

1850.

Fifty Years of Progress.

1900.

THE "NEWS" AND ITS GROWTH.

FIFTY years ago yesterday, or on June 15, 1850, the first number of the Deseret News was issued.

THE PIONEER PRINTING PLANT. The setting up of a printing plant, and the issuance of a newspaper in the heart of a wild and desolate country...

THE PIONEER PRINTERS. As may be surmised, the number of printers, or men who had had any connection with newspaper work, was extremely scarce in Utah at that time.

THE EARLY EDITORS. In 1854, there was a man of cultivated literary tastes and unusual refinement and a few words of retrospect relative to different men who have held the position of editor of the News...

1854 by J. H. Ruml; at the same time the manufacture of paper was begun on the Temple block, and the files of the "News" and the men connected with it...

THE FIRST NUMBER. "Number one, volume one," was a little eight-page paper, of three columns to the page. A fac simile of the first issue is presented to our readers with this number...

whole printing plant was removed to southern Utah, one part of it being located in Parowan, the other in Fillmore, and the paper being turned out in both places...

GRADUAL GROWTH. Since the establishment was created fifty years ago, it has gradually grown and developed to keep pace with the growth in the population of the city and State...

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EARLY STRUGGLES. Only those who lived in the early fifties, and know how hard it was to obtain the supplies necessary to print a newspaper can imagine the vicissitudes with which the "News" had to contend in the early years of its life.

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The Four Men Selected by President Brigham Young to Turn Out the First Issue of the "News," June 15, 1850.

time, to the second floor of the Council House, and the most completely equipped House. After the return from the newspaper building between Chicago...



CHARLES W. PENROSE, Editor-in-Chief. HORACE G. WHITNEY, Business Manager.

premises have had to be added to from time to time by the addition of other buildings until today the plant is distributed over considerable ground...

OUR NEW HOME. This condition of the "News" plant, and the great age of the buildings, which were a menace to the safety of the employees and the valuable machinery housed within the walls...

Already many applications have been received from professional men who wish to engage offices; the rooms on the various floors are being arranged to suit the wishes of desirable tenants...

THE "NEWS" UPWARD STRIDES. The gains made by the paper since it reverted to the control of the Church on January 1st, 1899, have been most gratifying.

From having four employees on its payroll in 1850, the "News" has increased to over 100 in 1900. The full list of the heads of the various departments is as follows:

CABLE AND TROLLEY CARS. The present century was far advanced before street cars made their advent, and the development of cable and electric systems did not come for many years.

HISTORY OF UTAH JOURNALISM.

THE history of journalism in Utah began with the publication of the Deseret News in 1850, and it was for many years the only newspaper in the Territory.

VEDETTE AND TELEGRAPH. The next venture was in the fall of 1863, when the Union Vedette made its appearance. It was published at Fort Douglas by Connor's officers, and quickly called into existence The Salt Lake Telegraph...

THE MAGAZINE ERA. In October, 1864, came the Peep O'Day, a high class magazine, edited by E. L. T. Harrison and Edward Tullidge, both now deceased.

A NOTABLE YEAR. This was transformed in 1879 to The Mormon Tribune, with Harrison and Tullidge as editors. Out of it was evolved the Salt Lake Tribune of today.

THE HERALD. The Herald was established on June 15, 1870, as an independent daily, with E. L. Sloan as editor.

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CREDITABLE COUNTY JOURNALS. The country papers will compare favorably with similar journals in any section of the country. They are generally edited with marked ability, and much enterprise is displayed in gathering the news.

POPULAR MAGAZINES. Aside from the newspapers, Utah has a number of high class magazines that deserve special mention.

MARVELS OF THE MODERN NEWSPAPER.

Fifty years ago newspapers were printed upon hand presses, of which the old damage that turned out the first copy of this paper was a fairly-well advanced specimen.

When the "News" was in its first struggles for existence, it was among the very few daily newspapers in the world, and can claim the distinction of being among the very rare newspapers that have utilized the primitive methods of the art of printing as well as the most modern appliances.

The difference is this: Fifty years ago it took an hour of extremely hard labor to turn out 125 papers in an hour, while today 25,000 may be turned out and dropped into the mails in a similar length of time.

