

STATEHOOD CELEBRATIONS.

PATRIOTIC PIUTE.

CIRCLEVILLE, Piute Co., Utah, Jan. 7th, 1896.—Recognizing the fact that the deluge would be overwhelming should you receive reports (to say nothing of publishing them) from all patriotic celebrations of Statehood day from the various parts of our erstwhile Territory, we nevertheless knock for admission on the plea that we knock but seldom. We desire to assure our sister towns throughout our State that though we showed up a full share of opposing votes to the Constitution (which the majority of our people regret) we nevertheless quite in a hearty and patriotic welcome of our birthday into the Union. None, perhaps, were more solemnly, though more quietly, thankful for the auspicious dawn than our women, to whom it was the advent of such liberty as Patrick Henry would have died for. As they lovingly gazed upon the assembled little ones, their hearts beat with a new joy and hope in the belief that the glories of independence would be all the brighter for them in the freedom and citizenship of their mothers.

The celebration was similar to our Fourth of July demonstrations: shooting, flying of flags, marching of the people in various divisions, headed by the brass band and Utah represented by a young lady dressed in white mounted on a black horse with a chivalrous young escort on either side. Some, how these processions of the people representing the aged, the middle aged, the young and the blessed children, invariably strike the beholder as the solemn march of time led on by the music of life's allurements.

In our meeting a not unusual program was followed: Speeches on the progress of Utah and the benefits of Statehood, songs, music, recitations, stump speeches and cheers being the order of the day. Three hearty cheers were given to President Cleveland for his proclamation of Statehood. The closing of our day was not unsatisfactory, for it ended with the usual dance.

Yours truly,

J. E. PETERSEN.

AT CANNONVILLE.

CANNONVILLE, Utah, Jan. 6, 1896.—For some time past great preparations have been going at Tropic, Garfield county, Utah, for the due observance and celebration of "Admission Day," January 4th, 1896, under the auspices of Company L, First Infantry, N. G. U., ably assisted by the entire populace irrespective of party or creed. In accordance with the previously arranged program, the people of the neighboring towns of Cannonville, Henrieville and Georgetown were respectfully invited to attend and participate in the celebration, which they did right royally. Company L fell in on the public square at 11:30 a. m., three-fourths of the command being present. A firing party of fifteen were detailed to fire a national salute of forty-five guns, and promptly at 12 o'clock noon the first volley was fired, causing the adjoining bells to echo back their praise; afterwards, the boys in blue, together with the enthusiastic concourse of people, rendered three cheers for the State of Utah, "the queen of the West." The people then filed into

the commodious meeting house recently erected by the citizens of Tropic. Company L's musician, Willie Talbot, sounded the "assembly" and "attention" and the meeting was called to order by the marshal, Lieutenant Geo. W. Johnson, who, in an appropriate speech, announced the object of celebration. The orator of the day, Captain Jobo M. Dunning, responded in a spirited and patriotic oration; the ringing of the select choir was truly excellent; the remarks offered by Bishop W. W. Willis, of Henrieville, Counselor W. P. Willis, of Henrieville, and Lieutenant Hansen, were full of fire and enthusiasm, and were well received by the people. The recitations and patriotic songs rendered by the Sunday school children were a pleasing and entertaining part of the program. Bishop Seth Johnson, of Georgetown, who is known throughout Utah, pleased all with one of his comic speeches; and Corporal Elias H. Smith brought down the house by his rendition of "Thompson's Courtship." An excellent part of the program was given by Mrs. Halladay, Bells, her daughter, and Burt, her son, in a piece of vocalism with organ accompaniment, which took the house by storm. The exercises having been concluded, the people arose and gave three rousing cheers for the new State of Utah; the buzzes, three times three rendered, fairly shook the building. Then the people dispersed, each citizen of Tropic accompanied by his invited guests hospitably to partake of the first State dinner. In the evening the usual ball took place in which the dust of Territorial vassalage was indeed shaken for all time from off our program.

JNO. M. DUNNING.

AT PAROWAN.

PAROWAN, Iron Co., Utah, Jan. 7, 1896.—Admission day, the 4th of this month, and yesterday, the 6th, the day on which it was principally celebrated, were red letter days in the history of our town of 1,200 inhabitants. On Saturday at about 9:30 a. m. a telegram came saying Utah was admitted by proclamation of President Cleveland into the Union of the United States. Everybody was on tiptoe waiting for the word, as a mass meeting of the citizens had been held a day or two before, committees appointed and every arrangement made, the minute the word arrived church bells, school bells and other bells were ringing their best; one steam whistle vied with the bells. Cow and horse bells were not excluded and boys could be seen all around on horseback each with a half a dozen cow bells, more or less, hanging around their saddles, making all the din they could. This thing was kept up not for fifteen minutes but for nearly an hour, and indeed more or less for all day. A crowd of young men got in front of the Co-op. store and would seize every old settler as he might come along, lift him upon an eminence and demand a short speech, after which they would give him three cheers, lift him down and let him go. We also had any amount of firing of guns, anvils, etc.

On the morning of the 6th (Monday) we had a procession, which was appropriate in every particular and up

to date. A large and enthusiastic meeting of the citizens was held in our meeting house, commencing at 11 o'clock a. m. After the usual opening exercises the proclamation of the President declaring Utah admitted to Statehood was read to the assembly by J. F. McGregor, at the close of which it was proposed to give three cheers for President Grover Cleveland and one for the new State of Utah, and they were given with a vim that made the old building shake to its very foundation. After this, speeches, songs, recitations and a fine quartet were given. A remarkable feature of the proceedings was that every one taking part without exception gave something most appropriate and fitting to the occasion. One or two are worthy of special notice: A fine production written for the occasion by L. D. Watson entitled, "Inauguration Day," was fleetly rendered by his daughter and gave much satisfaction; also an equally meritorious production written for the occasion entitled "Our New State" (prose and poetry) by Miss Mamie Adams, which received great applause—the article would grace the pages of any magazine. Our city council made an appropriation to defray expenses, which sum was put into the hands of the managing committee and in the evening a number of balls were thrown open, free to all who might wish to trip the light fantastic toe. A good many houses were illuminated, and so ended a most happy celebration of the inauguration of Statehood for Utah which will long be remembered by the people of this part of Southern Utah.

I must not forget to mention our silver band, under the leadership of Frank Burton. Frank and his band have quite a history and they are worthy of special notice for their excellent and constant labors in making us fine music during the two days of our celebration.

W. C. MCGREGOR.

HUNTINGTON NOT BEHIND.

HUNTINGTON, Jan. 7, 1895.—Statehood being granted to Utah after a period of 45 years' importuning, and the people of this place being patriotic, they desired to celebrate the event. No finer weather could have graced our fair town for the occasion than God saw fit to favor us with; even the sun seemed to cease the great event from the way it spread its rays over us, and the elements were tempered for the occasion.

A program was prepared by an appropriate committee and they succeeded in arranging one that would be a credit to anywhere. The people were reminded of the fact that Utah had gained her independence and put on the plumage that we had so long desired, by a rousing display of musketry by Captain A. W. Sheenan and company and the ringing of bells; and from that on throughout the day at intervals the roaring of guns and the ringing of bells did not permit us to forget the fact. At 9:30 a. m. a signal broke forth from the artillery that time had come for the people to gather at the appointed place; and at 10:30 the joyful audience was called to order by the marshal of the day. The people enjoyed the program that was rendered and at 2 p. m. a procession was formed,