

LATTER DAY SAINTS BEGIN CONFERENCE

Church Will Select Successor to Late President Smith at Meeting Which Starts at Lamoni Tuesday.

MANTLE WILL FALL ON HIS SON

LAMONI, Ia., April 3.—(Special.)—The death on December 16 last of Joseph Smith, president of, and "Prophet, Seer and Revelator" to, the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and the approaching general conference of that church, at which time a successor to the late president will be chosen, bring again to the attention of the public the peculiar rise, claims, beliefs and tragedies connected with the history of this people.

The doctrines of the church are based upon present revelation. Members believe that God communicates with his people in these days, as well as in former times. The founder of the church, Joseph Smith, father of the late president, claimed that an angel appeared to him when he was a young man of twenty, and delivered to him some gold plates upon which were inscribed strange characters, and which he translated by the power of God. This book, which was first published in 1830, claims to be a record of the ancient inhabitants of this continent, and represents them to have been at one time, in a high state of civilization.

Command from God.

The eldest son of Joseph Smith, who was only a lad of 12 when his father, and Uncle Hyrum Smith were shot by a masked mob at Carthage, Ill., in 1844, believed that in 1850 he received a command from God to go to Amboy, Ill., and meet with some of the elders of the church in conference there. He went, and was hailed with great joy by the assembled members, who immediately ordained him to be their president. A reorganization was effected, and thus the young man took up what became his life-work, viz., the vindication of his father's good name, which had been trailed in the dust of dishonor because of the apostasy from the original faith, and the attempt to make the religion for which his father laid down his life, honorable in the sight of men. How well this man succeeded, circumscribed and handicapped as he was, by popular error and false understandings, is evidenced by the universal tribute of respect paid to him, by the press of the entire nation at the time of his death last December. His life was sincere, upright and kindly, and he shunned all false pretensions or expedients. His home was a humble frame dwelling, and he died possessed of neither worldly goods nor any legacy to his family except the enviable one of a name of honor among men. To his persistent efforts, the line of distinction has been drawn between his church and the one in the valley of the west, presided over at present by his kinsman, Joseph Fielding Smith, son of Hyrum Smith, killed at Carthage in 1844.

At times the differences of the two churches have been brought before the courts of the land, in the effort to establish title to a piece of ground in Independence, Mo., which the first president of the original church designated as the sacred spot where a great temple should be erected. Three times has the United States supreme court decided that the Reorganized church is the legal successor of the one founded in 1830, the Utah faction being apostate, and that the doctrines of polygamy, etc., were introduced into the tenets of that church utterly outside of and contrary to any authority based upon the faith of beliefs of the original one.

Record of Independence Church.

At Independence, Mo., where Joseph Smith resided for the last eight years of his life, his followers number over 2,700, according to the last report of the recorder of the branch. They form a staple part of the government of the town of 12,500 and are found to stand almost as a unit upon the moral side of every question of civic concern. Ninety-five per cent of these people are opposed to the liquor interests in every form, and from their ward in the city they roll up a solid vote against it. They are industrious and charitable, and have a financial system which enables them to care for their own poor, aged, sick, orphaned or other dependents and seldom or never do any of their members come upon either town or county for support. Too, their ministers are unpaid, except that their families are supported from the church treasury, and all church appointments, whether holding positions high or low, at home or in the missionary field, receive an equal amount according to their schedules. Joseph Smith himself was no exception to this rule and bridled himself upon having shared the lot of his brethren, however humble it was. Upon his death, however, he was never used a dishonest dollar in my life, and I have never knowingly wronged a human being—man, woman or child.

See Will succeed him.

