

GUARDSMEN WILL STUDY WIRELESS

Signal Corps Begins Course of Instruction Next Tuesday Evening.

HAVE MODERN EQUIPMENT

School in the Subject to be Followed With Use of Equipment in the Field During Spring and Summer.

The study of wireless telegraphy is to be begun by the Signal corps of the national guard of Utah Tuesday evening in its quarters in the armory. The organization has recently received from the war department two sets of the most advanced type of apparatus and the platoon assigned to the operation of the sets will pursue a thorough course in the subject through the winter. The winter's work will be preliminary to the actual use of the sets out of doors in the spring and summer. No facilities exist by means of which actual use of the instruments can conveniently be made in the winter, but the necessity for thorough study of the instruments before taking them into the field is said to afford an ample course of mechanical perfection. They pack conveniently into two small trunks adapted for transportation on mules or wagons. The antenna paraphernalia consists of a hollow wooden mast in sections about six feet long jointed together when erected by means of steel coupling tubes. A new method of erection of the mast without the use of a lever was devised during the last term of the signal school at Fort Leavenworth. Lieut. Bell of the Fifteenth infantry stationed at Fort Douglas was a student officer at the school and devised the newer and simpler method. The sections are raised one at a time by men standing in the rear of a wagon and the other sections inserted as the mast is elevated. Four men at the extremities of the antenna wires serve to maintain the mast in an erect position while being raised and when raised, if the station is to be operated for any length of time, the ends of the wires, being properly insulated, are staked out, forming an umbrella-like spread over quite a large area. Lieut. Bell also devised an improved counterpoise of insulated wire and assisted in many ways to simplify the use of the equipment in the field.

IS USED WITH CAVALRY.

The development of wireless telegraphy with a moving army progressed so far at the signal school that it is an established fact now that it can keep up with the cavalry in advance of an army and keep the units of a fighting force in constant communication with each other over a wide radius. With the present sets used in the army, communication over distances of 30 miles and upwards is easily maintained, it requiring less than two minutes by actual test to have the instruments unpacked, set up and in operation after halting. Experiments are proceeding at the school with the end in view of increasing the range of the instruments and also making them more convenient in travel. At present it is conceded that the use of wireless with the United States army is far in advance of that in any other nation.

In the signal corps of the National Guard of Utah, the course in wireless telegraphy and telephony is open to those who have completed the work in visual signaling, telephony and wire telegraphy, a course extending, in proportion to the aptitude of the student, over from four to six months.

The course beginning next Tuesday evening will be continued weekly every Tuesday evening beginning at 8:30 o'clock. The commanding officer of the organization states that there is room in the organization for several recruits and calls attention to the fact that in order to participate in the next maneuver camp, which will be held near Fort D. A. Russell in Wyoming, probably during the month of next August, enlistments must be made before Feb. 1 of this year, at least six months' service being required by the war department in order that the men may be paid for their attendance at the camp. The organization provides without charge to its members a course in telegraphy, telephony and wireless telegraphy in addition to military drill and instruction in visual signaling with the flag, heliograph and flash lantern. Young men interested in the matter are invited by the officers and members to be present next Tuesday evening at the quarters of the organization in the armory.

PLEASING SONG SERVICE.

Young Singers are Heard at Thirty-First Ward Chapel.

A large and enthusiastic audience was present at the Thirty-first ward chapel last evening on the occasion of a song service given by some of the pupils of Mrs. Lizzie Thomas Edward, assisted by Miss Mary Frances Sanborn, accompanist and Prof. C. D. Schettler, on the cello. The work of the young people who had part in the program was very creditable and gave evidence of careful training. The number of professional entertainers and this was perhaps the most noticeable feature of the recital. The cello selection of Prof. Schettler, "Berceuse" by Godard, was beautifully rendered. Mrs. Mary Frances Sanborn was in her usual style as accompanist.