The machinery used in the business of printing in these days seems almost to be endowed with human intelligence.

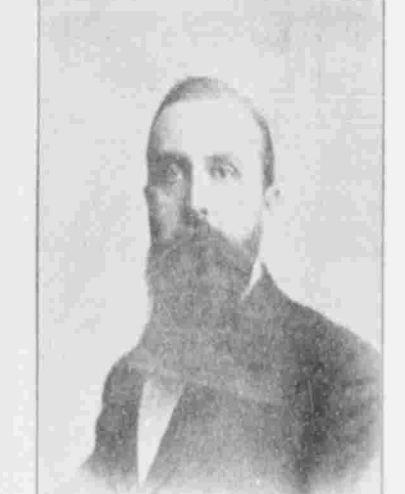
At the present time there are published in the United States 21,175 newspapers and periodicals, divided as follows: Daily, 2,119; tri-weekly, 48; semi-weekly, 410; weekly, 13,616; monthly, 2,863; semi-monthly, 13; bi-monthly, 67; quarterly, 182.

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Staff of the Deseret News 1900



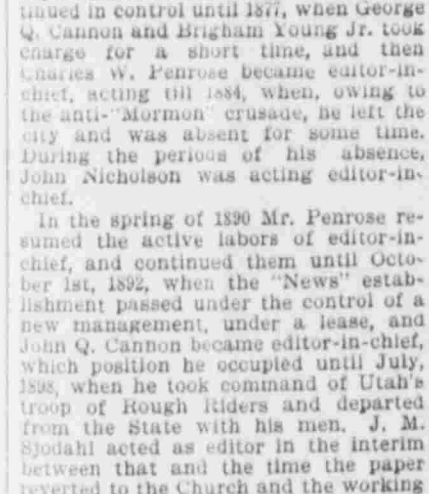
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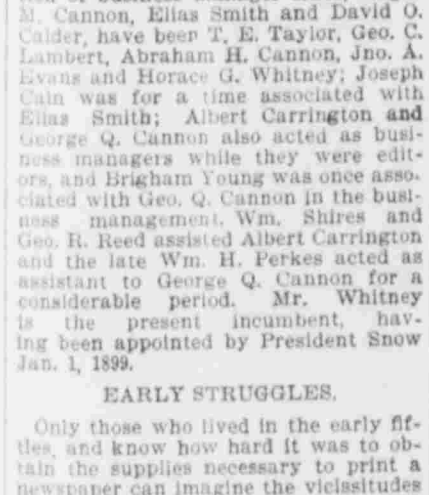
JAMES H. ANDERSON, Telegraph Editor.



JOHN E. HANSEN, City Editor.



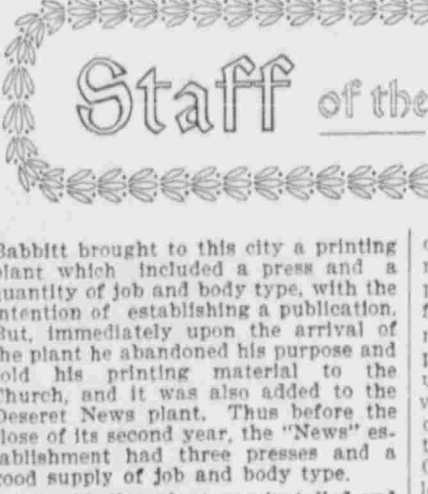
DAVID R. GILL, Railroad Reporter.



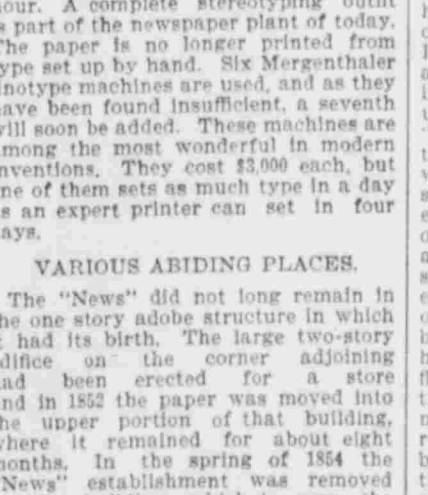
WM. ARMSTRONG, Mining Reporter.



