SNAKE RIVER REGION.

Growing Account of the Successes of Plucky Settlers There

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To the Editor:

Since leaving Pocatello I have visited Blackfoot, Moreland, Gooding, Dazell, Shelley, Idaho Falls and this place, which is headquarters of the Bannock Stake of Zion, and as I am now going home I will try to endeavor to describe this wonderful country for the benefit of the readers of the "Deseret News."

The Lava beds are a wonder to all who come here. Their peculiar formation, and the rocks and deep fissures in them make it dangerous to travel over them after dark. The people have dared the priest and have ventured in beds, and the cattle go from their like a herd of sheep, so every is to be seen.

Then you have the largest and purest river that it has been my lot to see. It is the Missouri in the—the wonderful Snake river, that has a pale green, deep, pure color, and is transparent, and while many large canals have been taken out for irrigating purposes, it is still so large that there is water enough at the lowest stage of the river for the wants of the people in the Dominion of Canada and the states of Idaho, and it is safe to say that the Snake River Valley is the best Irrigated Valley in the United States. This year saw a bread statement, but there is plenty of water for all, and the farmers are busy getting in the last crops of hay and fill the land in readiness to receive the winter and spring weather.

I would advise all that can to take up their own canals. There are so many of them that they are owned by corporations, and you pay them a high price for water. In some places the people have taken out the water it is distributed among them at so very low rates per acre. All water is measured here by the square inch; one square inch has enough to irrigate a lot of land, and is the division of the water in the latest thread. This is square inches of water to the land by an inch. It all the time during the summer. No man has to run after a watermaster or wonder when his turn comes. The estate of Idaho, either southwestern Idaho, are pieces with and wrapped up in the Snake river. To see it and on the banks of the river and see a stream 100 feet wide a stranger would hardly believe that any water had been taken out. After he comes more to inspect the country and water he will appreciate the work of man and water before it is too late. Of course there are Idaho, Montana, California and Utah, with similar Mormon ward, and homes and farms will together the people. The date and knowledge gained from them have to be in the future for the young men of the nation to be ready to take up the balance here that there is to store, health, comfort and wealth in the Snake River Valley.

If you will allow me I would like to describe the home I assign (though so that those coming to the Snake River country may see that men have and are doing to develop this country. As you leave the main road, turn off from with the dusty Dandy and the the pattern rows that at the back of the ground that the wagons are. You are the frontier. Where are you from? "Montana, Salmon river, sir." You going back to Montana? "No, in southern Utah. There is still the restless from who is nearer, where the Mormon and the Indian and Western man who and he had moved so often that every time it covered wagon came he had to be turned on on their backs, putting on their legs ready to be tied up and go on. Year after year the same man's dream should come to Snake river if they wish to succeed.

I arrived at Blackfoot and found only a railroad town with about a half dozen families belonging to our people. In the evening the Elders and I went over to Moreland, through Riverdale. We crossed the river would with five spans each 16 feet long, and seven miles from Blackfoot we came to a new town, as it were, the people are moving on to the beach. We found I am very favorably impressed with this place. The Bishop and Young always received the people to live in these. Bishop Hyde's carriage was sent from Boise, which is a distance of 40 miles, to meet us. The Y. M. M. I. A. was organized and the Y. M. M. I. A. was in its seventh festival and party in it I am convinced that it is a great people. As they for no my journey, and the words happily, comparing and saying Moreland was the starting of life. Talk about a missionary field. Here among those scattered people is one of the best men I know of, and I am satisfied some of our missionaries who have passed by the Bishop for going abroad would receive their call love, wear of the test and while they would bring after souls to Christ they would enter the rooms in tribute, and that would more than fifty fold cannot the author and the Bishop would separate them as they did the Barnabas Elders in the British isles, other conversant in the long and fatiguing journey. This trip keeps me home, they seem to be so, but I have not yet shed a drop, but for the sake of the sick we will go to see the Bishop and have the Elders talk of the things of God and the building up of Zion.

Sunset and rock, I have one card, although the latter place is five miles distant. I have a good team and a little bottle for miles to return, here are a score of my old neighbors and people which I have known from childhood, and long time ago. The people were assembled in a certain party given by Elder Oliver Cowdery, son of Oliver Cowdery, who is using as a witness to the Indian Territory. Elder Cowdery has spent three years and had an opportunity to meet with the people, and he has made many friends of them and visited the people. Sunset is only one station from Idaho Falls, and I have a wife that lives on the Snake River, which is a little north two miles to Idaho Falls, of which Idaho Falls is a large town with a depot, hotels, stores, etc. Idaho Falls is called Gentile town, and it is not fair for Mormon people to come to it. Idaho Falls is the Church. This place is a small place of 50 inhabitants, doing business in a few months, and the people are a few years ago, and the people are a few years ago, and the people are a few years ago