

the expiration of 60 days from the date of the filing of the official plat of survey of the township in the district land office, during which period the State authorities may select any of the lands situate in said sections and township, which are not embraced in any valid adverse claims.

H. N. MCGREW, Register.  
FRANK HARRIS, Receiver.

A Mr. Hansen, representing the Josephite persuasion, has for several days past been endeavoring to influence a certain class of people in the East Jordan ward, this county, in favor of the claims and doctrines of his people; and last Monday night he held forth publicly in Goff's hall to a good-sized audience. Last night Elders Andrew Jensen, of Salt Lake City, and Jedediah Goff, lately returned from a mission to Australia, spoke in the same hall on the succession of the presidency of the Church and the continuance of the several orders of Priesthood from the days of the restoration through the instrumentality of Joseph Smith the Prophet down to the present time. By a long list of historical and revealed truths they established the fact beyond a possibility of doubt to honest investigators, that the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has had a continued existence upon the earth since its first organization on April 6, 1830, and had ever been led by revelation and by Prophets and Apostles. Reference was also made to the numerous apostate organizations (some twenty of which were mentioned) that had arisen from time to time in opposition to the true Church, all of which had gone to the wall one after another with the exception of the organization that Mr. Hansen represented. The claims of that body were then discussed at some length and all of them successfully met and contradicted; leaving no vital point undiscussed. The large audience listened with wrapt attention to the arguments all through, and the meeting lasted nearly three hours.

A. J.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY, DECEMBER 13.

The report that H. A. Fyler, the well known erstwhile Salt Lake merchant, is dead, seems to be duly verified. His death occurred from pneumonia in a Denver hospital on the 4th inst.

Park Record: Wednesday night James Davis, nightwatchman at the Crescent mine, came near losing his life in the snow and wind storm raging at that time. He had left town late in the afternoon and intended to visit at Billy Woodward's cabin before crossing the hill to the mine, but he lost his way and for several hours wandered about in an endeavor to locate the cabin of his friends. When nearly frozen and entirely exhausted he made himself heard and Mr. Woodward, accompanied by O. T. Bunce and Robert McLaren, went out into the storm and rescued him. It was a narrow escape for Mr. Davis.

The "News" had a call Saturday from Elder William H. Linck of the Fifth ward, who returned Wednesday from the Swiss and German mission field, where he has been for the past 26 months preaching the Gospel. Elder Linck left home Oct. 12, 1895, and has labored mainly in Germany during his absence. He reports the mission in splendid shape and speaks a good word for the German people, whom he found very hospitable in their treatment of the Mormon Elders. Elder Linck had good health while away and greatly enjoyed his missionary experience. He says that recently President Loutensock and Elder Brigham Cannon made a tour of southern Germany where they held many excellent meet-

ings and were well received by the people.

Hustler's switch was the scene of a railway collision last evening that came near being disastrous. The Milford passenger train left this city at 6 p. m., schedule time, for the south. At Hustler's it usually pass the incoming train, from Nephi, Mercur and the Tintic camps. Both trains were running on regular time. No. 3 was being backed down the siding when No. 2, running at reduced speed, but too fast to stop before a collision could be avoided, bolted into it. The passengers were somewhat shaken up by the sudden shock, but none of them were injured except R. A. Wood, who received a bruised hand.

Logan, Utah, Dec. 11, 1897.

In your issue of Dec. 10th there appears an article from Mr. Matheson of Cedar City, Iron county, concerning what was supposed to be a variety of wheat. The wheat was reputed to have been found in a cave, and there was some difficulty experienced in classifying it.

A sample of the supposed wheat was sent us some time ago by the "American Miller" and the station officers immediately recognized it as being a variety of hullless barley, very closely resembling a variety grown on the station farm last year. The fact that the supposed wheat germinates well shows that it is a recent crop, and if it was found in a cave, it no doubt was placed there recently.

