

SEVENTIETH BIRTHDAY.

SURPRISE PARTY TO GENERAL
CHARLES C. RICH.

On Thursday, August 21st, the sons and daughters-in-law of Prest. Charles C. Rich, assisted by other members of his family, prepared a magnificent entertainment in the large school house, in Paris, Idaho. At one o'clock p.m., Charles C. Rich, being the eldest son present, proceeded to muster his numerous brothers and sisters into line, when a procession they waited upon the general, who with his wives occupying one carriage, preceded the procession to the place appointed for the entertainment. The company being seated, was called to order by the master of the ceremonies, and after singing, prayer, and a brief opening address by the representative of seventy summers, birthday gifts were in order, and were presented with choice mementoes, appropriate and loving sentiments that bedimmed many an eye with tears. Among the most noticeable presents were a handsome secretary, a pair of worked slippers and case, a suit of broadcloth and two birthday cakes, made and presented by his daughters and ornamented by Mr. James Brown, of Salt Lake City, which would do honor to the birthday of a millionaire or prince. But these boys and girls held their father in greater respect and reverence than millionaires or prince was ever held.

To name the neckties, gloves, handkerchiefs, suspenders, hats, socks and underclothing with accompanying sentiments might be interesting to many of his numerous friends, but would require too much space in your valuable journal. I must however, name an elaborately artistic wreath, made by his eldest daughter, of hair taken from member of the Rich family, which will no doubt become an heirloom in the distant future. There were present of the general's family, 84 souls, and the absent sons and daughters with their children would have increased the number to over 100; which is not bad for one who ignored the order of Saint Benedict, until he was 23 years old. The absentees were represented by letter, and the Rich hearts all united in making this one of the happiest days of their father's life. The dinner was gotten up and served in good style, and was really sumptuous, and their bonbons, the ice creams, the home brewed, the music, song and sentiment, together with the father's benediction, constituted a feast of reason and flow of soul, that will be remembered whilst eternity goes, and eternity comes.

Among the few guests was a gentleman who prides himself with being a Gentile. He has been among us several years, and we all like him, for unlike so many of that class in Salt Lake City, our Gentile is a honorable man and was among the happiest and most appreciative throughout the birthday ceremonies. The venison killed expressly for the occasion, by our gentle friend, was discussed freely and appreciated thoroughly.

Some poetic effusions were composed for the occasion and read, and short speeches were delivered by Messrs. Hart and Osmond of the State Presidency, and Bishops Horne and Price, of Paris; and a full souled benediction on wives, children and friends, closed this memorable entertainment.

A general invitation was given to all in the evening, where you might have seen the aged and the young rejoicing together in the dance. The aged veteran of seventy and his youngest child, just turned eight, heading the set, and "tripping the fantastic" in the mazy dance, is a scene not often witnessed. Mr. Charles C. Rich, junior, master of ceremonies, did honor to the position. There was no far or near throughout the day, and when the small hours had arrived, the assembly retired, at peace with each other and with all mankind.

Respectfully,
JAMES H. HART.

Correspondence.

DENVER, Colorado,
August 29, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

