

# ŝG TABERNACLE

Every Seat in the Historic Building Occupied Last Night-Stirring Speeches by Gov. Spry, Judge King, Commander Smyth, Commander-in-Chief H. M. Nevius, Mayor Bransford and Others.

Every seat in the historic old Tabernacle auditorium was occupied with hundreds of people standing in the nisles and doorways when the semiofficial gathering of the officers and members of the Grand Army of the Republic was called to order last night. Under the gathering folds of what one of the speakers of the evening designated the most beautiful decorations ever arranged for the reception of the Grand Army, 8,000 veterans and their friends assembled to hear the expressions of felicitation and hearty welcome accorded the old soldiers by the governor of the state of Utah, the mayor of Salt Lake, and the stirring responses by the commander-in-chief of the Grand Army, his senior vice commander, and the inspiring music of the bands and the patriotic strains of some of Salt Lake's leading vocal ar-The scene was one of unparalleled splendor, and will live in the hearts of the veterans, the visitors and all who took part until the last day of their existence.

### "WELCOME G. A. R."

One of the pretty incidents of the evening was the illumination of the words lined in electric lights above the great organ "Welcome G. A. R." upon the arrival on the stand of Com-mander-in-Chief Nevius and his staff. And another incident of a memorable King, in behalf of 20,000 grammar and high school pupils of Salt Lake City, high school pupils of Salt Lake City, of a beautifully mounted silk flag to the commander-in-chief for the Grand Army. Gen. Nevius, in accepting the flag, said that when he marshaled his veterans on the banks of the Jordan and demainded the unconditional sur-render of the city of Salt Lake, the in-habitants of that city, by their little children, sent out the flag of peace in the form of the national emblem pre-sented to the old army, which would. he said, be preserved in the hall of honored treasures of the Grand Army

### as long as it should endure. CHEERS FOR OLD GLORY.

The music of the evening was furished by Held's band. When the open-ing strains of the "Star Spangled Ban-ner" floated out over the vast assemner" floated out over the vast assem-blage, every person in the audience stood on his feet and cheered when the picce was through. Mrs. Emma Ram-sey Morris, daughetr of, a Civil war veteran, rendered in her matchless style the same song; and Mrs. Anna Colburn Plummer sang with feeling "The Flag Without a Stain." The Civil War Musicians also rendered sev-eral pleces and Charles H. Taylor of Chleago and John E. Gliman of Bos-Chleago and John E. Gliman of Bos-ton, two veterans, sang with spirit the duet, "Larboard Watch."

# summon and collect again the recol-lections of by-gone days.

"IF I WERE A SOLDIER." I were a soldier, and had fought shoulder to shoulder with you; if I had felt with you the depression of defeatthe exaltation of victory-if I had tasted with you the cup of bitterness which you have been called upon to drink-if I had done all this, doubtless I would feel competent to address you. But, I fancy, even then, the most joyous communion would be the sweet convers of reminiscence, the quiet narration of remembered experience,

It has been my privilege and great pleasure during the past few months to attend and participate in many gatherings, both within and without this state—gatherings representative of the many and diversified interests of our citizens.

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I have been impressed by the spec tacle of men and women, eager and active in the exercise of the great her-itage of American citizenship—the franchise. I have followed with interest the proceedings of the conventions of the financial interests of our peopleand I have experienced a growing con-viction that our financial stability as a nation is permanently established; I have attend, and followed, with a feel-ing of ever increasing pride, the com-moncement exercises of our institutions

of learning-and I am satisfied that the sons and daughters of our republic are exceptionally favored in their educa-tional opportunities; I have had occa-sion to observe the religious devotion of the people of our country—and I be-lieve the citizens of the United States are a God-fearing upright people. The picture of peace and plenty which has greeted me on every hand, has caused me to rejoice in the manifold evidences of a kind and generous Providence. Each of these gatherings has carried with it its distinctive atmosphere, and

ach of the observations has left its individual impress. "MOVED BY EMOTIONS."

