

GUARDSMEN GIVE BIG RECEPTION

First Utah Battery Host Last
Night to Brilliant Gather-
ing at the Armory.

SHOW MODERN EQUIPMENT

New Artillery Material Exhibited and
Explained to Crowd Numbering
Over Five Hundred.

More than 500 people attended a big
public reception given in the quarters
of the First Utah Battery at the
armory in Pierpont street Monday
night to see the 3-inch breech-loading
steel rifle, the latest army gun of its
kind. Although it was an informal af-
fair, society was well represented. The
quarters presented a pretty scene. The
walls were hung with the national
colors, and the ceilings were strung
with festoons of myrtle. Japanese
lanterns. Christensen's orchestra of
12 pieces attracted visitors to the lower
floor, where the exhibit of the bat-
tery was explained by the officers and
men, the pieces were arranged just as
though they were in the field, except
that the intervals were smaller.

The following officers of the battery
gave interesting little lectures to
groups of visitors as they gathered
around the pieces: Capt. William C.
Webb, First Lieut. Fred Smith, Second
Lieut. Max Brown and Alex Thomas,
assisted by a number of non-commissioned
officers, including First Sergeant
Frank H. Mann, Quartermaster
Sergeant P. M. Knapp and Sergeants
Samuel Taylor, M. A. Breen, Jr., C. Y.
Clawson and Lynn Smith.

The chiefs of the battery alternately
put their crews through the drill,
showing how the new gun is manipu-
lated and illustrating its good features.
A number of regular army officers
inspected the battery, including Lieut.
Col. Charles H. Clark, of the ordnance
department, in command of the govern-
ment arsenal at Fort Sam Houston,
Tex.; Col. Walter S. Scott, commanding
the Fifteenth Infantry at Fort
Douglas; Maj. J. M. Arrasmith, Capt.
Willis Ulme, adjutant, Capt. T. E.
Harker, quartermaster, Capt. W. A.
Cavanaugh, commissary, Capt. F. W.
Rowell, Capt. Bryan Conrad, and
Lieut. R. H. Sullivan, A. O. Seaman,
N. M. Green, Alva Lee, and H. A. Bell.
Gov. Spry and Adj. Gen. E. A.
Wedgwood of the National Guard of
Utah, and his staff in uniform, re-
presented officialdom. The governor made
a brief speech at the close of the
evening, highly complimenting the men
of the battery on their efficient work,
and expressing a hope that the organ-
ization would soon receive enough
recruits to make a full complement. Gov.
Spry was accompanied by Col. H. E.
Booth, Col. H. M. H. Lee, Col. E.
Wright, and Lieut. Col. Rodney
Badger.

Refreshments were served on the
lower floor.

OBJECT OF RECEPTION.

The principal object of the reception,
aside from showing the people the new
guns, was to create interest among
young men in order to secure recruits,
as a full battery is wanted for the
camp to be held next summer, either
at American Lakes, near Seattle, or at
Crow Creek Indian reservation, in
Wyoming, when the guard will re-
ceive instruction from the regular army
in the annual maneuvers.

The First Utah Battery has good
reason to be proud of its new equip-
ment. The new 3-inch breech-loading
steel rifle, 1905 model, takes the place
of the old 3.2-inch field piece, and its
advantages are numerous and im-
portant. The recoil is taken up by an
oil cylinder. It has a traversing de-
vice with which a moving object may
be followed without relaying or shifting
the trail, besides an elevating de-
vice, so that the gun may be aimed at
any angle or in any direction without
moving the piece. With the old gun,
the trail had to be moved in order to
get a new sight, and each time that
the old gun was fired, it had to be re-
sighted. With the new gun, the piece
never moves after the first shot. Only
a recoil cylinder. Every time the piece
is fired, the barrel recoils 4 1/2 inches and
the new gun shoots more rapidly
from five to six aimed shots per minute
being the maximum.

One of the interesting features of the
operation of the new battery is that it
may shoot in indirect fire, at objects
which the gunner himself cannot see,
as the commander can communicate
the figures to the gunners by telephone.
A signal detachment works in co-op-
eration with the battery commander.

