

THE SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS
Issued Mondays and Thursdays
and Contains All the Cream of
the Daily and Saturday News.

INCREASING SIZE
OF FT. DOUGLAS
Senator Smoot Wires Commercial Club of Item in Appropriation Bill.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Death of a Soldier—Artillery James Holt, a retired soldier of the Twenty-fourth infantry, died at the Post hospital yesterday, from intestinal troubles.

Max Brown Returns—Max Brown and bride have arrived from Los Angeles and taken up their abode in the Arthur Brown residence on South Temple street.

Vacation For A. P. Men—Associated Press operators who have been in the employ of the corporation for the past year, will be allowed two weeks' vacation with pay.

"Cleanliness Is Next"—Sixty-four of the 75 members of the newsboys' Bible class at the Y. M. C. A., were given the privilege of the swimming pool last evening, and they enjoyed the courtesy.

Here From California—Lee Clawson, formerly of the Post, but now resident of Cucamonga, California, arrived in Salt Lake today accompanied by his daughter Leone. They are stopping with Mr. and Mrs. Selden I. Clawson on B street.

Lecture On Dickens—Mrs. Susa Y. Gates will lecture on "Charles Dickens" in the eighth ward assembly hall, Sunday at 2 p. m. under the auspices of the Mutual Improvement Association. Solos by Miss Vera Engstrom and Mr. Howard.

Bouquet From Callente—The Deseret News' holiday edition was a stunner. The review of the neighboring states to Utah was more complete than we have ever before. Salt Lake papers in our 25 years' experience on those papers—Callente Lodge-Express.

Approved by the Mayor—The mayor has approved the action of the city council in deciding at its meeting on Thursday night to offer \$30,000 for the purchase of the old Salt Lake papers in our 25 years' experience on those papers—Callente Lodge-Express.

Too Many Answers—The following terse but eloquent letter was received yesterday at the "News" office from Miller & Vile: "Please take out the advertisement, copy of which we enclosed herewith. The advertisement sold the property and we are getting from five to ten replies daily from it, and it has just about worn us out."

Musical Recital—The piano pupils of Miss Mary Olive Gray gave an interesting musical recital last evening in Miss Gray's study. The performers were Lucy Quinn, Margaret Duval, Theodosia Gray, Balala Pierce and Jennie Williamson. The attendance was large and the audience much pleased with the program.

Funeral of Mrs. Brown—Funeral services over the remains of the late Catherine Knights Brown will be held tomorrow at 12 noon from the Eleventh ward meetinghouse. The remains may be viewed by friends at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. John Matheson, 109 north Second West tomorrow morning from 10 to 11.

At the Y. M. C. A.—The feature at the Men's meeting at the Y. M. C. A. last evening was the "Business Man's Religion," by T. C. McIntyre. There will also be music by the Y. M. C. A. quartet. All boys over 16 years of age are invited to attend a meeting at 3:30 when they will be addressed by H. M. Fagan.

Daughters of the Pioneers—There will be a business meeting of the Daughters of the Pioneers at the Lion House, Thursday, at 8 p. m. This society is historical in its nature, its object being to perpetuate the memory of the pioneers by compiling historical data, gathering relics and old landmarks, etc. Any descendant of a pioneer who came to the valley prior to 1863, is eligible to membership, irrespective of her religious views.

Another Saloon Closed—As predicted by the Deseret News several days ago, the saloon known as the "Bunch of Buffets," operated by Toddy O'Neill, is no more, the place was closed up by the police yesterday afternoon after O'Neill had been convicted by Judge Dichi's court of selling liquor on Sunday. The case was tried about two weeks ago and the decision of the court taken under advisement until yesterday afternoon. O'Neill went to his place of business, paid off his employees and said, "the jig is up."

Zion's Saving Bank & Trust Co.
Pays 4 per cent on deposits, safety deposit boxes for rent.
JOSEPH E. SMITH, Pres.
D. C. BEBE, Cashier.

F. Auerbach & Bros. cut price clearance sale starts Monday morning. Read page 32, magazine section.

BANK DEAL CLOSED.
The transfer of the Bingham State bank to the Cosgriff Bros. has been consummated, as foreshadowed in the business review of today's "News," and the receiving teller, J. E. Dow of the Commercial National bank will be the new cashier of the Bingham Institution. The Cosgriff Bros. now control these banks: The Commercial National of Salt Lake; the Bingham State bank of Murray; the Marysville State bank of Cheyenne, Wyo.; the Commercial National bank at Rexburg, Idaho; the First National bank of Caldwell, Idaho; the First National bank of Rawlins, Wyo.; the Saratoga State bank at Saratoga, Wyo.; the Rock Springs National bank at Rock Springs, Wyo.; the Green River State bank at Green River, Wyo.; the First National bank at Newcastle, Wyo.; the Sheridan National bank at Sheridan, Wyo.

ROBERTS' COMPLETE WORKS.
"Outlines of Ecclesiastical History," \$1.75, \$2.50, \$3.75; "The Gospel," 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50; "New Witness for God," \$1.50, \$2.50; "Succession in the Presidency," 20c, 50c, 75c; "Rise and Fall of Nauvoo," \$1.25, \$2.25; "Missouri Persecutions," \$1.25, \$2.25; "Mormon Doctrine of Deity," \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.75. Deseret News Book Store, Salt Lake City, Utah.

TO A FULL REGIMENTAL POST.

If Funds Are Provided Accommodations Will Be Made for Six Companies in New Barracks.

The long mooted question as to the government's intentions towards Fort Douglas seems to have been answered at last, in the form of an item in the appropriation bill providing for the expenditure of \$160,000 on the fort within the next fiscal year.

