two instances they confiscated part of the money, but as a general rule they were honest with us. Among ourselves, understand, we had a high code of morals, and it was considered extremely dishonest for a member of the combine to accept bribe money without dividing it amongst his fellows." A high code of morals, indeed! This "high code" was simply the old code, "Honor among thieves."

President Faunce of Brown University, has this to say of "amateur" athletes: "We are living in a time when college athletics are honeycombed with falsehood, and when the professions of amateurism are usually hypocrisy. No college team ever meets another today with actual faith in the other's eligibility. . . . Men trained in such methods through all the years of school and college life may become future leaders, but they will be leaders in the art of evading taxes, manipulating courts and outwitting the law of the land." Athletics are good and victory is gratifying, but if they cannot be honest and manly, without a tinge of suspicion of fraud, it is better that they be not at all. Dishonesty and deceit can never be combined with true manhood.

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scheme being that Mr. Meredith would bring each of his short-term marriages to a decorous end, while under our arrangement each marriage period is expected to end with a scandal. But even that difference does not exist in all cases. In Kentucky, Rhode Island, Louisiana, New Mexico and Wisconsin couples may secure divorces by simply living apart for a longer or shorter time, without the necessity of airing any unpleasant charges. And in forty-six states and territories marriages may be dissolved on the merely technical charge of desertion, not this a sufficiently "limited" matrimony to satisfy Mr. Meredith?

New York Evening Sun. Mr. George Meredith's remarks on marriage ought to be added as a supplement to his celebrated "Essay on Comedy and the Comic Spirit." He called one of his novels "The Amazing Marriage." Perhaps he wants to make all marriages amazing. It is a well-known fact that this novelist's own matrimonial experiences were unfortunate. Hence, perhaps, his desire to have marriages limited, say to terms of ten years, with the possibility of renewing the contract if both parties are willing. Here hardened bachelors will ask, Why ten years, and if such affairs are to be stated temporary arrangements, why not two years? Mr. Meredith sticks to the decade idea, because, according to his theory, enough money might be saved in that time to support the children when the father and mother parted. But unfortunately in such unions, when contracted early in life, the opportunity to lay by enough cash to insure the state against the chance of having to support the infants until they reached the self-sustaining age might not be present.

A HERO OF PEACE.

New York World. No warrior-hero who has arisen within a generation has left in his work so fine a monument to his memory as has Dr. Niels Flisen, the Danish scientist, who by his discoveries of the healing power of light pushed a little further back the veil that once hid the art of healing. The Nobel prize was in his case a patent of enrollment in the true Legion of Honor.

RADIUM AND TEMPERATURE.

Harper's Weekly. How far radium is responsible for the heat of the earth is one of the philosophical questions now interesting scientists. Prof. Rutherford, before a recent meeting of the Royal Institution of London, stated that he believed the amount of radium present and uniformly distributed throughout the earth would be sufficient to account for all the heat lost from that body. In this event the cooling of the earth, so that ultimately it would become uninhabitable, as was calculated by Lord Kelvin, would be postponed, and a few million more years would be afforded for the various forms of animal life. Such a possibility was anticipated doubtless by Lord Kelvin himself, for in his calculations he inserted, "provided no new form of heat is discovered." This is now held to exist in the minute quantities of radium which are widely and universally distributed over the earth, and which may account for the gradual increase of temperature as the interior of the earth is approached.

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