The new gun is equipped with the
panoramic sight, used with the whole
circumference for either direct or in-
direct firing. Another sight is used only
in direct firing.

DESTRUCTIVE PROJECTILES.

The initial velocity of the projectile
is 1,700 feet per second. It has an
extreme range of about 6,500 yards for
efficient work. The shell and shrapnel
are both in cartridge form, and are
set by a fuse-setter, instead of in the
old way, by which the shrapnel were

Christmas buying has commenced

Let your present be of the best
quality. Splendid variety of Tol-
let Sets, Manicure Sets, Military
Brushes, Beveled Mirrors, Jewel
Cases, Perfumes, etc., etc., at
very reasonable prices. Come in
and see them.



The Pure Drug
Dispensary
112-114
South Main
Street.

set by a hand-punch. The cartridge is
also more accurate. The cost of one
gun and carriage alone is \$20,000. The
whole battery cost \$110,000. It costs
\$10 per shot to fire the new gun. The
projectile weighs about 15 pounds.
The shrapnel has a combination time
and percussion fuse, so that it may be
exploded in the air, or, failing to do
so, explodes when it hits. It will kill
about 300 men in mass, and the ex-
plosion covers a wide egg-shaped area.
The whole surface of the piece is
protected with bullet-proof armor,
fired by firing the highest powder rifle
at it, at 100 yards. A section, including
one gun and two caissons, requires a
complement of 16 men, 6 horses to
the carriage and 6 horses on each
caisson.

There are 70 rounds of ammunition in
the caisson body. Each piece is equip-
ped with a complete set of tools and
spare parts for any part of the gun.
The crew does its own repairing. The
battery has enough equipment to last
for 6 months of field work.

A MODERN FIELD GUN.

The advantages of the new gun
were especially marked by officers
who have used the old gun. The old
3.2-inch rifle used to jump about 3
feet into the air and kicked back six
feet every time it was fired, and it
had to be moved back into its proper
place and aimed again before it could
be fired again, thus causing consider-
able loss of time. The old gun was
fired by means of a lanyard, and all
members of the crew had to be at least
two feet outside of the wheels. But
the new gun is fired with a firing-
handle, and the crew can stay right
behind the gun, protected by the
armor from the enemy's shots, instead
of being compelled to fight in the
open, as the old gun was. It is also
superior to the old, which consisted
of shell or shrapnel and a bag of
powder. The new projectile is all in
one piece and is fired by a single
ordinary cartridge, so that it can be
re-loaded by the crew.

The whole piece can be put out of
commission in an instant, in case of
capture, by removing the firing pin
from the breech, so that the gun can
not be afterwards used by the enemy.
On each side of the carriage are two
carries for emergency shells, to be
used only when the ammunition in the
caisson is exhausted, and the last two
shots are needed as a last hope. The
breech block is wonderfully simple
and can be taken apart and put to-
gether again in two minutes. Perhaps
the main advantage of this new gun
over the old is that it is as near
"fool proof" as such mechanism can be.

The men of the Utah battery had
their equipment in line on Monday
night, and every part of the four guns
and eight caissons was as clean and
shiny as a billiard ball. The new gun
does not shine so brightly as the old
one, as the old piece is painted
as the old-time piece, as it is painted
a dull olive drab which makes it
merge with the landscape in warfare,
thus keeping it from being easily seen
by the enemy. But the boys had the
guns so clean that a white glove could
be rubbed around any accessible part
without staining it.

The Utah battery now numbers
about 75 men, but a full complement
of 120 men is needed for the sum-
mer camp, and those who are interest-
ed are welcomed as recruits.

Preceding last night's reception, the
battery's equipment was subjected to
the fourth of its semi-annual inspec-
tion by Lieut. Col. Clark of the
ordnance department of the regular
army. To judge from the appearance
of the equipment, Col. Clark's com-
ments can only be that, though he
offered no expressions, reserving them
for his official report. With the
ordnance inspections and the inspec-
tions made triennially under the
direction of the secretary of war, four
inspections of the battery by regular
army officers must be passed yearly.

ILLUSTRATED LECTURE.