But, tonight, as I stand in your presence, I am moved by emotions which I find it difficult to describe. The distinguished assemblage of this occasion

stirs in me such a variety of thoughts and reflections that I am at a loss to particularize. There is but one other gathering that arouses in me feelings akin to those l experience tonight, and that is the as-semblage which I believe can be wit-nessed only in Utah. I speak of that beautiful custom which is followed in this state, the celebration known as "Old Folks" day—an occasion upon which each beautiful each is in do

which youth and middle age join in do-ing honor to old age-when every person in our midst who has reached his three score and ten years is the honored guest at a gathering, the impressiveness and beauty of which cannot be described. Language is not subtle enough, not

tender enough to express all that we feel on an occasion such as this, and,



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## creased with that rapidity which her boundless opportunities warrant. Her limitless resources have laid practical-ly untouched by the hand of the de-veloper. But the confident, determined w. unswerving, undismayed, have odded on, holding fast to their lith in Utah. That faith was faith well placed; those efforts well spent; and Utah, by the right and strength of her own worth has forced

herself to a position of eminence among the states of the Union, rich in possibility, and attractive in re-We invite you to avail yourselves of this occasion to make a close inquiry into the representations which we advance regarding our state.

AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

We direct your atention to her agricultural resources—her farms and fields of waving grain—her soil appro-priated to the cultivation of vegetables and flowers—her orchards, laden with a wide variety of lusclous friut that brings a premium on the world's mar-kets. We urge you to direct an en-quiring eye over our ranges and mark the sleek catt's note the millions of sheep that play an important part in

vouchsafed.

Utah's part in the great conflict was perhaps small, because we were few in numbers and far from civilization, but during those days of tense anxiety that immediately preceded the War of the Rebellion, when the United States Government awaited, with breathless sus ernment awaited, with breathless sus-pense, the alignment of the states and territories on the vexed problem, the people of Utah, remote from the fields of significant development, dependent upon the slow, wheels of the overland stage—chared for news. And finally, on the 18th of October, 1861, when the Paci-tic Talegram connected its erans. the 1sth of October, 1s61, when the Paci-fic Telegraph company completed its line to Great Salt Lake City, Brigham Young, transmitted the maiden message to J. H. Wade, at Cleveland, Ohio, "Utah has not seceded, but is firm for the Constitution sad laure of com-

for the Constitution and laws of our once happy country."

"POINTS WITH PRIDE."

Stars and Stripes since the War of the Rebellion—that you may behold the transformation which has been wrought. It is fortunate that we of the west may mingle with you and rejoice in the harmony Providence has youchsafed. the greetings of the president, of the Woman's Relief corrs, The veterans of the National Asso-clations of Civil War musicians then rendered some stirring martial strains, and they were applauded to the echo. The greeting to the veterans from the national organization of the wo-men of the G. A. R. was extended by the president of the organization ties that will remain unbroken until the last of the comrades are gone.

"The Grand Army comrades won for themselves and their country undying fame, the luster of which will grow brighter during the passing years and by their work they had engraved their fame upon the tablets of progress." In conclusion Commander Smyth in the conclusion, Commander Smyth, in the name of the city and the state, ex-tended a hearty welcome to the vet-

### GEN. HENRY M. NEVIUS.

Commander-in-Chief Henry M. Nevius was then introduced by Judge King. General Nevius received an ovation as he arose to address the assembly.

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J. KENT HAMILTON.

he arose to address the distribution He said in part: "Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, ladies of the allied organi-zations, and fellow citizens: It is in-deed a humiliation for me to stand be-fore you as I do tonight, unable to re-spond before such an audience as this,

mutual love for country, flag and in-stitutions, which finds expression in ap-proval of the work you wrought. From south to north, from east to week, your countrymen are saying, "The Union was preserved! "Twas well! "Tis well!" MY FATHER WORE THE GRAY."

My father wore the gray. His sword was raised for the stars and bars. He deemed the cause for which he fought not only just, but holy. He wept as sincerely and earnestly as you cheered when Grant received sword of Lee at Appomattox. the But time has viven demonstration that the weal of South as well as North depended on the preservation of that Union, and time afforded retrospective view and knowledge, has brought con-viction that Providence, which stood beside our country's cradle was guar-dian of her people's weal, her holy flag, when you were fighting in a righteous cause, he for a cause mis-taken taken.

