UTAH FIRES THE SALUTE.

Volunteer Light Battery From the Beehive State Gives the National Salute at San Francisco's Great Memorial Day Celebration.

Twelve Thousand Volunteers Join With the Heroes of the Civil War—Union of Old and New Fighting Forces—First Memorial Day Services While the Nation is Engaged in Actual War.

Memorial Day at Salt Lake City Dawned Beautifully—Cemeteries Were Thronged With Thousands Who Strewed Flowers Upon the Graves of Departed Relatives and Friends—Appropriate Observances at the Congregational Church Tonight by the G. A. R. and Woman's Relief Corps—Opening of Summer Pleasure Resorts.

San Francisco, May 30.—The Memorial Day celebration in this city was observed with greater enthusiasm than usual owing to the presence of twelve thousand volunteers from many eastern states who have gathered in response to the President's call for volunteers to fight in the war against Spain.

The parade was a most impressive one. Grizzled heroes of the Civil War acted as a guard to the rising generation of warriors and as they marched along the thousands of people who had gathered to witness the union of the old and new fighting forces greeted them with cheers and saluted them with volleys of California flowers. The volunteers who participated in the parade were:

Colorado infantry, Sixth California infantry, First Washington infantry and troop A of the California national guard. The Utah Volunteer light battery fired the national salute at the armory.

Interest in the volunteer regiments which marched in the parade centered between the Minnesota and Colorado men. Both regiments turned out to full strength. The Colorado volunteers had the right of line. The volunteers turned out in eight marching orders and were very enthusiastically received. The crowds gathered on the sidewalks went almost wild when the volunteers marched by and pelted them with flowers, and handed out fruit and other delicacies.

The cheers which greeted both the veterans and volunteers passed and repassed along the

Never has a parade in this city aroused such enthusiasm.

MEMORIAL DAY IN SALT LAKE.

Cemeteries Thronged With Thousands of Citizens Who Remember Their Dead.

Memorial Day exercises have been appropriately observed in Salt Lake City today. The city cemetery has been crowded since early morn and the graves of departed loved ones have received every attention from kind, willing and loving hands. Mount Olivet, the Catholic and Jewish cemeteries have also received their full quota of visitors. The day has been an ideal one, the cool breezes from the mountains making the temperature just right. It is impossible to give an estimate of the people who visited the city of the dead today, but it is said upon good authority that never before in the history of Salt Lake City has there been such a steady flow of persons coming and going. All the florists report unprecedented sales of flowers. Many of them were sold out early Saturday morning.

AT MOUNT OLIVET.

The G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps carried out an excellent program today. Services and decorating the graves were attended to this morning and commencing at 2 o'clock tonight the following program will be carried out at the Congregational church:

Organ solo .....Prof. Iadelfite
Opening prayer, Commrde W. S. Hawkes
America .....by the Congregation
President Lincoln's Gettysburg address
Music .....Commander N. D. Comer
Solo .....Mrs. Dr. Plummer
Address .....Rev. C. D. Brown
Quartet .....Young Ladies
Solo .....Miss Ella Cox
Closing prayer...Chaplain Alonzo Arth

A Memorial Ode.

The following Memorial Day poem was written especially for the "News" by Prof. C. M. Stebbins of the City High School:

I.

Today our flowers and flags we strew
Above the hallowed graves that lie
O'er stately tomb of nameless unkept mound,
Where sleeps a soldier true.
Today we honor our blessed dead,
Who on the battle-field or heaving
Bosom
Reverberant to holy Freedom's glad
refrain,
To victory the way have led,
Through dint and shell and harassing
hand,
For God, and truth, and native land.

II.

Today we honor our soldiers brave,
Who stress for union with liberty,
Remember our sailors who fought to
save,
The starry emblem of the free,
Which freedom from her throne on
high,
Above the despot kingdoms of the
world
In despot trust to be unfurled.
That it might waving
Unrest forever in her hope-enriched
sky.

III.

Thirty and seven years ago,
Our fathers fought no tyrant foe,
But brother his brother, and friend his
friend
Today united in purpose we stand,
One home to keep, one cause to defend,
Humanity's cause and native land.
Then while we remember the time to-
day,
Forget not, forget not, forget not the
grey.

IV.

Oh fear shall we honor our soldier
dead?
With songs and flowers, and martial
tread
With strains and sweet chorus,
Or with funeral lamentation?
We honor them best by the deeds we
do,
Not the words we say.
By the lives we live, when with hope and
love,
Then raise the fog high, and let it float
higher,
To shed our love with a holier fire;
Enkindle our manhood, from strand to
strand,
To wield for the free man's native
land.

V.

And when in the free man's native
land,
Where he first saw the light, by his
little strand,
Where father and mother and kindred
dear
Wherever a soul is stirring for light,
Wherever humanity raises a cry,
White aspiration upward through the
night,
Wherever a blow may be struck for
right,
Wherever the arch of freedom is
spanned,
There in the free man's native land,
Then lift high the flag, uplift it to
wave
Where'er a disquieting man is to save;
Wherever a man may be helped to stand
For God, and for truth, and native
land.

VI.

O God of the free and God of the true,
Over our manhood watch today,
As we honor the blue,
And remember the grey
Oh keep our hearts strong and keep
our thoughts pure;
And when we remember our sullens
slain,
However we here them, yet help to
remain,
To forget all the rest, and endure.

C. M. STEBBINS.

SERIOUS STREET-CAR ACCIDENT.

The Four-Year-Old Daughter of James Gibson Badly Injured.

A most serious accident occurred last evening in North Salt Lake to four-year-old daughter of James Gibson, the well-known doorkeeper of the Salt Lake Theater. The little one was run over by a Rapid Transit street car, the accident occurring near Second East and Seventh South streets about 7 o'clock. The child, with a number of playmates, was crossing the track when the car came along. The wind very close to the car when she ran over the rails and the motorman threw off the current and applied the brakes but not in time to avert an accident. She was run over and her left leg badly mangled below the knee. Drs. Measham, Bowers and Witcher attended the little one and are doing all in their power to save the shattered limb. It is not known yet, however, whether that can be done. In the meantime the little one is resting as easy as possible under the circumstances.

CHAIRMAN ARMSTRONG HOME.

Every Indication Points to a Year of Prosperity in the State of Idaho.

Hon. Francis Armstrong, chairman of the Salt Lake county commissioners, is home from his big ranch near Oxford, Idaho, where he has been on business for a week or two past. As in Utah the people of Idaho have been blessed by copious showers. "Crops," says Mr. Armstrong, "never looked so well before. There is one great interest that will be felt