

**Santa Claus Arrives In Salida
On Time By D.&R.G.W. Special**

1000 Children Greet Santa At Train

Entertained At Theatre And Treats Distributed

Santa Claus kept his date with the youngsters of Salida today and arrived on time in a caboose pulled by engine No. 268, the old faithful of the Denver and Rio Grande Western railroad that has served the narrow gauge lines of Colorado since 1882.

L. R. Allen piloted No. 268 in as she roared down the track and came to a halt at the corner of 1st and G Streets. Santa Claus was dressed in his best and smiling and cheerful as he greeted the children and grown-ups that were on hand to meet him on arrival. Santa's helpers had gaily decorated the engine and caboose with a Christmas tree, cedar boughs, an elk head and the words, "Merry Christmas." Approximately 1500 people were on hand to welcome Santa to Salida and, of these, 1000 children were admitted to the Salida Theatre as special guests of Santa, through the co-operation of James Sweeney, theatre manager.

After the show treats of big bags of candy, nuts and fruits were given out by Santa, a gift gesture arranged by the merchants of Salida.

Pictures of Santa's arrival were taken by special arrangement with Miss Helen Hanks of the Hay Studio and the Salida Mail-Record will have cuts made so that a print can be in the paper one day next week.

Santa found that Salida gave him a real welcome and he thanks all the youngsters who came out to meet him. The people of Salida are equally thankful to Santa and say "Thank You" to him for taking the time, during this busy period, to come to our city for a visit.