The program of the evening was as follows:

- Selection Choir
- Soprano solo, "I'm a Pilgrim," Johnson
- Winnie Geddes
- Contralto solo, "Hand in Hand," Blanche Paulsen
- Hattie Putnam
- Soprano solo, "Hosanna," Grames
- Blanche Paulsen
- Soprano solo, "Sweet Spirit Hear My Prayer," Wallace
- Vuela Jacobs
- Soprano solo, "Rock of Ages," Housley
- Nattie Thomas
- Quartet, "Far Away," Parker
- The Misses Erickson, Thomas, Arnold, Thomas
- Soprano solo, "Separation," Caro Ronu
- Lottie Brain
- Contralto solo, "The Day is Ended," Bartlett
- Minnie Poulton
- Duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd," Smart
- The Misses Brain and Putnam
- Soprano solo, "Swedish Lied," Grieg
- Anna Erickson
- Contralto solo, (a) "So Can Wait," Briggs
- (b) "Slave Song," Persa Del Riego
- Susie Schofield
- Quartet, "Be Merciful to Me," Elvin
- The Misses Erickson, Thomas, Arnold, Thomas
- Soprano solo, "The Lullaby of the Night," Brackett
- Lottie Brain
- Cello solo, "Berceuse," Goddard
- Prof. C. D. Schettler
- Contralto solo, "Oh Shining Light," Adams
- Hattie Putnam
- Duet, "Power Eternal," Rossini
- Misses Erickson and Poulton
- Ladies' chorus, "Christ is Risen," Elvin

BANQUET AT ELKS CLUB.

Newspaper Men Hear About Annual Excursion.

A banquet was given at the Elks club house Saturday night at which representatives from all the Salt Lake daily newspapers and representatives of the Salt Lake route and officers of No. 85 B. P. O. E. were guests. The newspaper men had a time they will not forget in many years. James W. Collins, exalted ruler, presided as toastmaster, and he was in particularly happy style. Speeches were made by Mr. Collins, A. J. Davis, grand esquire, A. W. Raybould, secretary; Charles

Warren, Kenneth Kerr, J. C. Collins and Sam C. Sherill. The speakers explained the object of the Elks excursion to southern California and predicted that the one leaving Salt Lake on Feb. 5 would be the biggest in the history of these events. That there will be more than 1,000 persons to take advantage of the special rate is not doubted by any who are in touch with the movement. It was also explained that many of the excursionists will make the trip to Honolulu on Feb. 22. The Honolulu lodge is already making arrangements to give the Salt Laker an entertainment that will make them want to remain on the island.

BUILDING ACTIVITY

AGAIN TAKES SPURT

Better Weather Conditions See an Army of Workmen Busy Once More.

The chinook winds and higher temperature of the past two days have brought gradually lengthening smiles to the faces of the contractors who have the big doings of the city in hand and this morning general work was resumed on all of the new buildings which have been in a comparative state of statu quo during the cold spell. This morning all sorts of men were again put to work, and, providing the present weather conditions hold out, there will be a new skyline in a few weeks.

The hoist engines are puffing merrily, with the structural men racing about at various elevations, the plasterers have again taken up their trowels, the plumbers are again "wiping joints," and the carpenters are playing a merry hammer. The mason and bricklayers are on the job in full force and there is "something hot" all along the line. The Hotel Utah, embryonic, is emerging from its shell with warmer conditions and huge steel columns are rearing their heads skyward. There is plenty of steel on hand here, but there is want of columns, which if not shortly delivered, will hold up the work for some time. At the Newhouse hotel there are dozens of cars of steel, but much of it is of a character which cannot be utilized at once. The heavy snows, which have caused blockades to traffic to the east, have interfered somewhat with the delivery. The cessation of the unfavorable building weather has been hailed with delight by the workmen generally. A large number of them have been out of work since the weather turned and the amelioration of weather conditions has brought them back to their wonted occupations with a renewed vigor and enthusiasm which bids well for the progress of all building operations.

NOW A LUMBER MAGNATE.

William Armstrong Becomes a "Reformed Newspaper Man."

William Armstrong has resigned a reportorial position with The News to engage in the lumber business as a member of the firm of Noal Bros. & Armstrong. Beginning with the new year, he becomes one of the tribe known to the press fraternity as a "reformed newspaper man" and as such leaves the service of The News with the best wishes of all for a prosperous and a happy future—not a prosperous and a happy New Year merely, but more than that.

Mr. Armstrong was for some time mining editor of The News, and left that position when called upon to perform a missionary labor in Australia. He was president of the Australian mission for several years and upon his return home was welcomed at The News offices and assigned a desk. Real estate news and mining news have been in his field and the heads of departments at The News have always felt sure that his work was finished when he said it was, and that it was correct in statement. Armstrong was a great magnet, drawing about him many friends. One of them, a fellow slave

of the press, when informed that he was to leave The News to become a "lumber magnate" clicked off the following lines of appreciation on his typewriter:

WE THINK A WHOLE LOT OF BILL.

