

the Saints of the Sixteenth ward, with some friends from other parts of the city, gathered in the Sixteenth ward assembly hall to do honor to Bishop Frederick Kesler, who yesterday attained to the age of eighty years. During the evening a beautiful lounge was presented to the Bishop by the members of the ward, the presentation speech being made in a very pleasing manner by Elder Arthur Parsons. The Bishop responded in a few well chosen and hearty remarks, in which he briefly told of his hopes and faith in the Church, giving as the secret of his long life and his success the fact that he had always made his duty to the Lord as the foremost, leaving his private affairs and inclinations for after consideration; hence the Lord had blessed him with long life and a goodly degree of health and strength.

Congratulatory remarks were also made by Presidents Joseph F. Smith and Angus M. Cannon, and Elder Abraham H. Cannon. Dancing occupied the greater part of the time, and all present apparently enjoyed themselves; none more so than the venerable and worthy Bishop, who had presided for many years very successfully over the Sixteenth ward. He has by his faithfulness and integrity won the esteem and confidence of all the people, and wherever Bishop Kesler is known he is honored as a true and faithful servant of God. May he live yet many years to bless the Church with his labors, encourage the Latter-day Saints by his faithfulness and set an example of humility and diligence to the youth of Zion.

Some fifty persons gathered together Monday in the way of surprise, to do honor to Patriarch Homer Duncan of the Eleventh ward, who that day reached his eighty-second birthday in this probation.

It has been usual for the veteran and his family to call together a few friends on similar occasions, but during the winter Brother Duncan fell to his dooryard and cracked one of his ribs, so counted on deferring what has always been a very joyous time, but those who had shared the hospitality of his family heretofore concluded to do the catering this time.

When the gathering had toned down Bishop Morris was chosen chairman. In a brief speech of congratulation he voiced the feelings of those present, and an impromptu program of songs and speeches from both brethren and sisters made up a very interesting evening's enjoyment; Elders J. E. Taylor, C. W. Penrose and B. H. Roberts with others, brought up many incidents of the past, such as associations on the plains, in the missionary field, and in this Territory. These were of a pleasant and reminiscent character, after which refreshments were in order; then Brother Duncan expressed his gratitude for recovery and for the kindness and sympathy of both brethren and sisters, also for the unexpected visit. Some experiences in connection with the Prophet Joseph and his work were rehearsed, and the party was dismissed with prayer and congratulations by Bishop Morris. May our worthy father, brother and friend continue until he can truly say, "It is enough," and then may he rest in peace from his labors, and enjoy his sure reward.

The following important order with

reference to "reports" and "returns" has just been issued for the information of officers of the National Guard of Utah:

HEADQUARTERS NATIONAL GUARD OF UTAH.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 14, 1896.
General Orders No. 2.

The following changes are announced in the rendition of "Reports" and "Returns" required in this office:

The "Quarterly Returns of Government Property" are discontinued; and hereafter a "Return of Government Property" will be rendered on May 31st and November 30th of each year. These "Returns" will be made by Company Commanders and forwarded direct to the Adjutant General.

"Monthly Reports of Drill" and "Quarterly Returns of the Company" will be forwarded by Company Commanders to the Majors of their respective battalions, who will forward them, (as soon as all are in) to the Colonel of the Regiment, who in turn will forward them direct to the Adjutant General. The Majors of separate battalions (Battalions 2nd Infantry and 1st Cavalry), and Commanders of the Light Batteries and of the Signal Corps will forward these papers direct to the Adjutant General.

The Adjutant General will furnish the Brigade Commander with consolidated "Returns" of the organizations.

All matters pertaining to the personnel and discipline of the Guard (such as applications for furloughs, discharges, etc.) will be forwarded to the Adjutant General, through the offices of the intermediate commanders, that is, through the offices of the Major, the Colonel and the Brigadier General.

The Majors of battalions are especially charged with securing from their commands a prompt and correct rendition of all "Reports" and "Returns."

By order of the Commander-in-Chief.
JNO. Q. CANNON,
Adjutant General.

RIVERSIDE, Box Elder Co., Utah,
Jan. 16, 1896.

Perhaps it might be of interest to the many readers of the NEWS to know that there is such a place as Riverside. The town is located about three miles west of the bridge known as the Standing Bridge in Box Elder county. It is a new town, located two years ago, and a ward was organized about one year ago, before which time we were a part of the Fielding ward. We number about fifteen families, but only about half of them are located on the new townsite. The canal company surveyed a townsite on their land, and have made some liberal offers to those desiring to locate here. They have given a lot each for school and church purposes, also a two-acre park ground located in the center of the survey, and propose to furnish the trees to plant it with, the people to do the work. They furnished the material for a school house 40x22 and the people here set to and built the house, which we are now using and feel proud of. The school trustees expect to start school in it in a few days. Dear old Uncle Sam has given us a post office. We have a good peaceable class of people here, with Myron J. Richards for our Bishop; he labors unceasingly for the interests of the people. We have been blessed beyond our expectation in the past year, and the future looks bright. Two of the Apostles blessed us and our lands and we are witnessing the blessings promised. We are enjoying many of the privileges that other people are having who live

in settlements instead of being scattered out on their farms. There is plenty of room for more settlers and we will make them welcome.

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The excitement regarding the international war situation had its parallel in local politics Monday afternoon in the discussion of the Utah senatorship. A week ago the Republicans, who have a majority of the State Legislature, held a caucus, and nominated Hon. Frank J. Cannon by acclamation for United States Senator. The other nominees agreed upon was Arthur Brown, who secured twenty-four votes of the caucus to nineteen for his rival before the caucus, Judge C. W. Bennett. There were other candidates, but the caucus did not deign to notice them by a vote.

Now the all important question is Will the caucus observe its action as binding?

This inquiry is being answered both ways. There are legislators who say the agreement should be sacredly carried out; that the vote in caucus was squarely taken, and should be accepted as final. There are others who take a different view, and it is freely asserted that while Frank Cannon will receive the full party vote, the other nominee, Arthur Brown, will not.

There has been a heavy influence brought against Mr. Brown's supporters since the caucus, to have enough desert him to insure his defeat. This it is alleged, has been accomplished. It takes 32 votes to elect, and it is asserted that 12 of the 43 Republican members have agreed to bolt the caucus, leaving only 31 votes for Mr. Brown. When the 12 will vote for is not stated.

In addition to the open fight waged against Mr. Brown, it is said money is being freely used in certain directions. The allegations in this respect are very pointed.

Will the Republicans stand by the caucus nomination of Arthur Brown? seems to be now an open question, to some minds at least.

Mr. Brown's friends say that all Republican members will abide the action of the caucus, except four or five at the most, and that his election is a foregone conclusion.

The time for voting for United States Senators in accordance with the Constitution and resolution previously adopted was announced by President of the Senate Cannon. A viva voce vote was immediately taken resulting in the election of Hon. Frank J. Cannon and Hon. Arthur Brown, who each received twelve votes, the full Republican strength.

Hon. J. L. Rawlins and Hon. Moses Thatcher were given the votes of the five Democratic members present. One Democrat, Senator Barnes, who is still a very sick man, was absent.

The President announced the election of Messrs. Cannon and Brown.

GEORGE H. SNELL.

The announcement of the death of Mr. G. H. Snell, of this city, will be shocking and unexpected news to many of his friends and acquaintances, for it was not generally known that he had been engaged in a long and severe struggle for a further lease on life. Such never-