JOSEPHINE SPENCER, Society and Literary.



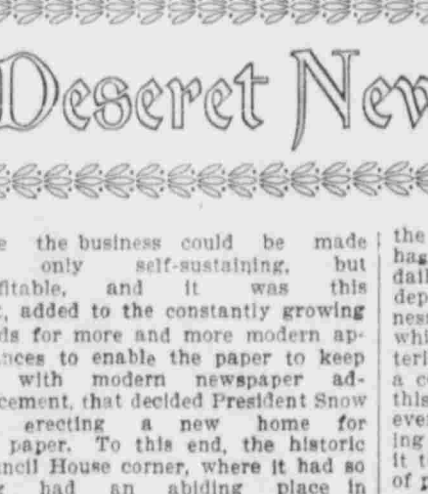
JOHN JAMES, Court Reporter.



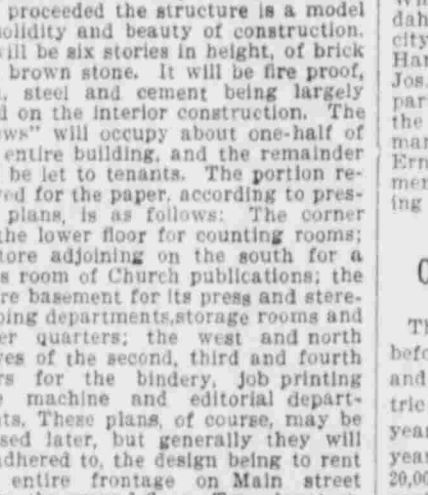
EDWIN C. PENROSE, Sports and Police.



EUGENE B. LEWIS, General Reporter.



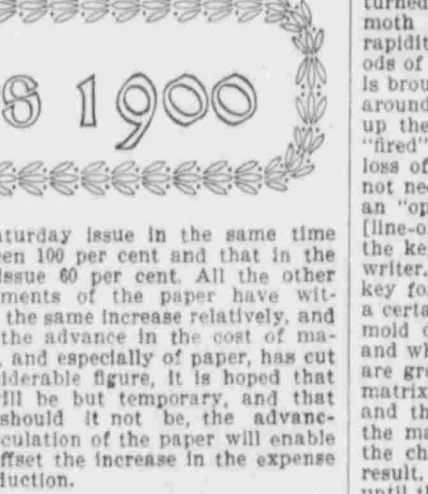
E. G. IVINS, Special Service.



JOS. H. PAINE, Proofreader.



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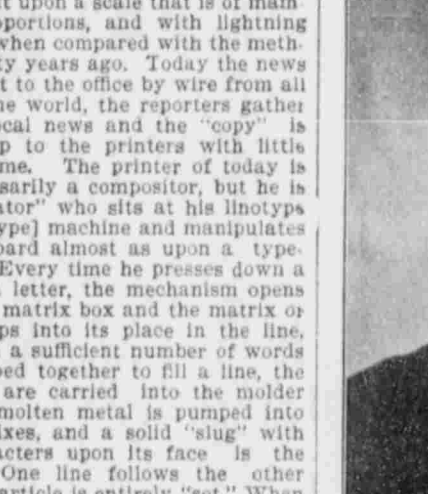
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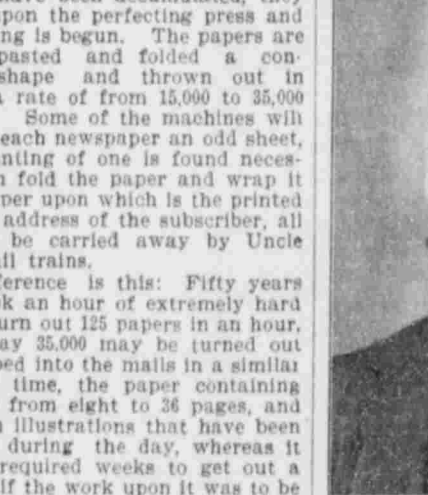
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