

W. W. RITER TELLS OF PIONEER DAYS

Relates Interesting Personal Experiences of His Trip Across the Plains.

SOME HARDSHIPS ENDURED.

Forms Theme for Decidedly Instructive Address Delivered at Gathering of Daughters of Pioneers.

At the meeting of the Daughters of the Pioneers, at the Lion House, Mr. W. W. Riter, a pioneer of 1847, gave a most interesting talk of pioneer days, and told many incidents of the journey across the plains.

These reminiscences gave a clear and vivid picture of the daily lives, with the suffering and privations of the pioneers, and deeply impressed all with the sublime faith and courage of this noble band. The speaker said: "I was only a small boy when our family arrived in Nauvoo in April, 1846. We camped on the slope where we could see the temple and as a child, I was impressed with its beauty. One can scarcely realize the emotions of the saints in taking the last look at this sacred building that they had built with their sacrifices and dedicated with their faith and tears. Men, physically weak for lack of proper food, worked day after day and this temple was dear to every Mormon."

"On the journey to Winter Quarters, several fell by the wayside. At Mt. Pisgah there was a great deal of sickness. The chills and fever and scurvy were so bad at Florence that scarcely a family was without sickness. We prepared for winter by building the best shelter possible, log houses, sod-houses and dugouts, while others were

sheltered only by wagon boxes. Our house in Winter Quarters was built outside the stockade, and we were much annoyed by Indians, who were very impudent. My father was appointed one of the bishops and he had to care for many of the families left by the Mormon battalion boys. He had some means, and that winter his teams traveled back and forth for corn for food for these hungry women and children. This he brought with his own means. We boys were employed herding and our favorite amusement was fighting snakes. To show the courage and independence of the women, I well remember one incident. Aunt ——— had a yoke of steers and at Winter Quarters she cut the logs, choosing the smallest, and the steers dragged them to where she intended to build her log house. She built her house and lived in it all that winter. Our company left Winter Quarters, and the first camp was made at what is now Tremont. Here was erected a liberty pole and companies were organized of 100, 50 and 10.

INDIAN RAIDS.
"As a better protection from the Indians, we traveled in double file. We were much annoyed by Indians, but not until we reached Strawberry Creek did they make a raid. Here we met Prest. Young and company returning to Winter Quarters. The night after they joined us, the Indians raided and drove off. I should judge, one half of the horses of Prest. Young and his company."

"My elder brother, in speaking of this short time ago, said: 'All through the trials, Prest. Young kept a stiff upper lip and this was the only time that I remember of his showing that he was depressed.'"

"The next day after the loss of horses, Prest. Young's company started on in a blinding snow storm, their journey of 700 miles to join their fam-

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lies, and we continued our journey (300 miles) to the valley."

Mr. Riter, in speaking of life in the valley, said:
"We arrived Oct. 3 and camped on Third West. The first company had commenced to build the fort. Many of the houses here were of adobe. The pioneers learned to make adobies from the battalion boys, who had returned from California. The fort consisted of three squares. We were much annoyed with mice, the rod chimneys attracting them."

"I attended the first school which started with seven pupils, the latter part of October in a tent in the fort, and was taught by my aunt."

FIRST POTATOES RAISED.
The first potatoes were raised near the Gilmore place (the first Country Club), but they were not fully grown when winter came on.

IRRIGATED CROPS.
"In the spring of '48, my father planted several acres of wheat by making a dam in City Creek. He irrigated land and got wheat up. When it was a few inches high crickets came and threatened to destroy his crop. Starvation stared us in the face. My father was so discouraged that he offered to trade with Robert Pierce for a few barrels of flour, but Pierce declined to trade. However, father raised a fair crop, and that, with the corn, kept not only our family, but others from starvation. We ate sago and other roots and turnips, and several lost their lives through eating poisonous sago."

"The winter of '48 was very rainy; the sod roofs accumulated moisture, and for weeks clothing and bedding was soaked."

"My mother, during all these trials, never lost patience or faith, but did much good in cheering and helping others. She never rested until all her family of brothers and sisters were brought into the Church. My Aunt Mary Jane was the first woman missionary to the Sandwich Islands. I was an eye witness to the gulls saving our crops and rescuing us from starvation. One peculiar feature of this is that these gulls would eat until they could eat no more, then disgorge and start over again. I have never known them to do this before or since."

The speaker compared the exodus under President Young with that of the Israelites. He congratulated the daughters on the work they are doing and said, "I am proud of being a pioneer, and mark it, the time will come when the memory of our pioneers will be held sacred, their work recognized, not only in the archives of the Church,

but in the history of the nation. This wide band, whose listings were brought in a few wagons, will be recognized not only as the pioneers of Utah, but pioneers of the entire development and progress of the west."

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stingley announce the engagement of their daughter Leila, to Joseph J. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cushing announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ellen to John S. Andrews, the wedding to take place in April.

Mrs. W. F. James was hostess at a luncheon this afternoon at the Alta Club, the table being decorated in tulips and violets and covers laid for 14 guests. The affair was in honor of Mrs. James' niece, Miss Beryl James of Iowa, who is visiting her.

