

headed by the brass and martial bands; then came prominent citizens, comprising ladies and gentlemen, and following them came the young people, who made a very prominent place in the parade. The procession took up its line of march in the public square; and one feature was the forming of the letters U and S. All then repaired to the meeting house and concluded the program; and while this was going on inside, there was an interesting game of baseball going on in the square; I believe truthfully that it can be said it is the first game played in the State of Utah. At night a grand ball was enjoyed, and thus ended the celebration in Huntington.

FROM A RESIDENT.

#### AT PANGUITCH.

PANGUITCH, Jan. 8, 1896.—The admission of Utah into the Union was celebrated here today in a fitting manner. Cannons were booming at day-break and soon after the Stars and Stripes were unfurled to the breeze. At an early hour the streets were alive with patriotic citizens all eager to participate in the celebration.

At 10.30 a.m. the people assembled at the theater to listen to the program which had been prepared for the occasion. The body of the house and the stage presented a pleasing appearance, having been decorated specially for the occasion. At the back of the stage sat a group of young ladies representing the several states and territories, while in front of these sat seventeen young ladies, sixteen wearing silver crowns and one wearing a gold crown, representing silver at the rate of 16 to 1. The assembly was called to order by David Cameron, master of ceremonies, after which America was rendered by the choir. After the invocation and the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, Hon. W. P. Sargent made a telling speech, reviewing briefly the history of Utah and the attempts made to gain admission into the Union. Speeches were also made by J. W. Orsby Jr., Joseph L. Heywood, R. G. Clark, James Houston, Mrs. Kate Heywood and Miss Jane Lefevre. Then came songs, recitations from different ones, and an address to the flag by M. M. Steele Jr. At the conclusion of the exercises three rousing cheers were given with a hearty good will for the State of Utah.

In the afternoon the children were given a dance, while in the evening the adults enjoyed themselves in the pleasures of the ball room. Thus ended one of the most enjoyable celebrations ever had in Panguitich.

M. J. BURGESS.

#### IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA.

135 NORTH OLIVE ST., Los Angeles, Jan. 7, 1896.—Utah didn't contain, on the sixth, all who were jubilant over the transformation from territorial servitude to the exalted position of a sovereign State in the great sisterhood of our Union.

Last evening, in this city of sunshine and flowers, a number of Utah's loyal citizens met in an informal social capacity at the cosy residence of Brother J. E. Langford, to rejoice with their fellow citizens at home and do honor to the great event, which comprehends a realization of

fond hopes on the part of a majority of Utah's people, that have been cherished for years. Sisters J. E. Langford and Hugh J. Cannon received the company with a royal welcome and extended a hospitality which was characterized by an absence of rigid formalities and useless ceremonies. The company consisted of Brother and Sister Langford, Sisters H. J. Cannon, Eliza Woollacott, Miss Winifred Woollacott, Elder M. H. Thomas and wife, Elders J. D. Irvine and E. M. Whitesides. The comfortable parlor was artistically decorated, the national colors predominating, while bouquets of beautiful flowers, fresh from the garden, were conspicuously arranged.

In the early part of the evening Sister Langford announced that she would take lead and the rest were to follow; her instructions were obeyed and in less time than it takes to tell it, the little company were in the large dancing room seated around a board table which fairly groaned under the weight of the good things that go to build up the physical man. After due formalities we were greeted with the good old-fashioned entreaty, "just help yourselves," which was done in a manner no less earnest than the entreaty. When the inner man had been satisfied, the company repaired to the parlor, where music, song, recitation and conversation were indulged in till a late hour. The evening was not without its surprise, for Bro. J. E. Langford arrived, unexpectedly to his family, from Nevada, where he is engaged in mining interests. It was a happy surprise to all present.

The Los Angeles branch of the Church, though young in organization, is in a promising condition at present. It numbers nearly sixty souls—old and young—about a dozen of which are recent converts. Elders J. D. Irvine, M. H. Thomas and E. M. Whitesides are laboring here at present. The greatest opposition experienced is a cold indifference on the part of the people generally in regard to what we have to tell them. Occasionally we find one who is earnest in his search for truth. It was to judge from the apparent apathy manifested in religious matters, we would be compelled to say that the "honest in heart" are extremely scarce. The work of searching them out is going on slowly and will continue till God in His wisdom shall say that it is finished.

E. M. WHITESIDES.

#### AT HOLDEN.

HOLDEN, Millard Co.,  
January 7, 1896.

Statehood day is written upon the mind and memory of scores of little tots, who as gray haired dames and grandfathers will tell the generations yet to be born the story of this day of joy.

When Holden makes up its mind to do a thing, it generally does it well, and on this occasion it exceeded the hopes of the most sanguine. There is here a coterie of ladies always on the alert to "catch the breeze" of innocent pleasure and diffuse it through the whole gathering. It was the beginning of their day, and they asserted their privileges by being out early in the morning with a procession all their own. They paraded the town with

about fifteen sleighs, the banners, mottoes, dressings and decoration being all managed without a masculine assistant. Later the grand parade took place, led by the Silver band, in the midst of which was the giant form of the largest man in the State, A. S. Harmon, Esq., whose pleasant smile added sunshine to the fun. The greater portion of the males carried firearms, and every youngster that could find an old pistol was prepared to make a noise, and give notice to John Bull to stand back. But the climax of novelty lay with the commissary department, headed by George Nixon, Esq. These determined to roast an ox whole, and they did it—they roasted two. Sleighs were sent around to gather up the necessary loaves of bread, and for a day and a night all who could eat were furnished with barbecued ox, bread and coffee. Some had scruples at first about the cooking but these vanished and between every dance, both youth and age refreshed themselves, and "laughed and grew fat" amid the beaming joy of the first gathering under Utah's risen star.

The exercises of the day were especially well rendered. The inaugural address was by special invitation delivered by Judge Greenwood and was worthy of the great occasion. We were close observers and flatter ourselves that but little escaped our observation, and we testify that during all this exuberance of joy, both in the dance and outside, we neither smelled nor saw, the slightest evidence of one drop of intoxicating drink. Every heart and effort seemed bent to make happy all associated, in reverence to our dear Utah, goal of our pilgrimage, redeemer of our hopes, made sacred by our poverty and toil, and sanctified by the graves of our loved ones. In the dark night, by faith we have watched for the rising of the star, and have seen it slowly glide in the orbit of truth until fixed upon Old Glory, there to scintillate forever, a new inspiration to the world! We look up to thee with full hearts, and anew, consecrate our honor and our lives to thy defense.

A. BIRD.

#### OLD FOLKS HONORED.

SPRING CITY, Jan. 10th, 1896.

Permit me to report an item of interest which occurred here on the 9th inst.—the occasion of a reunion of the old folks (including the widows and poor, who are never forgotten,) who were invited to attend a well prepared feast at 1 o'clock p.m., in the opera house. The building was filled at the time named with a happy people—sleighs having been prepared to bring them together. After a happy greeting all round they were seated around the lines of tables, weighted down with the good things provided by the committee of arrangements, male and female, to whom too much praise cannot be given for their energetic labors in furnishing and preparing the feast for the honored ones. After a blessing was pronounced by Bishop James A. Allred upon the people and refreshments, all proceeded to the work before them. After the tables were cleared and the people comfortably seated, the program was further carried out by a speech from the Bishop, to which he referred to the pleasant time