The room is sad and lonely, boys,
And a grouch is on all around;
There's something wrong with every one,
While the place seems a grave-like mound.
The matter is that he's gone, boys,
And everything's quiet and still—
For we thought a whole lot of Bill.

His face is missed today, boys,
His face with his cheery smile,
His voice is no longer here, boys,
The voice that had the laugh, while,
All news was on the slump, boys,
He'd perk us all up, until—
Well, we thought a whole lot of Bill.

His desk is closed and quiet, boys,
There's a cover on the machine,
Even the old chair looks saddened, boys,
At the thought of what has been,
For he's a fine old fellow, boys,
And his place'll be hard to fill,
For we think a whole lot of Bill.

Plain "Bill" was what he liked best,
Plain "Bill" without any trimming,
Index of what his life is,
A life with good deeds brimming,
He's left his footprints behind, boys,
Here's luck to him, luck and good will—
For we think a whole lot of Bill.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

The Mid-Winter Dancing club will shortly issue invitations for a series of dances to take place at Whitney hall.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the junior class promenade to be given on Jan. 14 at the University of Utah. The decorations are in the hands of a large committee which will endeavor to make the hall surpass everything yet done in the way of adornment. Other details have each their separate committees and the students are looking forward to the promenade as the biggest event of the school year.

The poets' section of the Ladies' Literary club meets with Mrs. L. M. Bailey this afternoon and the members will take up the reading and study of Byron's "Cain."

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Morning will celebrate tomorrow their golden wedding anniversary in an evening party to take place at their home.

The engagement of Miss Pearl Hallen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Hallen, to J. F. Williams has been announced, the wedding to take place in February.

Mrs. Stephen H. Babcock will give a children's party on Wednesday for Barbara and Stephen Babcock in the way

of a dinner followed by dancing, about 20 to be entertained.

A pretty wedding celebrated the marriage of Miss Margaret Sneddon and Royal J. Ek, the ceremony being performed by the groom's father, Bishop Ek, in the presence of the near relatives, and a reception following for a large number of friends. The rooms were beautifully decorated in the prevailing holiday colors, and an orchestra rendered delightful music. The bride wore a handsome gown of white satin with trimmings of Irish lace and a veil of white tulle fastened with orange blossoms. She carried white roses. Her bridesmaids, Miss Ek and Miss Sneddon, wore respectively gowns of old rose and heliotrope. Three little flower girls with baskets of flowers preceded the bridal party, and a number of friends and relatives assisted in receiving and entertaining.

Mrs. W. A. Cavanaugh entertained on Friday at a delightful tea in honor of Miss Amanda Holmgren of Logan, whose engagement to Lieut. Eugene Santchi has been recently announced, the guests being the ladies of the post. The rooms were prettily decorated, the diningroom being especially pretty in white hydrangeas and ferns, the table having also candles shaded in green. Assisting the hostess were Mrs. W. S. Scott, Mrs. Willis Ulline and Mrs. T. R. Harker.

Mrs. Ernest Brown was hostess at a charmingly arranged watch party New

Year's even at her new home on Eighth avenue, the affair being given in honor of her cousins, Mrs. Ada Goddard Lander and Elmo Bailey of Denver. The color scheme was daintily carried out in red and green, while the dining-room and hall were decorated with a profusion of smilax and red carnations. The tally cards were hand painted in the holly and mistletoe design, and the evening was pleasantly spent with music and "sixty-three." The guests were Mr. James Christopher, Kathryn Smith, Earl Arnold, Allos Dewitt, Judge W. H. King, Mrs. McKay Smith, Clarence Evans, Minnie Brown, Jack Tomlinson, Grace Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Amon Brown, C. Armstrong, Genevieve James, Frank G. Harvey.

Lieut. and Mrs. Upham leave tomorrow for Los Angeles, where they expect to spend the winter.

Former Gov. and Mrs. Cutler and family leave tomorrow for their winter home in Los Angeles to remain till May.

Miss Mabel Johnson, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., will return tomorrow from Billings, Mont., where she has spent the holidays.

This afternoon the Woman's Republican club meets with Mrs. W. A. Aubrey, who will be assisted by Mrs. J. U. Eldridge, Jr., and Mrs. Rasmussen. The historian, Mrs. Jeanna Melton, will read her report for the year.

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