Prof. Fairclough of Stanford to Talk
on Archeology of Crete.

Prof. B. H. Fairclough of Stanford
university will deliver a lecture in
room 10 of the museum building at
the university Thursday evening, Dec.
16, on the Archeological Discoveries
of the Island of Crete. The lecture
will be illustrated.

The final game of the team series
between the seniors and freshmen occurs
tonight in the gymnasium. The
first basketball team will go to

American Fork Friday to meet the
Apollo team at that place.

ENCAMPMENT NOW MEMORY.

The executive committee of the G. A.
R. encampment held a meeting at the
Commercial club this afternoon and al-
lowed a number of bills which were
necessary to the closing up of the meet-
ing of the past summer. With this
action the affairs are closed and the
great meeting of 1909 has become a
closed incident, except in memory.

COURT NEWS

JUDGMENT FOR \$20,000.

T. H. Fitzgerald Awarded Verdict
Against Charles Morrison of London.

T. H. Fitzgerald, a representative
of an eastern syndicate, who paid \$20-
000 on a deal to purchase the Sanpete
Valley railroad, the Sterling Coal &
Coke company, the New Brown
Stone company, to Charles Morrison of
London, the owner, secured judgment
for that amount with interest Monday
in Judge George G. Armstrong's court.
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The deal was made three years ago
and the purchase price was \$276,000.

EXAMINED FOR SANITY.

John A. Leak Committed to Asylum
By Lunacy Commission.

John A. Leak, who has been exam-
ined four times by the lunacy commis-
sion, was committed to the State Men-
tal hospital this morning by Judge T.
D. Lewis. Leak is 26 years old and
lives with his parents, the McCornicks,
West. He is determined to carry a
gun fearing that somebody will kid-
nap him.

Eva Hay Sykes, a middle aged woman,
was examined as to her sanity. It
developed that she was afflicted with
nervous trouble and the case was con-
tinued. She will be sent to a private
hospital where she can be cured in a short time.

SULPHITES IN HAMBURGER.

Jacob Door, a meat dealer at 534 west
Second South street, was arrested this
morning on the complaint of Dr. J. W.
Trenan for putting preservatives in his
meat. It is alleged that Door used sul-
phites in his hamburger to make it look
fresh.

DEFENDANT DEFAULTS.

When George W. Hahn's case was
called in Judge George G. Armstrong's
court this morning against the Utah
Development company, the latter at-
torneys failed to appear and judgment
for \$300 by default was entered. Hahn
purchased 3,000 shares of stock in the
company at 10 cents a share on the
representations of E. C. Wheeler, sec-
retary of the company. Hahn went to
Nevada to look over the extensive prop-
erty of the company, the high grade
first class coal mine at the other end
but he was unable to find anything
but an extensive desert waste, and that
the company was heavily indebted.

RAILROAD CHANGES.

Circulars received at the O. S. L. of-
fices this morning announce that R. B.
Miller has been appointed traffic man-
ager of the O. R. & N. and Oregon &
Washington railways, with headquar-
ters at Portland, effective Jan. 1. W.
E. Coman, formerly general agent of
the O. S. L. in this city and transferred
to Portland, has been appointed general
freight agent of the O. R. & N. and
Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, with
headquarters at Portland. W. Rob-
inson, chief clerk in Mr. Stubbs' of-
fice at Chicago, has been transferred to
Portland, as assistant general freight
agent under Mr. Coman.

NOLAN IS ARRAIGNED.

Edward Nolan entered a plea of not
guilty to the charge of having embez-
zled \$47 from Samuel E. McGraw on
Nov. 8, when arraigned in police court
this morning. Judge Bowman set his
preliminary hearing for Jan. 6, and
set his bond at \$500. McGraw alleges
that Nolan failed to turn over collec-
tions to him.

CHRISTMAS IN JAIL.

E. D. Bartlett will spend Christmas
in jail, unless he is able to furnish \$500
bond required by Judge John M. Bow-
man in police court, when his prelimi-
nary hearing was set for Dec. 20.
Bartlett is charged with having refused
absolutely to support his 11-year-old
daughter and divorced wife. The lat-
ter informed the court that the decree
awarded her \$25 alimony a month and
custody of the child.