In the Joseph Smith and his son, Frederick M. Smith, as his successor in the position of presiding officer of the church, "providing he should be worthy." This young man was born near Chicago in 1874, and received education at Iowa university, Graceland college, and Kansas city, and is now about to receive the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Clark university, Massachusetts. He has been associated with his father in the first presidency of the church as his first counselor since 1902, the position of second counselor being held by Elbert A. Smith, son of David, youngest brother to the late president. These two young men have carried the major part of the burden of presiding over the church, and directing its missions, etc., for some time past, as the disabilities of age had crept upon their chief, who spent the last four years of his life in bed. Thus, the church experienced no shock, or interruption of affairs when their head was removed, and if his wishes are carried out, the son he designated will, at the impending conference of the church, be ordained president. Before this can be done, he will have to be endorsed by the vote of the entire church, as recommended by their delegates at this convention. Absolute democracy rules this body. A revelation purported to be from God, does not become a law of the church, even though coming through their lawful prophet, without the full consent and vote of the people, and no member can ever rise in and lead those people astray, as was done during the confusion at the death of the first leader.

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Late Prophet of Mormon Church and His Son



Joseph Smith Jr.



Frederick M. Smith

BRIEF CITY NEWS

Have Root Print—New Beacon Press Burgers-Graden Co. Lighting fixtures Andrew Kliewit for city commissioner. Advertisement. Jeff W. Bedford for city commissioner. Advertisement. W. G. Shriver, tried, true and efficient, for city commissioner. Advertisement. A Feeling of Security is one of the benefits acquired when you office in the City Building. The building that is always new. See us now for a few rooms available April 1. "Today's Complete Movie Program" classified section today, and appears in The Bee EXCLUSIVELY. Find out what the various moving picture theaters offer. guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska. The State Bank of Omaha says a per cent on time deposits, 3 per cent on savings accounts. All deposits in this bank are protected by the depositors' guarantee fund of the state of Nebraska. Board Over at \$750—Roy Miller, Benson, arrested for breaking and entering local groceries, was bound over to the district court Saturday morning with bonds fixed at \$750. Lutheran Charter Special—Joseph Williams, traveling passenger agent of the Burlington, has lined up a special train for California, starting from Decorah, Ia. The passengers will be largely from the Lutheran college located there. Taken Rooms at Castle—Ex-Senator John M. Thurston, who recently returned to Omaha to resume his law practice here, has taken a suite of rooms at Hotel Castle, which he will make his permanent home. Inspector Resumes Duties—After more than a month of suffering with rheumatism, Postal Inspector W. N. Coble of the Omaha district is again able to take up his work. He has been confined to his home, 248 South Thirty-second avenue. Cole Visits Old Home—W. W. Cole, for years in Omaha in the show business, is up from St. Joseph, where he is located as the head of a carbon cleaning compound company. He still longs for Omaha and asserts that he may return here to reside.

City Comptroller McDonald Shakes Off Twenty Pounds

City Comptroller McDonald declares he has discovered an effective system for reducing excess weight. A few months ago he decided to adopt vigorous methods to bring himself down to normal weight. His stomach bothered him and he would wake up in the night, after dreaming that the gas meter was cheating him or some other dire calamity has visited his household. He began to spend his noon hour at the bowling alleys and he bowled until his thumb became so sore he had to quit. Then he spent the noon hour walking, selecting a different route every now and then in this manner gained quite a knowledge of the scenery and topography of the city. He abstained from food between breakfast and supper. The result has been that he has taken off nearly twenty pounds, improved his complexion and says he never enjoyed better health in his life. "Going without that noonday lunch was hard at first, but after a week or so, but I kept at it and succeeded," relates the comptroller. Walking, he contends, is the best general exercise and the best tonic for health. He avers that on these noonday walks he learned more of Omaha than he otherwise could have learned in years. He has an automobile, but explains that he began to grow excessively heavy when he started motoring.

GRAIN COUNCIL ADVISES FARMERS TO TEST SEEDS

The council of grain exchanges, the headquarters of which are in Chicago and of which the Omaha exchange is a member, is scattering thousands of circulars and booklets among the farmers of the grain growing sections of the central west. In the literature sent out, farmers are urged to establish the best possible variety of each kind of grain sown; to grow and breed it to the highest stage of efficiency so that it may be sold pure and in carload lots. Farmers are urged to test all seed and not wait for some one else to start the movement.

