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THAT FLAG INCIDENT.

Readers of the Deseret News will have noticed the reports of the celebration of national independence in a large number of the country settlements where the population is certainly very largely "Mormon." Among them are the following from which accounts of the day's observances have come to us, and there were doubtless many other settlements where the flag of our country figured prominently, and the old-fashioned services were held:

Lehi, Pangupit, Hooper, Coalville, Parowan, Morgan, Payson, Tooele, Gunnison, American Fork, Hyrum, Huntington, Springville, Provo, Plain City, Spanish Fork, Mantua, Nephi, Santanita, Park Idaho; Iona Idaho; Bryan Idaho; Higby Idaho; Lewiston Idaho; Oakley Idaho.

An attempt has been made to get up a fury over the alleged failure of one Utah town—St. George—to hold a public celebration, and a story has been given prominence that the flag was placed at half mast. The "News" communicated with its St. George correspondent, and received replies which were published in our local columns on Tuesday evening. The Mayor of St. George gave a statement which rational people will accept as a full explanation of the matter.

It appears that in consequence of an epidemic at that place, the public celebration which is usually held there on July 4 was omitted this year. That national flags floated on many buildings in that city. That the man in charge of the public flag pole was absent, and that when the Mayor saw that "Old Glory" was not at his summit, he personally endeavored to hoist it, but the tackle was out of order, and after much hard work in the terribly hot sunshine, it could only be elevated to within five feet of the top of the pole, which is 75 feet high. That is called "half-masting" and an "insult to the flag," by the extremely "loyal" and wonderfully intelligent purveyors of information about Utah affairs.

The Deseret News has nothing to offer in regard to this matter but the candid statements of gentlemen who reside at St. George, as against the silly buncome of Utah's traducers. It is not worth arguing about. There are other ways of celebrating the anniversary of national independence, when the Latter-day Saints believe fervently was brought about by Divine power and guidance, than the stereotyped form, and those who make the greatest shouting are not always the most patriotic, particularly when their inspiration comes from the kind of spirits that thicken the tongue, confuse the intellect, and begot the writings of the calumniators against their sober fellow citizens.

BENEFICIAL FOOD.

The Intermountain Catholic, published in this city, of recent date had the following editorial note on its interesting fourth page:

"The old folks" of the Mormon church celebrated their annual reunion at Brigham City the other day. A very old saint whose years numbered over 90, was asked by Herald reporter to explain his extraordinary health and long life. He replied: "It is because I feed on the choicer." Feeding on the Gospel discourses are the advertised testaments to Pocumtuck, Duffy's Multi Whiskey and other breakfast foods."

We agree with our Catholic contemporaries on the advantages of "Feeding on the Gospel." There are many instances among the Latter-day Saints of the benefits of that kind of food. It is far superior to that self-indulgence the marks of which are prominent in the countenances of many violent opponents of the "Mormon" Church. And while the article of faith commonly called "The Word of Wisdom" is jeered at by intemperate and immoral enemies of the Church, scientists, physicians and medical experts unite in commanding the principles it contains, and in approving the advice which it gives to mankind. "Feeding on the Gospel" would be a new kind of diet for many of its adversaries, but it would be a splendid change for them in every sense of the word. We commend it to all people of every land and clime.

CHANGE OF LAND ENTRY.

We are requested by a correspondent to answer, through the Deseret News, the annexed question:

"A file on 30 acres under homestead law (Minidoka project) in Idaho. Afterwards desires to relinquish his right to said land. By so doing can he file on 160 acres elsewhere or does he lose his right to the 80 originally filed on, leaving him but 80 acres right remaining?"

Under the Act of Congress approved

April 28, 1904, any person who has made entry under the homestead laws and was unable to perfect the same, on account of some unavoidable complication of his personal or business affairs, or on account of a honest mistake, or to the character of the land, may make a second entry. But this provision is not intended to cover a case of mere desire to shift from one entry to another, or to a relinquishment of the first entry for a valuable consideration. As we understand the law, the second entry could be made for a full quarter section if the proper showing was presented as a reason for not perfecting the first entry. The instructions from the department provide that:

"A person applying to make entry under this section should be required to file a formal application for a specific tract of land, on the regular homestead blanks, modified to show that the entry is made under the act of April 28, 1904, and to furnish a description of his former entry by section, township, and range, or the number of the entry, and land office where made."

"He should also be required to furnish an affidavit duly corroborated by one or more disinterested witnesses, setting forth in full the complications of his personal or business affairs that prevented his perfecting title to the land covered by his first entry, or where the failure to perfect title was caused by a mistake as to the character of the land entered, and making which early and fully corrected, and the specific reasons that render the land worthless for agricultural purposes should be fully set forth. The affidavit should also show whether the applicant ever resided upon, improved, or cultivated the land embraced in his former entry, and if so, to what extent, and that he did not abandon his claim thereto or relinquish his entry for a valuable consideration."

\*PERIL\* OF IMMIGRATION.

An interesting account of a discussion of the so-called "immigration peril" appears in the current number of the National Civic Federation Review. The occasion was the quarterly meeting of the Civic Federation of New York, and among the speakers were Nathan Elkin, president of the State conference of charlains; Dr. Joseph H. Sennett, commissioner of immigration, and Enid L. Boas, general manager Hamburg-American line. They expressed somewhat divergent views on the question, but on one point they seemed to agree, viz., that the so-called "peril" of immigration are greatly magnified.

It is customary with unscrupulous agitators and cheap publications, to charge almost every crime, every defect of public life in this country, to immigration, and to credit American citizens with every useful invention, every excellence that the country owes to its men and women of foreign extraction. So frequent is this misrepresentation of fact, that many will, no doubt, be surprised to learn that it was shown by some speakers at this meeting that the tide of immigration is by no means choked with the social debris of Europe. The notion that immigrants, as a rule, come from jails, poorhouses and asylums was proved to be utterly false. It was shown that an accumulation of capital to an amount that would cause a similar saving by the family of an American workman to be regarded as a result of unusual thrift, must precede the migration of European families to the United States. Impressive also were the statements as to the unsatisfied demand for labor in the South and West and the suggestion as to the distribution of the newcomers away from the ports of arrival.

The real "peril" in immigration was admitted to consist in the overcrowding of the ports of entry, and the larger cities, where the foreigner with scanty means and no experience in American methods stands a good chance of becoming lost in the whirlpools of vice and destitution. But this will be remedied by the efforts that are now being made by various agencies to distribute newcomers over vast areas where their physical and mental powers are very much needed. One of the speakers thought this remedy ought to be employed by the General and State governments. "The organs of plutocracy," he said, "may shriek 'paternalism' as much as they may when dealing with this feature of the labor problem; they may desire to the top of their bent that there shall be yet more overcrowding in our already congested districts, so that concentration of capital may find a destitute, impoverished concentration of mere human machinery at hand to be dealt with according to the dictates of soulless greed; but to this great policy of adequate, intelligent and well-directed distribution of labor the country must come."

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Will King Oscar refuse his consent to the acceptance of the Norwegian crown by Prince Charles of Denmark

and nephew of King Edward?

Only Rudyard Kipling could have done full justice to the run of the Santa Fe Scott special. How that train beat the famous one described in "Captains Courageous."

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