Ere death had placed its chilling seal upon his lips, he bade me know that he with me in fervent exclamation joined. "Thank God our country's flag so beautiful, so loved, was wav-ing over Sumter's battered walls. O'er North and South when strife had end-ed and smoke of internecine battle had fled forever from our soil."

SHOULDER TO SHOULDER TODAY

I thank God for the young blood of I thank God for the young blood of the North and South, marching shoulder to shoulder under the old flag: for gallant Joe Wheeler in a uniform of blue, for Bagley's dust beneath the palmettos of Carolina, for the grayhaired Confederate veteran Smith died on the firing line at the head of the boys from Tennessee, and tears which fell from Lawton's fate from eyes which once were hostile. It is our happy fate to know that North and South now stand for one cause, is our happy fate to know that North and South now stand for one cause, one country, one destiny, for the Amer-ican flag against all the world, and in the land where "taps" shall never sound, or "reveille" be heard, I know the hands of Grant and Lee, of Sher-idan and Jackson met and spread in loving benediction as they saw a Lee of Virginia in the saddle leading troops in uniform of blue, a grandson of Grant by his side.

### HAD IT BEEN OTHERWISE.

We today are proud citizens of e greatest and most prosperous nat. known to ancient or modern history. We can only guess, and fremble as v<sup>5</sup> guess, what the result might have be a had the outcome of the Civil war been otherwise. We can but feel that two flags flying in sovereignty, one over the North and one over the South, would not command the respect and admiration accorded by the powers and people of the series to the one heautiful people of the earth to the one beautiful and sacred banner of our country, which has its citadel deep down in the loving hearts of all who live beneath its folds.

Recalling the part you played in the great drama of our nation's weal, the sacrifices you made, the privations you endured to bring to us of a succeeding generation, peace so profound, Union so hallowed, blessings so copious, and country so great and prosperous, we place our laurel wreath in laving ven-eration on each brow and say "All hail! Thrice welcome!"

The hospitality of our homes, the gratitude of our hearts, the full measure of our respect are yours; we are hosts much hanored by the coming of such guests. Our people are your ser-vants. Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic, command us at your



#### JUDGE KING'S WELCOME.

Former Congressman William H Former Congressman William H. King acted as temporary chairman of the gathering. In words of eloquence he welcomed the veterans. He said in part: "The people of Utah have shown in the manner in which they have greeted the veterans that they appre-clate in the highest degree the honor of having in their middle the meet monof having in their midst the most won-derful organization which the world has ever seen. We esteem it an honor to welcome the survivors of the Grand Army, so many of whom gave their lives that the nation might live."

#### GOVERNOR WM. SPRY.

The Modoc Glee club of Kansas then rendered a patriotic number, and Gov. William Spry was introduced by the chairman and delivered the address of welcome of the people of Utah to the veterans. Governor Spry spoke as fol

Mr. Chairman, and Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic: In dis-charging the pleasant duty of extending the geetings of the people of Utah to their distinguished guests on this necession, I shall not attempt to sulogize. Rather shall I direct my remarks to-ward the establishing and cementing of that good spirit of friendship which our great respect for you and your lives prompts us to gain. Knowing that I would occupy the position in which I now find myself, I have searched for some word in praise of you that has been heretofore left unspoken I have come to the conclusion that there is no utterance I can make that will add one whit to the imperishable glory that is already yours. And, I have yondered, if, after all, the beaut fully dressed phrases in ostentatious com-mendation of what you have done, do not, oftentimes, fail to arouse the sacred heart interest which twines about the hallowed memories of the past. None but a necromancer could



language failing, you must look into our hearts and there read the breadth of our esteem for you.

# CLESS THE VETERANS."

God bless the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic! To you and your loyalty we are under an everlast-

your loyalty we are under an everiast-ing debt of graitude. What a source of satisfaction—with what joy the cups of your declining years must be filled when you recount the glorious history of the intervening years—the growth of your country—the Union which you preserved raised to Union which you preserved raised to the proud eminence of the greatest na-

ion on carth, honored and respectedthe principles for which you fought vindicated, and "the mystic chords of memory" as predicted by President Lincoln, now "stretching from every battle-field and patriot grave to every living heart and hearthstone all over this beack lead synalling the chorus of

this broad land, swelling the chorus of the Union, as they are again touched by the better angels of nature." What a splendid courage yours has been-the courage that knew not fear been—the courage that knew not fear —the determination that would not be lefeated. The thought is borne in upor defeated. The thought is borne in upon me, that it is, indeed, a glorious herit-age you are leaving to the sons and daughters of this country—the example of lives of patriotism and loyalty.