GREYNA FARMERS PREDICT BIG WINTER WHEAT CROP

Fine prospects for the winter wheat crop around Gretna are reported by Elmer L. McDonald and James and John Ward, who are prominent farmers and stockmen south of that town. They also say that the stock came through the winter in excellent condition. While in Omaha they called on Postmaster John C. Wharton.

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WOMEN TELL WHY THEY WITHDRAW

Four Presidents of Mothers' Circles Give Reasons for Quitting Child Conservation League.

ORGANIZE A FEDERATION HERE

Presidents of the four 'circles of the Child Conservation League of America, who withdrew from that body after a stormy meeting Thursday morning and organized the Federation of Omaha Mothers' Clubs, have issued a signed statement giving reasons for their withdrawal. "An article of the league's constitution distinctly states that to become a member of that league one must purchase a set of books published by the Howard Sewerance company. There were mothers who wished to join the circle, but did not want these books; some because they could not afford them, others because they had other books equally good and sold at the same time. "Several circles feared that of those who had the books, a few cared for the club work that not enough would attend the meetings to keep the circle alive; so they must either throw open their doors to all mothers or cease to exist. But before we would invite them to join us we must first, personally, sell them a set of these four books costing \$2 or \$3.

Ask Constitutional Change.

"We asked the representative of the national league if we might strike out the above clause from the constitution, but they said they could not. Our ambition was to be an organization, broad and comprehensive, taking in all the mothers of Omaha. So, by request, Mrs. F. S. King, our president, called a special meeting of all the circles to discuss what was best to be done. "It was the sentiment of that meeting to withdraw from the national league and change our name, and a motion to that effect was made, to be voted upon at our next meeting, which was held last Thursday. At this meeting Miss White appeared and told us our motion was illegal. Four circles, representing over 300 of the 58 listed book holders, and two-thirds of the voting members present, then withdrew from the organization, and through courtesy retired to another room and there organized the Federation of Omaha Mothers' Clubs, and unanimously elected Mrs. King as president (Signed Mrs. E. H. Lukner, President Bemis Park Circle; Mrs. H. J. Holmes, secretary Bemis Park Circle, Mrs. J. E. Butler, president Hancock Park Circle; Mrs. W. A. Vickery, president South Side Circle; Mrs. Charles Henry Burrell, representative Benson Circle.)

Grain Prices Firm, With Receipts Big

Omaha grain men are somewhat mystified over an order that has arrived from the headquarters of the Texas Live Stock Sanitary commission. This order provided that in the shipment of grain, into or through Texas, all cars must bear certificates that such cars were disinfected prior to having been loaded. It is asserted that if the Texas order is enforced it will have a tendency to turn grain away from the United States that state, as the disinfecting of the cars would be expensive, costing something like \$10 per car. Prices on the Omaha Grain exchange were firm to higher today, wheat gaining better than a cent and corn a full cent per bushel. Receipts were heavy for a Saturday, especially corn, of which there were 107 cars on the market. These receipts were heavier than those of either Chicago, St. Louis or Kansas City. There were nineteen cars of wheat and sales were made at \$1.25 to \$1.27 1/2 per bushel. Receipts were light all through the season. Corn sold at 68 cents to 70 cents per bushel and oats at 53 cents to 55 cents. Oat prices were strong to nearly a cent up.

Desecration of U. S. Flag Not Official; No Apology Asked

WASHINGTON, April 3.—Inasmuch as the desecration of the American flag flying above the home of John B. McManus, an American citizen, murdered in Mexico City, was the act of lawless persons acting without authority, the United States government decided today to make no demand for an apology. Secretary Bryan announced that the incident was closed with the receipt today of a dispatch from the Brazilian minister in Mexico City. "The Brazilian minister," said Mr. Bryan, "did not think the facts in the case showed any attempt on the part of any officers or authorities to desecrate the flag and he did not, therefore, regard it as a case where an apology should be asked." Officials pointed out later that the attitude was in accord with the policy of the United States in dealing with such cases in the past. The payment of \$20,000 indemnity to the widow of McManus and the general expression of regret by the Villa-Zarala authorities are held to be sufficient reparation in the circumstances.