RECEIPT BRINGS CONFESSION.

When at 156 West South Temple, was
arrested and taken to police headquar-
ters, Monday night, he denied the
charge of John Okis, an Austrian, that
he had refused to give up a mission.
Okis had left in his possession for safe-
keeping.
Okis thereupon produced a receipt
which he claimed Jones had signed for
the money. Jones broke down and con-
fessed that the signature on the receipt
was his. Friends of the accused man
came to the police station and made
restoration to Okis. The police then
released Jones.

DESERTION CHARGED.

John H. Kees bought suit Monday
in the Third district court for a \$400
fine from Delina Ayala Kees, a wife
of the ground of desertion. They were
married in Tuxtlan, Pueblo, Mexico, on
Oct. 15, 1902. Since 1906 she has re-
fused to live with him.

FRANKLIN BOUND OVER.

A. Franklin, colored, pleaded guilty
to a charge of assault with a deadly
weapon, in having stabbed Charles
Williams, colored, with a knife on
Commercial street, Dec. 7, when
brought before Judge Bowman in po-
lice court today. He was bound over
for trial by the district court.

ALBERT BAAR BOUND OVER.

Albert Baar waived preliminary ex-
amination in police court this morning
and Judge Bowman bound him over
to the district court for trial on a
charge of burglary in the second de-
gree. He is accused of having robbed
the W. Gaby Fluff-rug company store,
on Nov. 25, of a couple of rugs. His
bail has been set at \$500.

WARD ENTERTAINMENTS

Whitney Hall—Tomorrow evening
at Whitney Hall, Elder James Moxie
leaves, who leaves shortly on a mis-
sion to Holland, will be tendered a
farewell testimonial. The admission
will be free, but voluntary contribu-
tions will be received at the door. His
friends in the Eighteenth ward have
prepared the following excellent pro-
gram: Violin solo, Prof. W. C. Clive;
recitation, Miss Myra Bywater; song,
George D. Eyer, with violin accompani-
ment by W. C. Clive and G. Herman Schett-

Children Still Addressing Letters to Old Santa Claus

Of course, Gov. Thomas, who holds
the credentials of Uncle Sam as Santa
Claus for the Salt Lake district, bears
out the part in appearance and dis-
position, but even the mental equi-
librium of an Isaac Newton would give
away before the assaults which are
aimed at him during the holidays. His
fine decoration of gray has been ma-
terially added to in the last few days
and it has been the fault of any num-
ber of youngsters who are vainly
endeavoring to locate the jolly gen-
tleman who comes down the chimneys on
Christmas eve.

"I wouldn't mind it so much," said
the postmaster today, "but you see I
have got to take those letters and send
them on to the dead letter office. And
the worst of it is that I can't open
them," and the governor turned over
a half a dozen of them ruefully. "I'd
like to do something for those kids,"
he continued, "but get off at it. I
at? Uncle Sam has an inclination to
do some spanking once in a while and
I am getting too far along to have
my trousers warmed."

ler, song, Mrs. Florence Dinwoodey;
reading, Mr. J. D. Spencer, piano solo,
Miss Sybilla Clayton; quintet, Mrs.
Florence Dinwoodey, George D. Pyper,
H. G. Whitney, H. S. Ensign and J.
D. Spencer; miscellaneous, including
remarks by the departing missionary.

RAILROAD NEWS.

MURRAY EXTENSION.

The Utah Light & Railway company
has extended its Murray track from
the old terminus, south of Seventeenth
South street, to the southern limits
of the Murray municipality, nearly two
miles. The extension will also be in
position. When ballasting shall have
been completed the company will be
ready to operate the extension, al-
though it is not convenient on the
company to do this before April next.

SPIKE AND RAIL.

Joseph McIlroy, general agent for
the Rock Island-San Francisco, is in
town on railroad business.

General Superintendent Daly of the
Rio Grande in Utah has gone to Den-
ver for conference over the winter
time card.

The Western Pacific will receive
freight from Utah and California com-
mon points on Monday, Dec. 20. Such
is the official announcement made from
Salt Lake headquarters.

