COLUMBUS DAY.

Imposing Celebration in Salt Lake this Morning.

PROCESSION OF CHILDREN.

Eight Thousand From the Public Schools of the City in Line.

CEREMONIES IN THE TABERNACLE

The Building Decorated in Every Part.—Raising the Flag—Full Report of the Proceedings—Addresses Made and Music by Great Enthusiasm.

Very shortly after 9:30 this morning the pupils of the various public schools of this city began to assemble in their respective district buildings preparatory to taking part in the great parade in honor of the four hundredth anniversary of the discovery of America by Columbus. At 10 all the children formed in processions and marched two by two to Main, between South and South Temple, at which point the general parading was completed just before 10 o'clock. The Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh, Fourteenth and Nineteenth district schools and that of Hunter were attended by their respective drum corps. These were three bands—the Denhalter Rifle, the Liberal Drum Corps, and that of the Tabernacle juvenile choir, and these were to play a selection of lively airs while the arrangements for the day's doings were receiving the finishing touches.

The marshal of the movements was Principal McKay, of the Nineteenth District school, and he bears in the following gentlemen valuable corps of assistants: Principals Smith, of the Seventh district school; Jackson, of the Eleventh; McKay, of the Tenth, and Barlow, of Hunter. In addition to these Prof. J. P. Millspaugh, city superintendent of schools, took a very active share in the work both during parade and in the Tabernacle exercises.

Long before 10 o'clock, the hour at which the procession was announced to start, Main street for a couple of blocks down, as well as the immediate place of assembly was thronged on either side with spectators. It was quite 10:30, however, when the first move was made, the processionists being arranged in the order named.

First came the Liberal drum corps band, followed by about fifty members of the G. A. R., under the direction of Commander Harry Hunter, escorted by Acting Adjutant Greenhow. The posts represented were the George H. Maxwell (No. 2,) and the J. R. McKean (No. 1.) William Hilliard officiated as flag bearer.

The Denhalter Rifle band marched next, and then came the children of the various public schools. The primaries, 1st and 2nd grade, took the lead; they were followed by the 3rd and 4th grades, next in succession came those the 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th, the high school bringing up the rear. The Tabernacle juvenile band occupied a position towards the end of the procession. It is computed that there were fully 8000 in line, and in the course of the march the band played alternately.

The route taken was down Main to a cross-cut of blocks, thence along west Second South, up West Temple, then turning again First South along Richards avenue to the Tabernacle.

A large platform, the front of which was draped with the national colors, had been erected at the junction of Richards avenue and W. South Temple streets, and from which point the procession was reviewed by members of the City Council and Board of Education, and a number of prominent citizens. Among those on the stand were Mayor Baskin, Colonel Seale, Rev. Dr. Newman, Rev. David Utter, Mr. J. K. Mulvey, ex-Territorial Auditor Peck, and several ladies. As the scholars passed the structure they all saluted the company, which was courteously acknowledged by the gentlemen in gently raising their hats.

In the Tabernacle.

The procession slowly wended its way from this point across to the Tabernacle, and by the time the little ones—for whom the entire body of the large building had been reserved—had arrived there, the galleries as well as all other available places had been filled. The members of the G. A. R. posts and representatives of local lodges were accompanied with quite a number of ladies, Theodore Wilford Woodruff, George G. Cannon, and other prominent members of the Church were among the interested spectators occupying these near the stage.

The Republican drum corps made its appearance while the procession was going forward and were provided with center seats on the floor, to the left of the speakers' stand. The Tabernacle juvenile choir band and that of the Liberal drum corps treated the audience to several pieces of music, and at 11:45 the bugle call to order was sounded.

At 11:50 City Superintendent of Schools J. P. Millspaugh called upon Professor N. H. Dobson, of the High school, to read the President's proclamation setting forth Columbus day as a day of general holiday and thanksgiving.

Miss Alice Howe, of the Tabernacle choir, then rendered the proclamation of Governor Thomas in a similar manner, calling for a suitable observance of the day by the schools of this Territory.

As Miss Howe retired from the stand there occurred the raising the flag was performed by the veterans of the G. A. R. The flag was placed just in front of the organ, and was run up by a cord, from which it remained suspended. The Tabernacle juvenile choir band struck up the air "America." As the flag reached the top of the staff the rolling drum was beaten, and the veterans led the entire assemblage in "three cheers for old glory." The salute to the flag was then given spontaneously, and the sight was one that will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Hundreds were forth from handkerchiefs, and the youngsters waved their handkerchiefs with wild delight and enthusiasm. Such a scene has not been witnessed within the walls of the Tabernacle since the memorable occasion on which the impressive ceremonies in connection with the laying of the Temple capstone took place, on the last April conference.

By request, Miss Ida Stewart then sang "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and was followed by a round of applause from the throng of spectators who occupied the galleries from top to bottom of the place.

The Rev. Dr. Giles (Unitarian minister) having offered a prayer in acknowledgement to God, the pupils and audience joined in the singing of a song for Columbus Day, composed for the National School Celebration of Columbus Day by Harriet Blewett. The chorus is exceedingly pretty, and the effect of the rendition of the piece by such a multitude was grand.

The words of the song are as follows:

Columbia, we hail! all you who dwell on
Wide this vast continent! Hear, children of one
Mother, the tale we tell!
Tell how, a century ago, the Genius of Liberty, sitting
Where Atlantic's billows, in ceaseless motion
Ever beating against the shore, sing a lullaby
Rocking the cradle of a mighty nation
Dreamed of a day when the Western Hemisphere should
Hail the Genoese who, 'neath Castile's banner
Sailed across the sea, and, 'mid storm and danger,
Gave to Old World kings a New World.

Thousands have long celebrated his
Name, whose fame and honor is enshrined
Forever in our hearts.
Let us, children of Europe and America, join
Hand to hand, and sing
Joyful tribute to our noble sire.

Chorus:

Hail! hail!