Final Test of Diving Tube at Honolulu is Made Satisfactorily

HONOLULU, April 3.—In a final test in the harbor today of the diving tube which is expected to play a prominent part in further efforts to raise the stricken submarine F-4, Diver Agraz succeeded 300 feet. The test, it was said, proved entirely satisfactory and it was planned to take the apparatus outside the harbor tomorrow and lower Agraz at the spot where the F-4 is believed to lie nearly 200 feet below the surface. The fifty-foot-inch iron tube is fitted with stanchion plate glass ports through which Agraz, if successful, expects to obtain the first view of the F-4 since it disappeared with its crew of twenty-one on the morning of March 25. By means of a telephone device with which the tube is equipped, the diver would be enabled to direct work of attaching cables to the hull.

Yards Well Pleased Over Appropriation Proposed for Reimbursing for Stock Loss.

ANTIMERGERISTS TALK LAWSUIT

Governor Morrhead's recommendation that the legislature appropriate \$50,000 for reimbursing those who have lost cattle and live stock generally through the precautionary program of the state officers fighting the foot and mouth disease was highly approved here yesterday among the live stock men and farmers visiting the stock yards. The local stockmen are just beginning to recover from the foot and mouth scare and even yet some of the speculators have not been able to pick up their old business. All reports indicate, however, that the business improvement on the market is steady if slow. Corey Bulla Returns. Corey Bulla, son of James H. Bulla and one of the well known cattle men of this section, has returned from Saskatchewan, Canada, where he went ranching a year ago. Bulla's return to South Omaha was prompted by business conditions in Canada, where everything is showing the effects of the war. Added to the general business depression resulting from the war, Bulla reports the crop season had. He says the crop failure last year was very numerous in the Canadian country. Many Americans are returning to the states. Kalthorn Reaches City. Henry G. Kalthorn has arrived from Fort Worth to assume the position of assistant hog buyer for Armour & Co., at South Omaha. Kalthorn succeeds Floyd Sherwood, who was lately transferred by Armour & Co. from this market to Fort Worth, where he was made head hog buyer for the Armour firm. Kalthorn says that Texas is coming into its own as a hog producing state. Better breeding and feeding methods, he says, have done much for the porker crop in the "Lone Star" state which aims to raise all its own hogs in the near future. Heavies Not in Demand. Quietly there is beginning to be circulated about the live stock markets of the country a rumor that "heavy" cattle are not as desirable to packers as might be expected. Both at Omaha and Chicago the "heavies" have been getting some bad treatment lately. Buyers, as if struck by the same intuitive thought they would learn of something that makes the heavies least desirable for killing. Then everybody lays down on the price and the cattle are allowed to wait until two or three hours later, when prices are sweetened a trifle over the morning "biters" and the heavies are bought. The killers always conclude at the end of one of these sudden changes that they can handle the cattle. The prices are low enough, at that time. New Films at the Bease. "Queen Margaret," "Marguerite de Valois," "Jean de Navarre" and "Catherine de Medici" with the story of the Inquisition and the massacre of St. Bartholomew will be enacted at the Bease in a five-reel photo play Monday. The pictures were taken in France and are colored. Manager George Adams stated yesterday that the "Queen Margaret" play followed closely the story as told in the historical novel of that name. Antis Will Fight Bill. City Attorney H. C. Murphy definitely announced yesterday the intention of the ants to attack the merger bill in the courts. Attorney Murphy spoke of a meeting to which the ants of Dundee and Florence would send delegates to advise on the legal steps to be taken. The city attorney declared the law clearly unconstitutional. However, the main idea seems to be delay in getting the law into effect. Yards to Greet Editor. When the Nebraska editors meet for their annual convention this year they will be entertained again at the Union Stock Yards. The entertainment will consist of a dinner to be served Wednesday afternoon, April 21, at which Bruce McCulloch, editor of the Stockman-Journal, will be the orator. The Stock Yards dinner is expected to be one of the big affairs of the editorial meet.

