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GENERAL CONFERENCE

The Seventy-fifth annual Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will convene on Thursday, the 6th of April, and adjourn Friday afternoon until Sunday morning, and close Sunday afternoon.

A general Priesthood meeting will be held on Friday night, commencing at 7:30.

The special Priesthood meeting of the General and Presiding Authorities of the Church will be held in the Assembly Hall on Saturday morning, at 10 o'clock.

JOSEPH F. SMITH, JOHN R. WINDER, ANTHON H. LUND, First Presidency.

A SENSELESS FURORE.

One of the most absurd illustrations of the senseless furore that can be excited over a fallacy, was afforded by the recent outbreak in Logan over the alleged attempt of business men and others in this city to "rob" Cache county of the Agricultural College.

Now, to begin with, nobody desired or attempted to remove the Agricultural College from the beautiful capital of Cache county. That was not contemplated by the promoters of the measure to unite that institution with the State University, for improved educational and financially economical purposes.

The rejoicing of hilarious students and others over the supposed "victory" of the so-called "champions" of the college, may be classed in the same category. They did no harm perhaps, except to show how excited some folks can become over a figment of imagination, and they certainly did no good, unless it might be that which came from a slice of meat to some hungry person at the barbecue.

The proposition over which so much fuss was made, was to submit to a vote of the people of the entire State an amendment to the Constitution, which would admit of the amalgamation of the Agricultural College and the University of Utah under one management.

The fact that studies are being duplicated in the College and the University has long been recognized, and the subject of regulating the matter has been discussed. This has not been with any desire to injure the College any more than it has been to cripple the University.

Experts on the Balkan situation are now talking about the establishment of a Balkan federation as the most logical solution of the delicate question of the "near east."

This view is said to have found support in both Great Britain, France, and Italy, and if this is so, the plan can be safely tried, particularly now, before Russia has time to endeavor to push

vote. That is the only difference between the two measures presented to the Legislature. It is true that the advocates of the commission did not want the amendment to the Constitution, but in opposing it they were no more friendly to the cause of education, and particularly to the maintenance of the Agricultural College within its proper sphere as designed in both National and State appropriations, than were the advocates of the other proposition. All inclined to be working to the same end.

The people of Salt Lake City are not enemies to the Agricultural College, or to Logan, or to any other city in the North. They are not aiming to "plunder the other parts of the State," as asserted by the Logan Journal, nor to "suck the life blood of the State" as intimated by the Republican. To say that Salt Lake desires to "hog it all" is to print a palpable falsehood without sense and without excuse.

A NECESSARY MEASURE.

Among the measures that passed Congress and received the signature of the President is one, that, although having no bearing upon world politics, deserves special notice.

During the discussion of that measure evidence was produced by Mr. A. L. Sackett representing the Duerber-Hampden Co., to show that the name of the United States government is used by manufacturers to cover the most palpable frauds.

In view of the fact that articles bearing the marks of the "U. S. Assay" are, by those not well informed, supposed to be guaranteed, by the government, as to the purity of the metal, it is a matter of congratulation that Congress took the matter in hand and attached a heavy penalty to the swindle.

It is well, therefore, that fraud is stamped as fraud. The law should have one more clause, however, making it a punishable offense to misrepresent articles as to their fineness or quality.

WOMEN AND MARRIAGE.

The fact has been widely commented upon, that this country has a million, or more, men than women.

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her forces toward Constantinople as an offset to the reverses in eastern Asia. Interference is called for without delay. Massacre and pillage are said to be common occurrences. It is reported that 120 Macedonian villages have been destroyed and that 60,000 persons are homeless. And for this condition Europe is largely responsible.

Strange to say, reports come at the same time from Arabia to the effect that the Arabians of Yemen are in revolt against the Sultan of Constantinople. This movement is led from Paris, where an insurgent league is said to have been established, in the interest of the liberation of the Turkish empire from the power of tyranny.

According to the program of the leaders of this revolt, an Arab empire is to be formed. This is to embrace all the territory between the valleys of the Euphrates and Tigris to the Isthmus of Suez, and from the Mediterranean to the Sea of Oman. The government is to be constitutional, and all sects are to have religious liberty. None but Arabs are to be appointed to office, and they shall be paid salaries sufficient to enable them to live in an honorable manner.

UNFIT FOR OFFICE.

