

FIFTIETH YEAR.

EXPEDITION STARTS
FOR SOUTH AMERICASturdy Band of Science Seeking Utahans
Begin Their Memorable March to the
Wilds of Strange Lands.Journey Commenced Amid the Cheers of Brigham Young Academy
Students and Citizens of Provo, Who Banqueted the Party at
Noon Today—Farewell Reception in Academy Hall—Speeches
Made by Prominent Citizens—Response by President Cluff,
Chief of the Expedition, Who Will Act as Correspondent of
the "News" During its Researches in the Southlands.

SPECIAL TO THE "NEWS"

Provo, April 15.—Amid resounding
cheers from students and citizens of
Provo and other parts of the State, the
Brigham Young Academy South Amer-
ican expedition started on its
memorable march at 2 o'clock this after-
noon.A large crowd had gathered to wit-
ness the beginning of what is be-
lieved will prove to be one of the most
important exploring expeditions of lat-
ter times. Those who saw it could not but
feel a thrill of pride when the sturdy
Utahans gathered about preparatory
to taking their departure. There
were many a warm handshake and em-
brace and many a God send benedic-
tion pronounced upon them, while tears
swelled in the eyes and trickled down
the cheeks of fathers, mothers, sisters
and brothers and sweethearts. All
seemed to realize that the undertaking
was a momentous one, and that a long
time must necessarily ensue before they
could meet again. How long is not
known, but it is thought that the ex-
pedition will cover a period of from a
year and a half to two years.

AT THE ACADEMY.

All of the men have been carefully
chosen with reference to their moral
and physical lives and all now seem to
be in the very best of health and
strength as well as spirits. When they
entered the academy hall this afternoon
in their brown canvas uniforms they
presented a very neat appearance and
very few a word of applause that al-
most shook the historic building, the
enthusiasm in whose name and under
whose auspices the researches will be
made.The exercises at the academy were
very impressive in their character.
They were presided over by Prof. Brim-
hall, who made a few brief opening re-
marks referring eloquently to the pur-
poses of the great undertaking. The
academy choir sang several beautiful
selections under the direction of Prof.
Lamb. The opening prayer was offered
by Bishop Johnson, one of the Mexi-
can colonies, after which President
Cluff spoke feelingly to all present.
He said that the expedition was one of
the most important ever sent out by
the church, and he exhorted the mem-
bers thereof to lead the lives of Latter-
day Saints in order that they might re-
ceive the blessings that they were en-
titled to.Elder David John of the Stake presi-
dency said that the spirit of youth
was over him again in looking at the
young men who were about to under-
take this journey and it made him feel
as though he would like to take it with
them, that he, too, might be able to fol-
low in the footsteps of the great men
of God who have gone before him. He
said that he had read the Book of Mor-
mon.Elder Stephen L. Chipman endorsed
what had been said by the other speak-
ers and added that he was certain that
the expedition would perform a splendid
mission for mankind. Miss Ida Peterson
then sweetly sang a solo and Col. John
Q. Cannon gave some practical advice
to the members of the expedition, tel-
ling them that they should obey their

FROM ONE WHO HAS MADE THE TRIP

That the expedition is attracting
wide-spread attention throughout the
country is evident. The number of im-
portant and influential newspaper re-
porters that it is receiving is very great.
Thinking people will watch its progress
with marked interest. The letters from
Professor Cluff to the "News" will be
particularly sought for and read. The
fact that he is to write for the "News"
has been widely circulated as reference
to the following letter received by the
"News" today from Fannie Brigham
Ward, its special correspondent.
While Cuban and Spanish letters have
appeared regularly in this paper for a
long time past. The letter, too, is full
of many useful hints and practical sug-
gestions, coming as it does from one of
the foremost woman writers and travel-
ers of the day. Mrs. Ward writes
from No. 1111 Massachusetts Avenue,
Washington, D. C.I am much interested in the explor-
ing party from the Brigham Young
Academy, which is about starting on its
long journey through Mexico and South
America, and as I do not know how
otherwise to put myself into communi-
cation with the party, I ask you to do
so for me, by forwarding this letter to
each of the gentlemen in charge. I am
especially interested in the undertaking
because I made the same journey my-
self and have spent about seven years
of my life exploring every part of Mex-
ico and South America, the West Indies
and partly in '83, before the railroads
were completed, and remained two
years and have since made another trip
to Mexico, occupying about six months.
Years ago I had the thing thought
thoroughly, from Panama to Cape
Horn. We crossed the Andes in sev-
eral places, went about 2,000 milesUP THE AMAZON.
went mummy-hunting in Peru, passed
through Smyth's channel and the
Strait of Magellan, spent some time
in Punta Arenas (the southernmostleaders in all things. If they did this
he was certain they would succeed in
the purposes for which they were about
to set out. Furthermore he was proud
to know that he had a son worthy of
undertaking the trip with them.President Woolley of the Kanab Stake
also offered a few words of encourage-
ment but said that he would meet the
boys later, when they were about to
cross the line into Arizona. President
Woolley was followed by Hon. George
M. Cannon, who felt certain that the
blessings of the word would attend the
expedition.Apostle Reed Smoot was the last
speaker. He admonished the members
of the expedition to lead pure lives and
to keep in fear of the Lord and to
pray unto Him for aid. If they did this
he was certain that the blessings of
God would accompany them. The benedic-
tion was pronounced by W. H. Du-
senberry.

FLAG PRESENTATION.

A beautiful American flag, the handi-
work of the Brigham Young Academy
training school, was presented to the
expedition and accepted by President
Cluff, who said he deeply sensed the
responsibility that rested upon him and
appreciated the gift and the patriotic
sentiments that were back of it. The
flag, he said, would be triumphantly
borne wherever the party went, and
that it would be successful in all its
efforts. He asked for the faith and
prayers of the Latter-day Saints.