On the 21st inst. I left Salt Lake City, with Elder John Morgan, on

a flying visit to the colony of our people now locating in San Luis Valley, on the Rio Grande, in Southern Colorado. Our route was by the U. P. R. R. to Cheyenne, thence over the Colorado Central, to Denver, and from that capital to Pueblo and Alamosa, over the Denver and Rio Grande narrow gauge, the whole distance about 900 miles. We were met at Alamosa, on our arrival, at 8.30 p.m. of the 23d, by Bishop Hans Jensen and Brother Sprouse, who conveyed us on the following day, over a level, fertile plain, 20 miles, to the new town of Manassa. We held meeting with the Saints there on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, which were well attended by many outsiders as well as our own people, and we had an enjoyable time. The Saints had been long expecting us and were much edified and refreshed by our visit. On Tuesday, some dozen or fifteen were baptized and confirmed, about half being first and the other half re-baptisms. We visited in the meantime, most of the families of Saints and a few Mexican Plazo's living in that region, and on Wednesday, the 27th, visited the site of Ephraim, and the ranch of Elder John Allan, across Conejos River, and returned to Alamosa, where we held meeting in the evening in a large hall. This morning I bid adieu to Elders Morgan, Jensen, Bertleson and others and started on my return trip, accompanied by ex-Governor Hunt, who has been largely instrumental in constructing this pioneer narrow gauge road, and not only encouraging our emigrants to locate here, but otherwise largely contributing to the development of this region of Colorado. Denver is truly a thrifty, enterprising town, as is also the northern and central portions of the State. Her merchants are enterprising, her farmers thrifty, her miners untiring, and prospectors almost innumerable. Her railroads are being pushed with a vim into the various mining centres. At present, pleasure seekers are thronging her hotels, watering places and mountain celebrities. We were about 13 hours riding 230 miles over the narrow gauge road, from Denver to Alamosa, three of which were consumed in crossing the mountain from Loveter to Placer, a distance of 13 miles, rising to 9,337 feet above sea level, and at times 217 to the mile with numerous curves so sharp as to resemble a twisted mule shoe. A heavy engine is kept at the foot of the Loveter Pass, to take the trains over, but necessarily moves slow either up or down on account of the sharp curves as well as heavy grade. The San Luis Valley is 80 to 100 miles long, and in its greatest breadth is not less than 50. The Rio Grande enters it from the northwest, sweeping around to the southeast and south, passing into and through New Mexico. It receives from the southwest, Rock Creek, Jehora, Alamosa, Conejos and San Antonio rivers, and several others from the north and east sides, which supply San Luis valley with water. The streams are all lower now than they have been for many years, but the vast amount of hay land and numerous bayous and side channels show that ordinarily the valley is liberally watered. The Rio Grande and all its tributaries in this valley have gravel beds and run near the surface and can be carried over the land at comparatively little expense. The plain, for such it really is, inclines with the general course of the streams, and just enough to irrigate freely without washing. In some places it is slightly uneven, but generally quite level and smooth surface. The soil though varied seems generally good. In some places it is clay covered with greasewood, at others sandy loam somewhat mixed with clay and covered with rabbit brush, and other places vast bottoms covered with wire grass and other kinds, incident to moist lands in Utah.

The townsites of Manassa and its vicinity has gravel enough upon its surface to prevent the land from baking, while it adds warmth to the soil. It draws its water supply from the north branch of Conejos River, and is situated prominently in the plain, about one and a half miles west of the main stream. The Saints' crops were generally light on account of being sown late in May, and often fed down with stock before being fenced, though older places visited, where crops were timely put in, both grain and vegetables of all kinds were excellent. Good water is obtained in wells from eight to 12 feet.

The valley has few inhabitants and far between. I am homeward bound, so adieu till we meet.

E. SNOW.

SMITHVILLE,
Pima Co., Arizona,
Aug. 18, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

We are situated in the lower or big Gila Valley; the valley is from 50 to 60 miles in length and from six to ten miles in width. The river runs the whole length of the valley from southeast to northwest. There is plenty of good rich land, and plenty of water for irrigation. There are ten families here now and some of the brethren have gone back to Utah for their families. This is a good country, but of course there are some drawbacks; timber and lumber are scarce, but firewood is plentiful. We can raise two crops per year of almost everything. The climate is pretty warm, but we do not perceive that it is any warmer now than it was two months ago; we have a nice cool breeze every day. We celebrated the 4th and 24th of July as well as we could, and had a pretty good time. We are getting along as well as can be expected, and with the blessings of God we expect to make a good place here.

WM. R. TEEPLES.

P. S.—We have Sunday School and meeting regularly every Sunday.

There is a tri-weekly mail here. Your valuable paper comes regularly every week, and is a great blessing to us.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

A large salt lake has been discovered in Mongolia, 3,110 feet above the level of the sea. It is now nearly dried up, and its bed is covered with a thick layer of salt varying from two to six feet deep.

Here is a well known text of Scripture, as amended by the Virginia (Nev.) Chronicle: "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof," subject to the first mortgage held by the C. P. R. Co., so far as California and Nevada are concerned.

The New York Mail has been publishing particulars of "the birth of the Republican party." The Mail will not be the recorder of its death, which is imminent, because as one of its feeble organs, the collapse of the party will be the Mail's decease.

Henry M. Stanley, the discoverer of Livingstone, is engaged in Africa, making arrangements for a journey into the interior for commercial purposes. He is said to be acting as agent for the Belgian section of the International African Association. It will not be many years before the "Dark Continent" will be opened up to the light, progress, sin and sorrow of modern civilization.

A new remedy for rattlesnake bite has been discovered. It is not likely to be as popular as the old medicine. It consists of a decoction of mosses from oak and hickory trees. The discoverer's name is Collins. His other name is not Tom, but Myron G. In the presence of physicians he allowed a rattlesnake to bite him in the wrist, and by using his remedy he recovered in an hour, though suffering somewhat from nausea. A bite from the same reptile killed a dog almost instantly.

