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NOTED PIONEER IS GIVEN BIG FUNERAL

Services For Andrew Madsen, Sr., Were Held Last Friday At Mt. Pleasant—Was One of the First Settlers.

Funeral services for Andrew Madsen, Sr., one of Mt. Pleasant's first settlers, who died at an early hour Monday, December 6, 1915, were held Friday, December 10th, at 1 o'clock, in the North ward chapel, says the Mt. Pleasant Pyramid. Mr. Madsen was operated upon about three months ago for bladder trouble and apparently was on the way to recovery until thirty hours before his death when an attack of pneumonia came upon him.

In the death of Mr. Madsen the community loses one of its most enterprising citizens. He was an energetic worker and during his life he was always identified with matters of public service.

Andrew Madsen was born in Swinmunge, Asherred, Denmark, March 3, 1835. He was baptized and became a member of the Mormon church December 4, 1854, by Elder James Hansen at Ordurp, Denmark, at which time a branch of the church was organized at that place. Lars Erickson presided over the branch for three years. November 23, 1855, he left Denmark for Utah and came across the Atlantic ocean on a vessel carrying five hundred and eight persons, nearly all of whom were members of the church. President Knute Petersen was chosen as president of the company. They landed in New York and from there they went to Winter Quarters, New Florence, Kan., where they made preparations for the journey across the plains. After many hardships incurred on their journey they arrived in Salt Lake City, December 21, 1856. His first home was made in Brigham City.

Early in the spring of 1858 he abandoned his home at Brigham City and with many others began moving south (this was known as the "Big Move"). He, with many others, settled at Ephraim, December 26, 1858, he was married to Johannah Wedergreen Anderson. Early in February of 1859 he, with his four brothers, Mads, Peter, Christian and Neils, together with George Frandsen, Rasmus Frandsen, Neils Wedergreen Anderson, C. W. Anderson, Peter Mosen, Christian Jensen, 1st Martin Rasmussen, James Larsen, Sr., Neils Johansen, 1st Alma Allred, Peter Johansen, Mikle Christensen, Soren Jacobsen, James Meiling, Alma Zabrickie, James Allred and Sidney Allred, pitched camp just across the Sanpitch river on the west side of the valley, and in the month of March located what is known as Mt. Pleasant. A stone wall was built around two blocks, known as the "forts."

Mr. Madsen was a public spirited man and always took great interest in the growth and upbuilding of the country. He was interested in the first mowing machine brought into Sanpete Valley, also the first self binder or reaper. He became interested in opening the first coal mines east of this city, supplying the settlers with coal. He was superintendent of the Mt. Pleasant Z. C. M. I. for many years and later organized as the Union Mercantile company, which is now the Madsen Mercantile company of Scofield, of which he was president. He built the Mt. Pleasant Opera House and was a director of the Mt. Pleasant Commercial and Savings bank. He served twenty-two years as a member of the city council of Mt. Pleasant and two years as treasurer. In 1907 when the citizens were preparing to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the settling of Mt. Pleasant he was foremost in the erection of that beautiful pioneer monument which stands as a credit to the city. Mr. Madsen founded the Pioneer Historical association and was elected president, an office which he held at the time of his death. During the past four years of his life much of his time was spent in preparing a history of his life and family genealogy; also gathering such items of interest and dates as to render it more complete. This work was completed by him August last, but as yet has not been published. Those who have seen his history regard it as a very interesting piece of work, especially to those families with the early organization of the Mormon church and the founding and settling of Utah. Mr. Madsen is survived by four children and seven grandchildren. The children are A. C. Madsen and Miss Hilda Madsen of Mt. Pleasant, Anthon Madsen and Neil M. Madsen of Scofield.