THE BANQUET.

A banquet then followed, during
which the members of the party part-
ook of as sumptuous a meal as trained
minds and hands could provide for
them. Tonight they will be given a simi-
lar reception and banquet by the good
citizens of Spanish Fork.

PARTY'S PERSONNEL.

The entire personnel of the party is as
follows: President B. Cluff, Provo;
Professor W. M. Woolley, Provo; Gordon
S. Beckstead, South Jordan; Prof. J. B.
Fairbanks, Ogden; W. S. Tilton, War-
ren; Shepherd, Beaver; H. E. Olsen, Jr.,
George Q. Cannon (son of Col. John Q.
Cannon), Salt Lake; Eugene Roberts,
Provo; Mather Pack, Kanab; W. M.
Hughes, Spanish Fork; A. C. Klenke,
Nephi; Lafayette Rees, Wales; Chris-
tian Olsen, Ephraim; Heber Magency,
Parley Nelson, Monroe; Royal Woolley,
Knab; William R. Adams, Joseph;
Charles Parowan; B. F. Higgs, Jr.,
Chester Van Buren, Orangeville; Soren
Hansen, Castle Dale.

ITINERARY.

The party's itinerary up to the time it
crosses the Utah line is given below,
beginning with the reception at Span-
ish Fork tonight:
April 18—Dinner at Santaquin; night
at Nephi.
April 19—Dinner at Wales; night at
Ephraim.
April 20—Dinner at Mayfield; night at
Gunnison.
April 21—Dinner at Salina; night at
Richfield.
April 22 (Sunday)—At Richfield.
April 23—Kanab.
April 24, 25 and 26—Beaver.
April 27—Parowan.
April 28—Panguitch.
April 29—Alays.
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States to be Considered, with a View to Making a Recom-
mendation to Congress as to the Legislation Needed—Propo-
sitions that Have Been Made—Those Who Will Attend—
Governors Steunenberg of Idaho and Thomas of Colorado
Unable to Attend.

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In all probability the governors of a
number of western States will meet in
conference at the Knutsford at 11
o'clock tomorrow morning. Should the
governors be late in arriving, the hour
of meeting will be postponed until the
afternoon.The gathering will be an interesting
one and will include some of the most
notable figures in the West. Governor
Steunenberg, Idaho's picturesque execu-
tive, will not be able to attend, but
Governor Richards, of Wyo., Governor
Smith, of Montana, Governor Sadler, of
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The Idaho executive will be re-
presented by F. L. Oswald and J. E. Clin-
ton, Jr. Governor Thomas, of Colorado,
is still engaged in the Colusa Parrot-
Anaconda mining suit at Butte, and
may not be able to leave in time to at-
tend.

THE FIRST ARRIVAL.

Governor Smith, of Montana, is the
first to arrive. He came in this morning
and is registered at the Knutsford.
Briefly stated, the object of the con-
ference is to reach an agreement as to
the sort of legislation regarding arid
lands that will be of the greatest bene-
fit to the States directly interested. The
question is one of vast importance to
the West, and by concerted action it is
hoped a satisfactory solution of the
whole problem will be reached by Con-
gress.

GOV. WELLS TALKS.

Governor Wells, in speaking of to-
morrow's meeting said to the "News"
today: "If all the visiting governors
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hold a morning session, beginning at
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ing will be held in the afternoon."
"The only question which we are to
consider is that of the disposition of the
arid lands of the western States. As
you are all aware, there are several
proposed plans for dealing with this
question, but none of them suit the
States most concerned in the matter.
One proposition is for the government
to acquire these lands and apply the pro-
ceeds to the construction of water
storage reservoirs for the redemption of
the wastes. Another plan is for the
government to cede all those arid lands
to the States in which they are located
and require the State officials shall
lease them and devote to their reclama-
tion the revenues thus obtained. In
fact, nearly everybody who has pro-
posed legislation upon the subject has
had a different plan from that of every
other man. Our object is to simply
agree among ourselves as to some plan
which we may jointly suggest or pro-
mote as legislation for the most ad-
vantageous disposition of arid lands."

GOV. STEUNENBERG'S VIEW.

"Governor Steunenberg I know to be in
favor of allowing the matter to rest in
statu quo, and I believe there are
others who desire no legislation
whatever upon the question. When the
governors of arid land states met in
Washington a short time ago there ap-
peared to be rather a disposition to
snub them and to ignore any recom-
mendation which they may make with
reference to the question, the fact that
at some time the proposition will be
legislated upon is what brings the
governors here tomorrow. Even if a
majority of them are opposed to leg-
islation they will decide upon some
united recommendations in the event
that laws governing these lands must
inevitably be passed."

THE ARID LANDS.

"For the present all national legisla-
tion upon the subject has been held
up, but I do not think this action is
out of respect to our opinions."

GOVERNOR SMITH OF MONTANA.

Comes to Attend the Conference of Governors—Believes Quay
Will be Seated and That the Governors Will Appoint—
No Extra Session for Montana.

GOV. STEUNENBERG'S VIEW.

Gov. Robert Smith, of Montana, ar-
rived here this morning to attend the
Governors' conference tomorrow, and
will remain over until Thursday night.
To the "News" he said that the con-
ference was a continuation of a rather
hurried and informal discussion held in
Washington some time ago on the arid
land question, and he hoped to see an
agreement reached and some line of ac-
tion decided upon.When the Montana senatorial mix-
up was suggested, the governor smiled,
and did not appear grieved over the
action of the Senate committee in
agreeing to recommend that the seat
of Senator Clark be declared vacant.