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BIG LAND DEAL IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

C. W. Martin Buys Parker Tract North of Miller Park, Paying \$150,000—To Be Platted.

WILL BUILD A BOULEVARD

The recording of the deed to the Parker tract of ground north of Miller park, conveyed to the Charles W. Martin Real Estate company, marks the closing of another big deal in real estate. The transfer represents a deal of \$150,000. The negotiations were practically closed last August, and the filling of the deed only marks the consummation of the deal. The tract, which contains 126.3-16, is to be platted into city lots at once and is soon to be placed on the market. This tract, lying as it does along the north side of Miller park, extends to the city limits on the north, and from Twenty-fourth to Thirtieth street, on either side, east and west it is one of the largest single tracts ever platted in Omaha. It will be known as "Minnie-Lusa" addition. The Martin company has arranged for a boulevard to cut through the center of the tract, connecting with the Miller Park boulevard on the south and connecting with Second street in Florence on the north. The plan is that Second street in Florence shall be widened into a boulevard eventually. This stretch of new boulevard to be created by Martin will follow in general Twenty-seventh street, and will be known as "Minnie-Lusa boulevard."

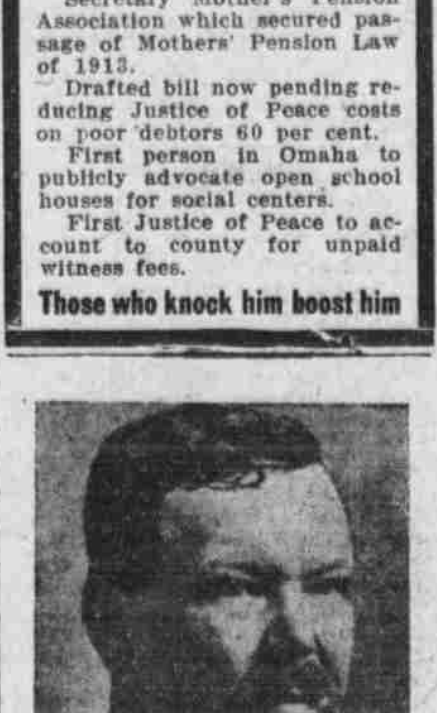
POLITICAL ADVERTISING.

VOTE FOR HARRY B. FLEHARTY FOR City Commissioner

For fifteen years Mr. Fleharty has resided in Douglas county. Eight years in South Omaha, seven years in Omaha. He was city attorney of South Omaha in 1906-7, and his familiarity with conditions there will be of great benefit now that South Omaha will probably become part of Greater Omaha. He is a student of city government and of municipal law. Stands for city ownership of public utilities, for a civil service system based on efficiency, for appointees that will give the taxpayers the benefit of the services of the appointees instead of making a personal political machine of them; is opposed to prohibition; believes the license system the best method of regulating the liquor business, and that the city taking the saloonkeeper's money for a license should protect him and the privilege he pays for by stamping out bootlegging. If nominated and elected he will devote his entire time and ability to the work of the commission.

H. H. CLAIBORNE FOR COMMISSIONER

Drafted first resolution for Constitutional Amendment for Home Rule for Omaha.



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Endorsement of EDWARD SIMON by These Men Should Be Considered by You When You Vote April 6

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Mr. Voter:— Edward Simon, who is a candidate for city councilman, was born and brought up in this city; was educated in our public schools; has had large experience in handling important business matters; served as one of the Douglas County representatives in the legislature of 1913; is THE AUTHOR OF THE MOTHERS' PENSION LAW, which has enabled many an unfortunate mother to care for her little children; is the author of the LOAN-SHARK LAW, a law to PREVENT unconscionable money loaners from taking a mortgage on household furniture, charging 10 per cent a month interest, or 120 per cent a year. Mr. Simon used his influence in the legislature to pass many other good laws, among them the PURE ELECTION LAW, which has worked out so well in this county. We are confident that Mr. Simon, if elected, will make us a splendid city councilman. We are, therefore, asking you to vote for him, and if possible get your friends to do the same.

Yours truly, A. L. Sutton, Frank Judson, H. J. Hughes, Tom C. Byrne, Paul Skinner