Funeral services were held at the North ward chapel Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Bishop H. C. Jacobs presided. The opening hymn, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," was rendered by the ward choir. Prayer was offered by Elder Peter Mosen. The choir sang "Abide With Me." The first two speakers were Elder Peter Mosen and Bishop James Larsen. Miss Mabel Borg sang a solo entitled "One Sweetly Solemn Thought." George Christensen then read a letter written by Judge Ferdinand Erickson of Salt Lake City for the occasion. President Adolph Merz and President C. N. Lund also spoke during the services. President Merz read a sketch of Mr. Madsen's history. T. J. Harrison sang a solo. Bishop Jacobs made a few remarks and the choir sang "Oh, My Father." The benediction was pronounced by Elder J. W. Anderson.

"The Prayer of An Agnostic"

When the family of E. F. Richardson, the Denver attorney, who was killed in an automobile accident last May, began to straighten out the dead man's affairs they found among his papers "The Prayer of An Agnostic." The origin of the prayer is unknown. Richardson had found it one day and had liked it so much that he caused it to be printed in pamphlet form. The Sun gives this prayer herewith, letting it speak for itself:

O, thou infinite, invisible, Nameless one, whom men must name, and naming call thee God—if thou art, why may not men know thee as thou art? If thou art not, why should the thought of thee embitter and pervert the hearts of men?

Thy worshippers are guessers, and guessing at the Divine riddle, men like children at play, fall out and quarrel, turning happiness and joy to strife and tears.

In thy name they have built dungeons; piled fagots, and devised tortures from which life fled to the cool embrace of death, the last and only friend. They have called thee Maker of Paradise and Hell—thou the Infinite—and have said the glory of thy throne shone more refulgent, the music of celestial joy was sweeter for the cry of anguish and the sobs of pain which rose and reached the heartless happiness of the blest. In thy name men have trampled into mire the sweet earth with blood—touched with fingers of hate every nerve of pain—violated every holy human right—cursed the world with every crime, this in thy name. Listening for thy unspoken voice men have been heedless of the cry of a suffering world; reading the revelation they said was thine. They have been blind to truth, deaf to reason, and enemies of knowledge. Following thee they have gone astray—serving thee they have burdened their fellowmen. Dwellers in

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huts have built thy cathedrals and overlaid them with barbaric gold. Weavers of rags have woven purple and fine linen for indolent tyrants claiming to act for thee. Priests have fattened while children cried for bread. And thou art God? Hadst thou been mother, the cry of the children would have touched thy heart. Mary's tears as she watched the death agony of the cross were kinder than the silence in the skies. Help us to forgive thee. If thou wouldst have thy name revered on earth, make kind and gracious those who embroider it on their garments and banish it from their hearts. If religion is to endure among men, cast out from it the devils of hatred and clothe it with comeliness of sanity and love. If thy temples are to remain, open them to the light. And make them hospitable to every honest thought. Since thou art silent, may men speak modestly when they speak of thee? Since thou art hidden, may men not claim they see? And if in the illimitable mysteries of life and death there be those who, seeking cannot find, pondering cannot know—who question the eternal silence in vain, who say at last thou art not—turn not thou from them! May honest doubt find favor in thy sight; reason unfeared walk the earth; character be counted as salvation's very self; the noble purpose and unselfish aim be dear to thee; virtue unblushing meet thy searching gaze, and love, the key unlocking all the gates of joy—if thou art God.

D. & R. G. SURVEY IS OVER SANDRIDGE; LINE RUNS SOUTH VERNAL DUGWAY

The Denver and Rio Grande surveyors, headed by M. L. Mitton, locating engineer, have passed the Sandridge on their way to Vernal, says the Myton Free Press. Many of the people of the Uintah Basin who have crossed that famous ridge will be surprised to learn that the road will climb over on much less than a 1 per cent grade. Just how much less has not been given out, but it is understood it is nearer five-tenths than it is ten-tenths.

It will also be surprising to learn that the altitude at the top of the ridge is lower than it is at the Co-Op corner in Vernal. At the latter point the altitude is 5330 feet and at the top of the ridge it is ten feet lower.