The money is to go into the erection of more barracks, and seems to be part of a plan to increase the facilities at Fort Douglas until it becomes a full regimental post. Once upon a time it was a full regimental post, but this was in the days before the war when a regiment consisted of eight companies instead of twelve as is now the case. In those days the full sixteenth infantry was stationed there, and later the full Twenty-fourth infantry. Now there are nine companies of the Twenty-fourth at the fort, and its capacities are more severely tested than formerly they were with the full ante-bellum regiments.

ANTIQUATED BARRACKS.
Fort Douglas has struggled along ever since Col. Patrick Connor came in from the west with his California volunteers and made camp below the Red Buttes, in Civil war days. Since the war with Spain one set of barracks has been put up in modern conveniences, and there now live in this new set, a number of the Twenty-fourth infantrymen, while the old barracks house about three companies.

GOVERNMENT'S POLICY.
Capt. Bryan H. Wells, adjutant at Fort Douglas, stated today when asked as to the appropriation item, that they knew nothing of it at the post, except that it was contained in the appropriation bill from Senator Smoot to the Commercial club. He said, however, that if the three double sets of barracks called for should be constructed, they would materially enlarge the post, and would enable a full regiment to be comfortably taken care of.

"It has always seemed to be the policy of the government," he said, "to build up Fort Douglas, little by little rather than to abandon it. Last year they erected a set of modern barracks. This item, if it is allowed, would seem to be in the general line of growth."

SENATOR SMOOT'S TELEGRAM.
The text of Senator Smoot's telegram to the Commercial club is as follows: "The Commercial club, Salt Lake City, Utah. So true in the reports. Secretary Taft and Quartermaster-General Humphries have recommended the building this year of three double barracks. Appropriation is on the back of estimates for \$160,000 for same. Both advised that there is no intention of any change. REED SMOOT."

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HOLLADAY'S RETORT.
He Answers Robt. A. Kirker's Statement on Sunnyside Mine Trouble.

The following terse and to the point communication regarding the early history of the Sunnyside mine now owned and operated by the Utah Fuel company was handed in this morning by G. T. Holladay.

"During my absence from home, there appeared in the Christmas 'News' an article by Robert Addison Kirker, in which he stated that, with a crowd of miners, I had attempted to drive him from the Sunnyside coal mine, while he was in rightful possession of the property.

"On the 30th of November, 1906, I gave my testimony, under oath, before the interstate commerce commission, at Salt Lake City, Utah, regarding his connection with the Sunnyside coal mines. This evidence was given in the presence of competent attorneys, who had every chance to break it down, if it had been possible to do so.

"Discussing the question in the newspaper, I am probably not under oath, as it seems likely that the whole matter will come before a court of justice, when certain parties will not only be permitted, but required to testify in self-defense.

"I reiterate merely that I legally owned and developed what is now the famous Sunnyside coal mines in Carbon county, Utah, that Robert Kirker and other tools of the Pleasant Valley Coal company, during my absence, took and maintained forcible possession, with fire arms, and that Kirker fired at me when I went with my father upon the property. I did not go with any armed crowd. I was unarmed, and my father, who was my only companion, carried, but did not use, a revolver to use his rifle. According to the testimony of Senator George C. Whitmore and my own memory, Robert A. Kirker was not on the Sunnyside coal ground for years before he took forcible possession of it. I declare the acts of this man and his associates to be some of the blackest robberies that have occurred in this or any other state since the days of the cliff dwellers or the red men of Grassy Trail valley from the red man by Robert Addison Kirker.

G. T. HOLLADAY.
Salt Lake City, Jan. 5, 1907.

LUCKY PROVO AND LOGAN.
Both of These Enterprising Utah Cities To Have Federal Buildings.

Good news from Washington comes simultaneously to the people of Provo and Logan, to the effect that each of those cities will soon be provided with handsome and commodious government buildings. Appropriations for the purchase of sites and construction of buildings had been secured in the early part of the first session of the present Congress, for the places named by Senator Smoot and Representative Joseph Howell, respectively. The sites have now been determined upon by Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Edwards.

The site chosen at Provo is a parcel of ground on the southwest corner of Academy avenue and Center street. The property belonged to the city and was offered to the government for \$1. The generosity of the city in donating the land will enhance the value of the building, as \$60,000 was appropriated for site and structure.

At Logan several places of real estate were offered for sale, and the one selected is situated on Main street, between First and Second, North, and was purchased from Melvin J. Ballard for \$3,600, which amount will be deducted from the appropriation, and \$46,400 will go into the building.

If You Have Something to Sell

CHURCH NOTICES

Regular services of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held tomorrow, Sunday, Fast meetings being held in the respective wards at 2 o'clock p. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m., and meetings in the city ward assembly rooms and adjacent wards as follows:

Fourth	6:30	Twenty-third	6:30
Fifth	6:00	Twenty-fourth	6:00
Sixth	6:00	Twenty-fifth	6:00
Seventh	6:00	Twenty-sixth	6:00
Eighth	6:00	Twenty-seventh	6:00
Ninth	6:30	Twenty-eighth	6:30
Tenth	6:50	Twenty-ninth	6:30
Eleventh	6:00	Thirtieth	6:30
Twelfth	6:00	Thirty-first	6:30
Thirteenth	6:00	Thirty-second	6:30
Fourteenth	6:50	Thirty-third	6:30
Fifteenth	6:50	Brighton	2:00
Sixteenth	6:50	Center	5:30
Seventeenth	6:30	Center	5:30
Eighteenth	6:30	North Point	1:00
Nineteenth	6:30	Pleasant Green	3:00

Bishop Jabez W. West of the Ninth