General Agent J. G. Doolittle of the
Rock Island-Frisco lines in this city
has been notified yet of the se-
regation of the two systems. Such
it will be some time before there is any
change in the Salt Lake offices.

The present stress of weather has
occasioned a sudden demand for coal
that is making it rather strenuous for
the Utah Pacific operating and me-
chanical departments to keep trains
moving with proper regard for the
time card. The single track is clogged
with the first class trains, and the
traffic, and today's trains are late in
consequence.

BUS PASSENGERS

A. Fred Wey, proprietor of the
sand dollars in improvements at that
place. A new stair case is being in-
stalled, the office is to be remodeled
and other improvements made.

Harry Gesor of Blackfoot, and K.
McKenzie of Custer, Ida., are guests at
the Willson.

P. C. Davidson, traveling passenger
agent at the Kenyon from Los Angeles.

H. M. Butler and F. E. West of Og-
den, are in the city on business and
are stopping at the Kenyon.

W. H. Philbrick of American Falls
is at the Kenyon.

F. C. Jensen, a prominent sheepman
of Mt. Pleasant, is registered at the
Cullen.

A. D. Smith, L. L. Nunn and M. V.
Woodhouse of the Telluride Power com-
pany, are guests at the Cullen.

Miss G. L. Hutten of Ogden is a
guest of Mr. Mrs. Kent O. Keyes
at the Cullen hotel.

Douglas White, traveling passenger
agent of the Salt Lake Route, is at
the Knutsford.

Thomas Clegg of Blackfoot, Ida.,
James B. Brown of Wellsville, William
Jones of Price and H. S. Robnett of
Thistle are at the New Windsor.

David Evans is registered at the
Moxum.

C. E. Knight, an official in the
auditing department of the Rio Grande,
is registered at the Moxum.

J. H. Hansen, of Three Rivers,
Mich., is among the guests at the
Moxum. Mr. Hansen represents a com-
pany which is to put into service a 40 pas-
enger gasoline car to run from the
Tule City depot to the depot at Moxum.
He states that local newspaper men
are to be taken for a ride on the new
car Wednesday morning.

LATE LOCALS

Christmas Trees Arriving—Christ-
mas trees are beginning to arrive in
the Salt Lake market. Dealers report
them scarce this season, as the terri-
tory from which these trees can be cut
is becoming more and more restricted.
None can be cut on government land,
only from individually owned soil.

The high priests of Granite stake will
hold their monthly meeting at the
Granite stake tabernacle on Sunday,
the 19th inst. at ten o'clock a. m. All
interested are invited to attend.

Address by Dr. Thomas—The
library and gymnasium board held a
meeting Monday afternoon and decid-
ed to take part in the state teachers'
institute which will be held in Salt
Lake on Dec. 27. Dr. George Thomas,
professor of economics in the Agricul-
tural college of Logan will speak on
the matter of establishing libraries
and gymnasiums throughout the state.

PERFECT PROTECTION FOR \$2.50

We have Safe Deposit Boxes
for rent in our absolutely fire
and Burglar Proof vaults of suf-
ficient size to hold a large number
of papers and documents which
may be rented for \$2.50 a year.
It is usually the unexpected
that happens. You can never
know when your home may re-
quire the attention of the fire de-
partment. Friends can carry out
the furniture but only you can
save your precious papers of
value. If you keep them in a safe
deposit box in our fire and burglar
proof vaults you can know they
are safe, not only from fire
but also theft or loss.
UTAH SAVINGS & TRUST CO.
NO. 236 MAIN STREET
IN THE BUSINESS HEART.

One of the letters received this morn-
ing was addressed to:

Mrs. and Mr. Santa Claus
North Pole
Polar Bear Institute.
Box 2225
Iceberg Station.

In case the communication got lost
in the mails it was to be returned to
"Teddy, Leamington, Utah."
Another of particular note, and one
which denoted a keen interest in polar
exploration, bore the address:

Dear Santa Claus
Top floor of Pole Skyscraper
Case of Dr. Cook or Lieut. Peary
Whichever Got There.