The survey runs from Myton to Independence in an easterly direction. At a point one mile west of Independence the line is within four miles of Roosevelt. From Independence the line runs generally east to the confluence of the Dry Gulch and the Uintah river, crossing that stream about one mile south of Fort Duchesne. From that point running south of the Chinaman's store in a north-easterly direction to the top of the Sandridge, and from there easterly.

The line will touch no higher points between Myton and Vernal than the top of the Sandridge. The Asphaltum ridge will be crossed at a point about four miles south of the Vernal dugway.

The surveyors are camped about three miles northwest of Randlett. It has not been learned when another move will be made. The crew will likely suspend operations during the Christmas holidays. Chief Engineer Gwyn, who has been spending some time with the crews to the west, will be in the Basin for several days.

ALL DATA ON DISPUTED BOUNDARY IS COMPILED

The state engineer's office has completed its work incidental to a decision concerning the location of the much disputed boundary line between Duchesne and Uintah counties. The facts have been gathered and the case from the engineering viewpoint is now completed. Efforts to arrange a conference Saturday between the state engineer and the attorney general failed, but this conference will be held at the first available moment. The point which Attorney General A. E. Barnes has to decide is the intent of the legislature in its language establishing the boundary. As soon as this decision is given, State Engineer W. D. Beers, with the physical facts now all in his possession, will be ready to make the designation without further delay.

CLARION LAND IS TO BE SOLD JANUARY EIGHTEENTH, NEXT

January 18th is the date set by the state board of land commissioners for the public sale of the six thousand-acre tract at Clarion in Sanpete county, which reverted to the state by the failure of the Jewish agricultural colony.

The sale will be held at Gunnison, the town which is adjacent to the tract. Of the six thousand acres in the tract, three thousand have been cultivated. Purchasers of such parcels as best houses, barns and other external improvements, will have to pay the appraised value of such buildings. From the sale of these buildings the erstwhile colonists will get what small equity in their hapless venture so farmers they are entitled to under the circumstances.

EXHIBITS WIN MEDALS

Eighteen Awards For Agricultural and Horticultural Entries.

Utah's awards at the two California exhibitions were brought to twenty-seven in number with the receipt of word Saturday that the San Francisco exposition had given the state eighteen medals for eighteen entries of agricultural and horticultural products.

Announcement of the awards was contained in a communication to J. Edward Taylor, director of horticultural exhibits for the Utah exhibitions commission, from George A. Dennison, chief of the department of horticulture at the exposition.

The recent awards are: Gold medals—Deciduous fruit, Gans apples, Northwestern apples, Home Beauty apples, Silver Globe onions, Spanish onions, English Russet potatoes, Good Times potatoes, Peach, Blue potatoes and White Pearl potatoes. Silver medals—Banana apples, I. N. L. almonds, Comarcel almonds, Red Globe onions, Yellow Denver onions, Dixie Pomegranates and Royal quinces. Bronze medal—Weatherfield onions.

Awards made to the state at San Francisco previously were medal of honor for educational exhibit (second highest possible award) gold medal for processed fruit, gold medal for honey and silver medal for canned vegetables.

The San Diego exposition gave the state gold medals for its agricultural exhibit and for its apples and gold medals to the Utah-Idaho Sugar company for granulated beet sugar, and the Utah Agricultural college for its relief map of Utah and its exhibit of experimental agricultural results.

Taylor says the results obtained are due to the quality of the products themselves and to the support his work received from his associates and the growers of the state. The agricultural and horticultural exhibits were collected by J. O. Smith in collaboration with the county horticultural inspectors. They were prepared for shipment by E. W. Bowling of Salt Lake City, who went to San Francisco last February and cared for their maintenance during the exposition. Thomas Judd of St. George went to San Francisco early in the summer to assume charge of the exhibit. The processed fruits were prepared by H. H. Wright, formerly of California, now of Holladay. The exhibit as a whole was the subject of frequent favorable comment from expert horticulturists who saw it.

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