

Buffalo Bill's Friend Sees Movie in SL

When the Utah-made Twentieth Century-Fox technicolor picture, "Buffalo Bill," had its intermountain premiere at the Utah theater Friday one of the famous scout's old friends was one of the first to see the colorful saga of the frontier west.

He is Charles E. Parks, 73-year-old retired rancher and veterinarian from Ogden, who for 17 years had charge of Buffalo Bill's ranch at North Platte, Neb.

"Mrs. Cody was the business head of that ranch," said Mr. Parks. "We took our orders from her. Buffalo Bill would return from his tours with his wild west shows to rest at the ranch, but he had little to do with seeing after his stock."

Mr. Parks described Buffalo Bill as a handsome man with a perfect build, six feet tall, with dark hair and eyes and an erect bearing.

Occasionally accompanying Buffalo Bill with his show, the Ogden man recalled the scout's last appearance in Salt Lake City in 1910.

"Buffalo Bill used a regular cartridge to shoot the glass balls out of the air in his wild west act. To him, shooting was an effortless pastime and when he was hired to shoot buffalo to supply meat for the railroad builders, he said he was being paid for doing nothing."
