

# Monument Unveiling Advertises Cedar

Last Sunday at 4 P. M. a crowd of four or five hundred people assembled at the Escalante Hotel corner to participate in the unveiling ceremonies incident to the monument now erected there. The people showed a splendid interest in this project which usually only attracts those interested in the educational and cultural development of the community.

Music from the Junior Band entertained while the crowd assembled and also added a delightful number to the program. The military band warmed up to the occasion giving appropriate selections under direction of Melvin Done. Supt. N. J. Barlow conducted the exercises. Pres. Wm. H. Palmer spoke on the present movement thruout the west to commemorate historical events by erection of markers on the trails and spots of historic interest. As a member of the board of the Utah State Historical Society and of the historical committee of the new state organization to make historic spots, he was particularly interested in this Escalante monument being placed in Cedar City. He extended appreciation to those who sponsored the movement which was the result of the Escalante Club, also the Cedar City Chamber of Commerce for providing the funds; to the Brooklyn Eagle for contributing toward such a monument for Cedar years ago; to Christion Peterson, the Ohio Sculptor, who designed the tablet; to Herbert Adams for the cutting and placing of the stone. He read letters of congratulation from prominent citizens

all over the state, including Mr. Edgar Ledgard, Pres. of the Utah Trail Makers Association; Hon. George Albert Smith, Pres. of the Utah Association for marking pioneer trails; Pres. Frank Harris of the B. Y. U.; Dr. William Snow of that institution; Dr. Geo. W. Middleton, etc.

Gustive O. Larson followed with an address on the Escalante expedition and its place in American history. As a member of the Escalante Club he traced the Escalante trail thru the state of Utah. He reviewed the colonizing activities of the Spanish, the French and the English and called attention to the opposite political trends of the English colonies, in the east, and the Spanish in the west in the year 1776. That year which struck the death blow to British imperialism in America, saw extension of Spanish colonies in the west. It was in the extension of this Spanish colonial empire and in an effort of the Franciscan missionaries to carry their service into new areas that gave rise to the famous Escalante journey. The Escalante party passed thru Cedar valley on October 12 on which day the monument was dedicated.

The Rt. Reverend Monsignor D. G. Hunt from Salt Lake City appropriately represented the Catholic church at the services. He gave the dedicatory prayer and expressed the appreciation of the Catholic church for the fitting recognition being shown to Father Escalante in Cedar City.

The monument was then unveiled by the boy scouts under the direction of I. Y. Biglow and the crowd surged in to see the tablet which is a work of art.

The monument is now a part of our community. Those who have not seen

It should visit the hotel corner and

take sufficient time to study the tablet.