Very respectfully,

L. A. MERRILL,

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Pocatello Tribune: George Crookston was terribly burned about the hands and face by an explosion of molten lead at the Oregon Short Line shops here yesterday. He was counterbalancing a car wheel when the molten metal which he was pouring suddenly flashed out, striking him squarely in the face and hands. His face was literally plated with lead from his neck to his forehead. His eyes and his mouth and his nostrils were absolutely sealed with the hot metal, which burned deep into the flesh and stuck there and cooled. Dr. Stealy was summoned and with much care the awful metal was removed. He bore the pain of this ordeal with wonderful fortitude. His eyes could not be opened until the lashes had been entirely cut away and then could only be forced open a little. He could just distinguish daylight and it is hoped that he will not lose his sight, although it cannot be known yet just how badly they were injured by the molten lead. They closed instinctively, but whether in time to escape serious injury or not is not yet known. Mr. Crookston was taken to the hospital at Salt Lake City this morning. He is a young man, about 21 years old.

A "People's Church" was organized in the hall in the Gladstone building in this city last night. Dr. N. F. Ravallin, who recently came to Salt Lake from California, will act as its pastor. The following trustees were chosen: Dr. A. S. Chapman, Professor N. B. Johnson, T. E. Hinshaw, Mrs. Robert Vincent, August Stein, Warren Foster, Mrs. James Geary, Mrs. Sarah Bond and Mrs. W. J. Barnett. Dr. Chapman was named as president, Prof. Johnson vice president, Mr. Hinshaw secretary and Mrs. Vincent treasurer. The reasons given by the charter members of the society are contained in the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, There are many people in this city who are termed non-church goers, and who are such for the reason that they cannot subscribe to the

doctrines taught, without being untrue to their own convictions; and

Whereas, It is desirable that those who have progressed out of and beyond the erstwhile limits of religious thought should be associated in some form; therefore,

Resolved, That we proceed to organize ourselves into a body to be known as The People's Church of Salt Lake City.

Resolved, That civil and religious liberty is the inalienable birthright of all people, irrespective of race, color or creed, and that every one should be free to worship God or not to worship, according to the dictates of conscience;

Resolved, That it is not our purpose to antagonize existing churches, demanding nothing for ourselves we do not grant to them, and insisting there shall be no warfare unless they themselves are the aggressors.

Resolved, That we hail as the harbinger of a brighter day the broad and liberal trend of modern religious thought.

Resolved, That to do good and make this world better and the people happier, is and shall be our mission.

We most cordially invite all those who love their fellow men to unite with us in promulgating such knowledge as shall mitigate the wrongs of earth and alleviate human suffering. In short, we invite all who are interested in rational religion, ethical culture and social progress to co-operate with us to this end.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, DECEMBER 14

Elder David Amundsen of South Cottonwood called on the "News" today and reported his return from Sweden where he has been laboring in the ministry. He left his home Nov. 16, 1895, returning on the 6th inst., and reports things progressing in that section with a splendid conference at Gothenberg. He had good health and greatly enjoyed his labors.

The seventy-sixth anniversary of the birth of Colonel John R. Winder was most pleasantly observed last evening at the colonel's handsome Mill Creek home. Numerous members of the family were present to participate in the success of the affair. Other guests were Presidents Woodruff, Cannon and Smith and their wives, Bishop Preston and wife, Bishop Hamilton and wife of Mill Creek, Bishop S. A. Woolley and wife, John McDonald, wife and daughter, James G. McDonald and wife, Francis Armstrong and wife and James P. Freeze and wife. No formal program was rendered, the time being spent in social converse. Many were the wishes expressed for a continuation of Colonel Winder's remarkable health and agility, which seem almost to defy time itself.

Second Lieut. Pritchard, Ninth cavalry, Fort Duchesne, has been granted a leave of absence for one month, with permission to apply to the proper authorities for an extension of his time one month. The leave is made effective at the conclusion of two trials which are going on before the court-martial at Duchesne. Pritchard is a member of the court.

The death of Frank B. Wadman occurred suddenly at Butte, Mont., Tuesday night. As his body was about to be shipped to his home at Odgen, Coroner Tremblay interfered, and ordered it held pending an investigation as to the cause of death. Wadman was recently released from the Montana asylum and as he had often made threats of killing himself, he is believed by many to have accomplished his own demise by taking poison. He was heavily insured.