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## COLUMBUS DAY.

Very shortly after 8:30 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 9:30 all the children formed in procession and marched two by two to Main, between North and South Temple, where the general gathering was completed just before ten o'clock. The Seventh, Tenth, Eleventh, Fourteenth and Nineteenth district schools and that of Hunter were attended by their respective drum corps. There were three bands—the Denhalter Rifle, the Liberal Drum Corps, and that of the Tabernacle juvenile choir, and these took turn in playing 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 McCoy, of the Nineteenth District school, and he found in the following gentlemen a valuable corps of aids: Principals Martin, of the Seventh district school; Jamison, of the Eleventh; McKay, of the Tenth, and Barton, of Hunter. In addition to these Prof. J. F. Millsbaugh, 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 were lined 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 Haines, assisted by Acting Adjutant Greenman. The posts represented were the George R. Maxwell (No. 5), and the J. B. McKean (No. 1.) William Gilbert 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 successive order being 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 for a couple of blocks, thence along west Second South, up West Temple, then turning upon 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 Basikin, Colonel Sells, Rev. Dr. McNeice, Rev. David Utter, Mr. J. E. Dooly, and Territorial Auditor Pratt, also several ladies. As the scholars passed the structure they all saluted the company, which was graciously acknowledged by the gentlemen repeatedly 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 huge 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 bodies were accommodated with seats in the choir division. Presidents Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon, and other prominent members of the Church were among the interested spectators occupying places near the choir.

The Republican drum corps made its appearance while the preliminaries were going forward and were provided with chairs 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. F. Millsbaugh called upon Professor M. R. Malone, of the High school, to read the President's proclamation setting forth Columbus day as a day of general holiday and thanksgiving.

Miss Alice Rowe, of the Third school, then by request read the proclamation of Governor Thomas to a similar effect, calling for a suitable observance of the day by the schools of this Territory.

As Miss Rowe retired from the stand the ceremony of 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 heard, and the veterans led the entire assemblage in "three cheers for old glory." The salute to the flag was then given upstanding, and the sight was one that will not soon be forgotten by those who witnessed it. Hurrahs went forth from thousands of throats, and the youngsters waved their handkerchiefs with wild delight and enthusiasm. Such a scene has not been beheld 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, at the last April conference.

My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing,

was next sung by the children, under the leadership of Mr. George C. Young, professor of music in the public schools. It was rendered in a most admirable manner, and was followed by a round of applause from the throng of spectators who occupied the galleries from one end to the other.

The Rev. Dr. Utter (Unitarian minister) having offered a prayer in acknowledgment to God, the pupils and audience joined together in singing a song for Columbus Day, composed for the National School Celebration of Columbus Day by Theron Brown. The music 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 follow:  
Columbia, my land! all hail the glad day  
When first to thy strand Hope pointed the way;  
Hail him who thro' darkness first followed the  
Flame  
That led where the Mayflower of Liberty came.

Dear Country, the star of the valiant and free!  
Thy exiles afar are dreaming of thee.  
No fields of the earth so enchantingly shiae,  
No air breathes such incense, such music as  
thine.

Humanity's home! thy sheltering breast  
Gives welcome and room to strangers oppressed.