### "A SHIELD BETWEEN."

When your country placed you as a shield between its Constitution and hostile foes, you did not ignobly de-cline the danger, although the priniples for which you fought were questioned by those of your own blood and must be maintained at nothing short of the fearful cost of a brother's life. Into the deepest guils of a block on the inter-the deepest guils of a block conflict you plunged yourselves without com-plaint or murmur, body and soul, spurred by the same spirit that found-ed our country, directed by the same overruling Providence that guided the foremers of the Constitution

framers of the Constitution. We are glad that you have come. As representative of the old centers of our country, you will carry back with you to your bomes and friends imyou to your homes and friends im-pressions that will be the result of peronal observations. I feel that I would not be doing jus-tice to my state or the people whom I represent if I did not take advantage

of this opportunity to ask your careful consideration of those things which are of vital concern to us as a people, loyal as we are to our country and her in-stitutions, proud of our state and her honor, and solicitous for the maintenwhich is the just due of loyal and true

"WESTWARD MOVEMENT."

The past few years have witnessed a decided weetward movement of the point designating the center of popula-tion in the United States. And still that point is far east of Utah. The van of restless humanity sweeps west-ward persistently; and the Pacific states vie with each other in spirited efforts to attract the home-seeker. Perhaps of all the far western states and territories, mone has been so fre-

Pernaps of all the far western states and territories, none has been so fre-quently foisted, an unwilling object, in-to the public attention than Utah. Un-questionably, than Utah, no state in the Union has been so often the victim of public censure and bad repute, because of gross misrepresentation and preju-dic backed and scattered broadcast

dice, hatched and scattered broadcast, by ambitious, selfish individuals, whose motives are not above censure. As a

the sheep that play an important part in the country's wool production. Investigate our mining operations and be convinced that within the boun-daries of the state of Utah is one of nature's ricses' treasure vaults plentl-ruly stored with the precious minerals

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of the earth Allow yourselves to be moved by the Anow yourserves to be more a joint grandeur of our snow-capped moun-tains, the beauty of our valleys, the mystery of our great dead, sea the color of our skies. Drink the breath of rejuvenation that comes with our

cool mountain breezes. Crowning Utah's achievements, pav-ing the way for future generations of broad-minded, intelligent, citizens, is her educational system. If you carry no other friet away with you, write on the tablete of your memory that during the school year just closed, the state of Utah expended in the grammar grades alone for every day the schools were pen over thirteen thousand dollars for an estimated common school popula-tion of less than one hundred thousand.

# "KNOW OUR PEOPLE."

Meet, mingle with, and know our people in their business and in their homes. Judge them by the only true test of American citizenship-ability and fidelity—and we shall be more than friends. From the day it was settled that Salt

Lake City was to have the 1909 en-campment of the Grand Army of the Republic. I have been profoundly mpressed with the appropriateness of the selection. It is fittingly proper that you who were the preservers of our country's unity should have opportunity

### STICK TO IT

### Until Coffee Hits You Hard.

It is about as well to advise people to stick to coffee until they get hit hard enough, so that they will never forget their experience, although it is rather unpleasant to have to look back to a and opportunity thrown away, which is really the terrible price paid for the weakest kind of a "mess of pottage." A woman writes and her letter is condensed to give the facts in a short,

space: "I was a coffee slave and stuck to it like a tope to his 'cups,' notwithstand-ing I had headaches every day, and frequently severe attacks of sick head-aches, then I used more coffee to reaches, then I used more coffee to re-lieve the headaches, and this was well enough until the coffee effect wore off, then I would have sick spells. "Finally my digestion was ruined, se-

vere attacks of rheumatism began to appear, and ultimately the whole nerv ous system began to break down and I

was fast becoming a wreck, "After a time I was induced to quit coffee and take up Postum. This was half a year ago. The result has been most satisfactory. "The rheumatism is gone encirely. blood is pure, nerves practically well and steady, digestion almost perfect, never have any more sick headaches and am gaining steadily in weight and

strength 'There's a Reason." "The Road to Wellville," in Read pkgs Ever read the above letter? A new

one apears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human

A brief message from the representative of a mere handful of isolated peo-ple-but withal an expression to which

younger Utah points with pride. I direct your attention to this mes-sage: I endorse its sentiment, and I say to you in all earnestness that the people of Utah stand on the same declaration today.