"Now what do you think of that?"
queried the postmaster. "Those young-
sters expect me to settle a question
which the world at large is unable to
do. I think I'll send that one to
Copenhagen." The governor is re-
ceiving a number of missives which
are evidently mailed in jest by people
who should know better. But all of
them raise an unwelcome degree of
hilarity about the federal building and
brighten the ante-holiday time.

PERSONALS.

Chief F. E. Murray of the bureau
of animal industry has gone to Price
on government business.

Fred W. Chambers, state fish and
game commissioner, has gone to
Springville to look over the new state
hatchery there. He will be gone for
a day or two. Within a short time
the hatchery will be stocked with
trout fry.

Arthur E. Clarke, formerly book
keeper at the Knutsford for many
years, but lately engaged in business
in Seattle, is a guest at the Knutsford.

BORN.

STEVENSON—Sunday night to Dr. and
Mrs. T. W. Stevenson, 1300 McClellan
street, a boy.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of Orson Clyde Woolley
will be held Wednesday at 1 o'clock from
the Twenty-fourth ward chapel, First
and Second North streets. Take
Center street car. Friends invited. Body
may be viewed at the home of Bishop
No. 64 North First West street, be-
tween 10 a. m. and 12 noon on day of
funeral.

Funeral services of Annie G. Wensel
will be held in the Forest Dale chapel
at 1 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 15. Friends
are invited to attend. Interment in the
City cemetery.

Funeral services of Anna M. Coney,
the 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs.
W. J. Coney will be held from the re-
sidence, 325 south Eighth West street,
at 2 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 15. Friends
are invited to attend. Interment in the City
cemetery.

Funeral services of Mrs. B. Parsons,
deceased daughter of Mr. B. Parsons,
deceased, will be held at 2 p. m. Wed-
nesday, Dec. 15, at the City cemetery.

DIED.

WARD—At Bingham canyon, Dec. 11,
1899, Walter W. Ward, aged 23 years,
killed by accident.

Funeral services from K. of P. hall,
Bingham, at 1:30 p. m. today, Dec. 14,
under the auspices of Bingham
Lodge No. 10, I. O. O. F. Interment in
Bingham cemetery.

GALLAHER—At San Francisco, Cal.,
Dec. 10, 1909, Mrs. Helen Gallaher, aged
35 years, daughter of Mrs. B. Parsons,
deceased, died at her home.

Removal will be brought to this city
for interment. Will arrive Tuesday
morning. Notice of funeral later.

DAVIDSON—At 1506 Fifth East street,
Dec. 13, 1909, the infant daughter of
Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davidson of Park
City.

Funeral Wednesday morning at 10
o'clock from 1506 Fifth East street.

LARSON—In this city, Dec. 13, 1909,
Karen S. Larson, aged 87 years, widow
of the late John Larson.

Funeral services will be held from the
residence of Axel H. Steele, 925 east Fifth
South street, on Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1909,
at 2 p. m. Interment at Mt. Olivet.

ROBINSON—At 73 west Third North
street, Dec. 13, 1909, Hannah Robinson,
wife of Frederick T. Robinson and
daughter of James and Sarah Cooke,
born Feb. 12, 1825, in England.

Funeral services Wednesday, at 2 p. m.,
from the Twenty-eighth ward chapel.
Friends are invited to attend. Interment
at City cemetery.

LEES—In Elv, Nev. Dec. 12, 1909,
Samuel N. Lees, in his 61st year.

Funeral services will be held from the
S. D. Evans mortuary chapel, 48 south
State street, Wednesday, Dec. 15, 1909,
at 11 a. m. Interment (private) at City
cemetery.

LLOYD—At the residence, 228 east
South Temple street, Dec. 12, 1909, of
bronchitis-pneumonia, John Lloyd, in
his 69th year.

Notice of funeral later.

STANFORD—In this city, at 7:45 a. m.,
Dec. 14, 1909, of heart failure, Stephen
Stanford, born Dec. 6, 1832, at South-
wick, Brighon, England.

Funeral will be announced later.

R. E. Evans, Florist, 36 S. Main St.
Floral designs a specialty. Phones 261