The papers are copying an account of "Mormon" propagandism from the New York Herald. It pretends to give particulars obtained from an Elder returning from Europe this season, "in Elder Rowberry's party." As Elder Rowberry returned three years ago, the Herald's news is getting rather stale. But the journals of this country are always behind or in a fog on anything that pertains to the "Mormon" question, but the stuff they copy about it, one from the other, makes food for fun in Utah if it imparts no information to the gaping multitude.

THE MORMON QUESTION.

In a lively letter from "Douglas," a Washington correspondent, we find the following, under the above title, in the Pittsburg Leader of August 24.

Extreme disgust for Judge Bore-

man and his acts are expressed here. The Administration, notwithstanding its unfortunate savor of orthodoxy, is displeased with him, and is mildly condemnatory of his high-handed exercise of arbitrary power.

To those who know the Mormons the grossness of injustice in progress of practice against them is collaterally understood and manifested. They are a quiet, temperate, hardworking class of people, who find it reasonable to attend to their own business, and cheaper to support and be assisted in life by two or three wives (the last is a rarity) than to neglect a single wife and squander their money on dollar bottles of beer or five dollar quarts of effervescent cider, called champagne, with the eff-color women so unfortunately incidental to our pseudo-Christian civilization.

Bishop Cannon, the delegate in Congress from Utah—who has been imprisoned by Judge Boreman recently—is, despite his four wives, one of the purest-minded, generous, most refined and most moral of all men that I have ever met. I will guarantee to say that in thought and in practice there could not be found, even under microscopical investigation, a dozen of his colleagues in our national Congress his equal in morality and virtue and honest dealing. And if he chooses to support genteelly four, instead of one woman, in his community, where they are as sacredly respected as his wives as one would be, why it is greatly to his credit. If the Old Testament be true, polygamy owes its origin to God; prostitution is a human invention; the former is followed by the Mormons; the latter is patronized and kept in existence by us Christians.

Persecution under the work of religion is played out nowadays, and the only reason the Mormons are assailed is that they have built a rich paradise out of a wilderness, and we are greedy to grab the results of their labor."

A Western subscriber, who owes us for the Times, writes: "I know Iowa debt. Utah care and Neb' rask a second time for I Kansas back and make as Illinois as you can."—[Whitehall Times.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession:

One red two year old STEER, white under belly, star in forehead, two slits and half undercrop in right ear, square crop and slit in left.

One red 2 year old STEER, with underbit and slit in each ear.

One 4 year old brindle STEER, no marks or brands visible.

One red line back 3 year old HEIFER, white under belly, slit in left ear.

One red roan 2 year old HEIFER, white under belly, under half crop in left ear and swallowfork in right, branded SJ on left shoulder.

One spotted 2 year old HEIFER, illegible brand on left shoulder.

One light red 3 year old HEIFER, white under belly, no marks or brands visible.

One light red 4 or 5 year old HEIFER, spot in forehead, spot on rump, white under belly, under and upper half crop in left ear, square crop off right.

One dark red broke COW, 6 or 7 years old, with crop and two slits in left ear, one slit and underbit in right.

One spotted 3 or 4 year old STEER, large spot in forehead, S on right thigh, crop off left ear.

One spotted white-faced QX, 6 or 7 years old, illegible brand on right ribs.

One dark red 3 or 4 year old HEIFER, crop and underbit in each ear, wattle under jaw.

One dark brindle 4 or 5 year old STEER, under slit in right ear, hole in left.

One red 3 or 4 year old HEIFER, white under belly, no marks or brands visible, a calf with her.

One spotted 2 year old STEER, branded WRD on left hip, three underslits in right ear.

If not claimed within ten days will be sold at the Toquerville estray pound on Friday the 5th of September, 1879, at 2 o'clock p.m.

A. M. SLACK,
District Poundkeeper.
Toquerville, Kane Co., U. T.,
August 26, 1879. dsw

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession:

One blue, speckled COW, six or seven years old, upperlap and underbit in left ear, underlap in right ear, no brands visible; she has a calf.

One red STEER, four or five years old, star in forehead, white hind feet, half undercrop in left ear, underbit in right, branded U M on left thigh, vented on left shoulder, A C on left ribs, X on left hip.

Which, if not claimed, will be sold September 8th, at one o'clock, at the Betray Pound, at Manti, Sanpete County.

JENS HANSEN,
District Poundkeeper.
Manti, August 29th, 1879. dsw