Utah did not actively participate in the conflict, though on April 28, 1862, President Lincoln, through the adjutant four days, and for two days I have got to preside over 1,600 of the ablest parli-amentarians that exist in the United general, called upon the governor to raise, arm and equip a company of cavalry to be employed in protecting States of America. I wish to say to you this: that I have the ablest assistthe property of the telegraph company and the overland mail. The fact that on May 1, three days later, the governor wired that the company had been sworr vide this work with me and I want him to respond to the governor, the mayor in the day previous, was evidence that Utah's loyalty was not the mere expres-sion of high sounding allegiance. and other eloquent speakers."

Since that time Utah has had one other opportunity to demonstrate her national loyalty and readiness to re-sort to arms in the defense of her coun-J. Kent Hamilton, senior vice commantry. The record of the Utah volun eers in the war with Spain is evidence that there was spirit behind the enlistment of our sons.

### "RIPENED EXPERIENCE."

It is meet that with silvered locks The is meet that with silvered locks and ripened experience should be linked the lessons of loyalty and patriotism. There is that subtle something which associates steadfastness with age. Life's experiences and trials, hallowed with the sanctity of sorrow; its triumphs and joys crowning the furrowed brow with a noble dignity, all lend a splendid inspir ation to the young and tender mind. For the reason that you are representatives of the greatest army of patriots who ever raised arms in defense of the honor of the grandest country the world's history has known—we are honencampment. ored to have you with us. We are thankful that our children may have impressed upon their minds the

which your presence carries with it. I am here primarily for the purpose extending to you the survivors of that glorious army of the republic, the greet-ings of the people of this state. I speak for all Utah when I say: "Wel-come comrades—thrice welcome to our midst." I voice the unanimous senti-ment of the people of Sait Labe City. ment of the people of Salt Lake City, when I say that the proverbial latch string is discarded-the doors are flung and our city, our homes, are wide. yours to enjoy during your visit.

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### COMMANDER SMYTH.

COMMANDER SMYTH. I have come here are not too old to see Lucian H. Smyth, commander of the | for this city and this state a splendid, department of Utah G. A. R., was then introduced by Chabman King. Com-mander Smyth said in part:

mander Smyth said in part: "For Salt Lake City to have been chosen for the encampment, was a great honor and our people will show their appreciation of that honor by the wel-come they will extend to you. It may be of interest to some of you to know that the city in which we are meeting is the leading one of the vast inter-mountain country; a region of which Daniel Webster once said it was so des-olate that it would never be habitable place olate that it would never be habitable olate that it would never be habitable to man. Today this vast area is dotted over with prosperous communities, and within the limits of this city was begun the first Anglo-Saxon cultivation of the soil by irrigation on the American continent, the only system of cultivation ganizations. that could redeem the west from the forbidding prophecy of the great sen-ator from Massachusetts.

rganization. She: spoke feelingly of and after receiving such a greeting as and after receiving such a greeting as I have. But you all know what has been before me for the past year, and particularly for the last week. The key of the city belongs to us, your hospitality belongs to us and the whole thing is over and not a shot has been fired and nothing but good feel-ing exists. You must see that it is imaccomplishments of the nurse on the battlefield.

It was close on to midnight when D. R. Henry of Kansas, national patriotic instructor for the women of the G. A. R., in behalf of the nationa organization presented Salt Lake City with a beautiful oll portrait of Abraham Lincoln. The portrait cost \$250 and will either be placed in possible for me to reply to those who have preceded me. You must remem-ber what I have been through the last the public library or the City and County building.