The following paragraphs occur in Edmund Burke's pamphlet, "Thoughts on the Present Discontents." That pamphlet was written during a critical period of England's history:

"That man who, before he comes into power, has no friends, or who, coming into power, is obliged to desert his friends, or who, losing it, has no friends to sympathize with him, he who has no sway among any part of the landed or commercial interests, but whose whole importance has begun with his office, and is sure to end with it, is a person who ought never to be suffered by a controlling parliament to continue in any of those situations which confer the lead and direction of all our public affairs; because such a man has no connection with the interest of the people."

"Those knots or cabals of men who have got together, avowedly without any public principle, in order to sell their conjugal infidelity at the higher rate, and are therefore universally odious, ought never to be suffered to predominate in the state; because they have no connection with the sentiments and opinions of the people."

The failure to act upon the advice of Burke cost England dearly.

St. Patrick's day all in the morning.

Wireless congratulations to Signor Marconi are in order.

The Japanese have occupied the pass. What a ubiquitous lot they are.

"Shall we sell the Philippines?" asks Senator Bacon. We don't think that we shall.

Plenty of officers for the Panama canal have been provided. What is wanted now is an army of workers.

In a magazine poem a lady poet says: "Oh, the windy day is a laughing day." More like a laughing hyena.

Mr. Bryan did not lose fifty thousand dollars, having never had it. At best he but lost a chance in losing his suit.

Heretofore Oyama has been hammering away at Kuropatkin's army. Now he is going after it with hammer and tongs.

Cassie Chadwick has been convicted upon a conspiracy. But she could not more conspire by herself than a bird could flock by itself.

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Grand Duke Nicholas had better hurry up if he wants to command that army. Otherwise the Japanese will capture before he arrives.

The war office in St. Petersburg admit that the situation at the front is serious. That is hardly the word. "Desperate" is none too strong.

"Small favors thankfully received; larger ones in proportion," seems to have been the spirit of those resolutions of thanks so generously and courteously passed by the Legislature.

"Many of the people of Boston today are living on the reputation of their fathers," says the Hon. John I. Fitzgerald of that famous city. True as true can be, and equally true of the people of many another city.

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Those Colorado legislators who voted to seat Peabody on the understanding that he should resign, and that Lieutenant-Governor McDonald should succeed him are fit for treason, stratagems and spalls. Let no such men be trusted.

"You only hate those you do not know," said Andrew Carnegie in a recent speech. There is a world of truth and philosophy in that remark. Studied and acted upon what an amount of misunderstanding and evil would be done away with.

THE BATTLE OF MUKDEN. New York World. South of Harbin there has been no

point of vital importance to Kuropatkin since Port Arthur fell. With the railroad in his possession, safety always lay a stage farther north. If he manages again to escape from the Japanese enveloping lines he will have succeeded in defeating Oyama's main purpose.

New York Evening Sun. With the enormous force at his disposal the Russian commander should be able to retreat in fairly good order, for skill in keeping his communications protected has never been denied. Besides, the exhaustion of the assaulting Japanese must be extreme.

Boston Herald. A succession of advances and repulses, resulting only in a wavering of the balance, but in no conclusive settlement, holds the whole civilized world in a suspense that has become oppressive. But the feeling in lands which are only remotely concerned with the issue is not to be compared with that of the nations whose destiny is immediately involved. The lover of humanity can only hope that the lesson of this war will serve as a deterrent to the warlike ambition of every other people and will emphasize the necessity of devising a juster way of deciding the rights of nations when they cannot settle their differences.

Cleveland Plain Dealer. The islanders' objective was not Mukden at all but Kuropatkin's army. If this is in condition to fight another day the capture of Mukden is but a sorry recompense for almost a fortnight's marching and fighting and a loss of men greater than the enemy's. The Manchurian capital's importance is political and sentimental rather than military. If the Russians shall succeed in withdrawing from the pass their military position will be little, if any, weaker than before, except for the fact that if they persist in the war they will have so many more miles to retrace and reconquer.

Pueblo Chieftain. Russia therefore has the alternative, either to make peace with Japan upon the best possible terms, or else to withdraw eastward to Irkutsk, or some other strong defensive position, and there await the opportunity to regain what has been lost. There is no reason why Russia should not prolong the war indefinitely, if she has the courage and persistence to do so, and Russia could stand the strain of such a period of waiting far better than Japan.

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