AN OGDEN FESTIVAL.

Grand Party and Supper in Honor of Bishop Moroni T. Brown.

OGDEN, Feb. 20.—Last Friday evening will long be remembered by the Bishop and Saints of the First ward, Ogden, the event being a party and supper given up by the Relief society, the Sunday school, the 4th ir, the Y. L. and Y. M. M. I. and the Primary associations in honor of Bishop Brown, whose failing health became an object of solicitude to every member of the ward. The doctor had advised a trip to the coast as the best remedy for rest and recuperation. To aid him in defraying the expenses, every heart responded with heroic promptitude to the above event, to make it a financial success.

Long before eight o'clock, smiling faces were seen wending their way toward the meeting house with baskets swung from some arms laden with goodies from hearth and farm, which, with dainty hands, were soon spread upon spacious tables—"a feast for all." The large hall was crowded to a jam and among the vast throng were noticed familiar faces from all parts of Ogden, showing that the Bishop's circle of friends was not limited to the First ward alone. Notwithstanding the crowd, there was decorum, and the old man was touched when the Old Folks arranged themselves, quadrille style, "to teach the young how to shout" (notes and on the glassy floor, which proved rather too slippery for some of the veterans.) After supper, which was in every way a success, doubly so because of the sweet words, sweet tones and sweet meats which graced the sumptuous board, the assembly was called to order and Elder Franklin D. Richards, of the Council of the Apostles, in his usual felicity style, spoke a few words complimentary of the occasion and in sympathy of the delicate state of Bishop Brown's health. He was followed by Elder C. F. Middleton, of the Snake penitentiary, who briefly touched upon the history of the worthy Bishop, relating incidents illustrative of the life which subsequently led to such noble distinctions of character.

Next came a poem, composed by Mrs. L. F. Monch for the occasion in behalf of the Relief society of the ward. A music song followed, after which the young and gay were waltzed away with the sweet strains of music, interspersed now and then with an other comic song, till the midnight hour tolled the parting sound.

Bishop Brown thanked the assembled many for the interest manifested in his behalf, assuring all that their kindness found a responsive echo in his heart, and that he would ever hold in sacred remembrance the acts of friendship extended to him in the hour of affliction. He had but one desire, and that was to serve his God and his people. This he felt he could do better in good health, hence the proposed trip to the coast, that he might again be better prepared to fill the mission to which God had called him.

After benediction all returned to their homes satisfied that their efforts had been crowned with complete success, for a tiro sum had been realized as a substantial token of friendship to their beloved Bishop.

Where all do well it is hard to make distinctions, yet we cannot only give an extra word of praise to the ladies whose willing hands and loving hearts knew no bounds in showing their tender feelings to the father of their ward in time of affliction.

Basalt Items.

Correspondence of the News.

FEB. 16, 1894.—Last Friday it blew a gale; on Saturday it blew two gales, made fast by each other. A blinding snow storm set in about 9 p. m., but did not last long. Sunday the sun shone all day, but today it has been the worst of the season. Old Boreas got in his work with his companion Neptune helping him, with a fearful snow storm, which will be long remembered by the folk here at this place. Today got the writer of this article in mind of a northwest gale he was in for four days and nights in the day of Illinois, bound to Liverpool, England, with a cargo of copper ore. Nature and the storm, but it took the art of good workingmen to build a good, sea worthy ship that kept her seam together, for copper ore is the worst cargo for a ship.

In our last debate Nature was the winner of votes. Next Tuesday evening's subject is, "Which has been the worst treated, the Indian or negro?"

Conference time came back on Saturday. Bishop Lindquist, Geo. Winter, Ezra Wilson and his two sisters and Brother Thompson, of Riverside, called at Brother and Sister Erastus Larson's and were made comfortable after their cold ride, with a good repast. The folks stayed here and held house meetings and attended the shows to see the pieces performed by our dramatic club, which gave much satisfaction to all, and when they return to Riverside they can speak of the kindness of Basaltes shown to them on their visit.

I visited the day school this morning but the fearful storm that was raging kept many from attending, but when all are congregated there are about fifty in attendance. I saw that the young sisters are getting well developed in arithmetic and other parts of education.

The Larson boys were well pleased when they returned home from Bay hunting, in the fearful blizzard today.

Our next subject in block meetings will be A Apostasy.

At Bloxby, February 15, was a son born to the wife of Brother Wilcox. Mother and child are doing well. Father is well pleased with his new comer, the first one born at Bloxby.

LOBENZAN.

From Riverside.

RIVERSIDE, Bingham Co., Idaho, February 17th, 1894.

Editor Deseret News:

After leaving the railroad town of Blackfoot and traveling about a mile west we come to a good bridge 250 feet long which spans the fine stream of Snake river, and four miles further on down on the north side of the river is situated the settlement of Riverside, where some of the Saints are located. Business here and there over the level country may be seen good farms, fine farm, and worthwhile, owned by California ranchmen who own on an average perhaps six acres of land each. I am told a number of these men want to sell out. The soil is of a little sandy loam (wouldn't this suit the sugar beet?) Water of good quality can be obtained, the grain crops planted out are doing well, some of them have been out well for several years. Our Bishop's name is Chas. Lindquist. It is the intention to lay out a town site on the spring. The winter so far has been an exceptionally fine one, there is only three inches of snow on the level and that came on the 6th of Jan. On the 20th the ground was bare and some of the farmers were grubbing sage. For the last two weeks it has been cold and rainy and going quite slaughtering.

Lucky is the sheep man who has his sheep near here this winter, as they are doing first rate on the range. There is good feed and plenty of water, but the sheep men generally buy hay enough in the fall to last their sheep three months, and if they can't sell it on the spring of hold it over. Hay has been selling all winter for $5 per ton. It seems strange to read of so much snow and such cold weather three or four hundred miles south of us and we in the west, to be cooped up by a "mere emigrant" or two, we have plenty of room, it is stamped to buy a farm then to make one. I think it is a good place for two to make and lay a claim of 160 acres and have it patented, as it is easier to obtain $160 than it is $800, and part of that in trade. We have miles of red cedar on the farm made north of us. I think you hear that some people do this winter from all over that are "slightly insane." The statements I have made here I am prepared to prove. I don't think this place has no disadvantages, but in my opinion it is as good a place to make a home as I know of.

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