Mrs. Genevieve Hager Longfield Lane, She also thanked the people of Salt Lake City for their kindly reception. Comrade Charles Burton of Cali-fornia was the next to respond and confined his remarks to a few brief but fitting expressions

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#### MAYOR'S RESPONSE.

Mayor Bransford graciously accepted the gift, his speech in full being as follows:

Veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic—As mayor of this city, behalf of all its inhabitants, wh whas hearts and minds give sanction to my every word, I welcome you to Salt Lake City, and express their earnest hope, and mine, that your stay within ou gates may be as enjoyable as the wel Commander Nevius then introduced ome of our people is universal and sincere

der-in-chief, who said: "I can't presume to fill the place or to None could be more welcome, non equal the commander-in-chief in the position of replying to these most gramore deserving or honored guests than the survivors of that great army which was the invincible "Old Guard" of na-tional safety and honor, the conservayous words of welcome. I can only say to Gov. Spry and Mayor Bransford and Department Commander Smyth that the boys of the Grand Army of the tor of national unity, during years of agony and woe, when the eyes and hopes of all lovers of liberty centered Republic have heard your words of welcome with inexpressible pleasure. on the flag, borne through varying vicissitudes to ultimate victory, by you and your brave comrades, most of "We little knew what pleasure and what delight was before us when we decided to come to Salt Lake City, and whom will march with you on earth no

I want to say in your behalf, my com-rades, and I believe it was your uni-versal sentiment, that there was no Your hair and cheeks then radiant with the gloss and bloom of youth, mistake made when we selected Salt have since been silvered and furrowed Lake City for the forty-third national by frosts falling through intervening years so silently and yet relentlessly "Gov. Spry, the position you take in behalf of the great commonwealth over which you preside toward us we ac-Your steps then firm and elastic are now uncertain and halting. Your hands which then grasped anon the cept with gratitude. We listened with falling standard, the musket and the pleasure to your statement of the re-sources, of the splendor of this great sword, now tremble as they rest upor supporting staff. Your eyes the sparkling with the excitement and fe commonwealth and were especially de-lighted to hear from your lips the story ver of the fray, now dimly turn to ward sunset lights, beyond which you of the loyalty, patriotism and fidelity to the Constitution and the Union which, as you say, has always aniyou great commanders and the vast jority of your comrades have pitchel nated the people of this commontheir white tents.

ONE ATTRIBUTE UNCHANGED.

"Mr. Mayor, you have every reason to be proud that by the suffrages of your fellow citizens you have been called upon to be the chief magistrate The only attribute unchanged is that unselfish love for flag and country which prompted you to deeds of sacri-fice and daring, when you tendered at the altar of union and liberty, as of this glorious and splendid city by this great interior lake. It is a city of It is a city of which you may well be proud. We who willingly as those whose lives fed sacrifical flames, that supreme offering so pathetically termed by the martyred Lincoln, "that last full measure of de-votion."

aye, an imperial future. "But it is not in words alone that the welcome has come to the hosts of Tears of sorrow and sounds of mourning attended every footstep as you marched to battle in days gone by, but tears and cheers of loving gratitude attend upon your every step today. the Grand Army. The splendid outpour-ing of welcome, of hospitality by the people of this city and state has filled our hearts with delight. We feel that you have bade us welcome as most gracious and hospitable hosts. We feel Applause of those who agreed, male-dictions of those who differed, filled your ears from 1861 to 1865, but now that on the shorese of the great lake we the cheers of a united and harmoni-ous people hall with loving acclaim the stars and stripes, for whose ascend-ency you fought, as the loved symbol have a home and a delightful abiding Commander Nevius then introduced

Mrs. Mary L. Gilman, national presi-dent of the Woman's Relief corps, who of an enduring union, the bonds of which are cemented, hallowed and sanctified by mingled blood of heroes extended greetings to the veterans and thanked the citizens of Salt Lake and Utah for the magnificent welcome accorded the G. A. R. and allied orwho followed Grant and heroes who followed Lee; by mingled tears of wo-men who wept for the dead in blue, and women who wept for the dead in

CORPORAL TANNER. gray. The blood and tears of Americans shed in the settlement of inherited "Corporal" Tanner, past commanderby ambitious, selfish individuals, whose interest. motives are not above censure. As a result, Utah's population has not in-