The State Council of Women will hold a meeting at the Woman's Exponent office on Monday at 2 p. m. to discuss important business. All members and any others interested are urged to be present.

Mrs. La Motte entertained at an informal bridge tea this afternoon for her guest Mrs. Blackwell.

The Monday Bridge Club will meet next week with Mrs. La Motte.

Mrs. Walter Tuttle is expected home after an absence of several weeks in California.

Judge and Mrs. J. C. Royle have for their guests Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thatcher of Denver.

Mrs. Mary Louise Anderson returned yesterday from Chicago where she has been spending the winter with her brother.

This afternoon the Bay View Reading Club gave a Japanese tea at the home of Mrs. Richard Savage, the rooms being decorated in Oriental style and all details carried out in the same manner. Assisting Mrs. Savage were Mrs. A. H. Ensign, Mrs. John Wiley and Mrs. A. B. Gibson who were dressed in Japanese costumes. Mrs. J. J. Buswell gave an interesting talk on her

recent travels, and Miss Helen Reedall rendered several musical numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Korth of Chicago spent two days here this week as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Korth. They are returning to their home, after spending the winter in southern California.

OGDEN.

Thursday afternoon at the Congregational church, Miss Ruby Thompson and Earl Vernon Smith were united in marriage by Rev. John C. Carver.

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac R. Farley was celebrated on the 11th inst. and the residence of their daughter, Mrs. C. A. Marriott, on Heninger Avenue. About 40 of their immediate relatives and friends spent a very pleasant evening. After a bounteous repast the evening was passed in social chat, speeches, music and dancing. Mr. and Mrs. Farley are of the old time early settlers of Utah, coming here in the early fifties and sharing in all the vicissitudes of pioneer life. Mr. Farley took a very active part in the building up of Weber county. He also took part in the Echo Canyon war. The venerable couple have 13 children, 40 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren now living. Mr. and Mrs. Farley were the recipients of many costly and valuable presents. Congratulations were sent them by members of their family who live in Oregon and other places, and were not able to attend. At a late hour the guests gave them a hearty endorsement of their happy and most successful journey through life with the following sentiment: Life's shades are now clustering around your feet, and now that life's journey is quietly pointing its course to the setting sun, when your life shall set, may it set as sets the northern star, to go not down behind the darkened west, but fade away into the light of heaven."

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Stewart have gone to Minneapolis, where they will make their future home.

Mrs. S. C. Hite has returned after a two months' visit in California.

Mrs. John P. Peterson and Mrs. A. C. Post have returned from an extended visit in southern California.

The ladies of the Ogden Historical society were entertained this afternoon at the Episcopal Guild rooms by Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. Bishop.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Robinson of Morgan were Ogden visitors during the past week.

E. A. Littlefield, Jr., has returned home after completing his studies at Columbia University, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. M. M. Mead of Promontory is visiting in Ogden for a few days.

J. W. Linstrom, the oldest letter carrier in Ogden, celebrated the anniversary of his fiftieth birthday Wednesday, and in the evening the letter carriers of Ogden surprised the veteran in grey by calling at his residence on Eighteenth street and extending felicitations in an appropriate manner. A pleasant social time followed.

At the Broom hotel Tuesday night D. J. Williams of Malad, Ida., and Miss Esther Munsee of Lucin, were united in marriage, Elder George B. Folkman performing the ceremony. Mr. Williams is a well known sheep man of Sumner, Idaho, and the couple will make their home there.

Seliger H. Eaton and Georgia A. Ewing of Ogden were married at the home of the bride, 2627 Wall Avenue, at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening. Elder Robert Moyes officiating. It was a quiet but very pretty wedding, those witnessing the ceremony being only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties. Mr. Eaton is an employee in the telegraph department of the Oregon Short Line Railroad company at Ogden, and is well and very favorably known by railroad employees and others in the city. Mrs. Eaton has been identified with the Healey cafe as cashier for a long time. Both have many friends in the city who extend to them congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Eaton will make their home in Ogden.

Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Nana Frye of Ogden and Ernest A. Bowen of St. Joseph, Mo. The wedding will take place April 3, and Mr. and Mrs. Bowen will be at home to their friends at 3117 Adams Avenue after April 15.

At the residence of Henry Blair, 2920 Flinkee Avenue, Monday evening the seventy-eighth anniversary of the birth of his father, Isaac Blair, was celebrated in a fitting manner, the event being made the occasion for a family reunion. All of the members of the family were present. The evening was very pleasantly spent in a social manner, and the venerable Mr. Blair received many felicitations upon the happiness of the occasion.

Curious Error Give s Magazines's Fat Readers Much Joy.

A mistake occurred in a recent issue of one of the large monthly periodicals that had most curious results.

At the present time this magazine is publishing a serial novel by a famous author and also a beauty culture page that is conducted by one of Philadelphia's most noted specialists. In the number referred to these two sections of reading matter got mixed.

In the novel the parly chapone of the heroine, hurrying after her charge up the narrow, winding stairway of an old French mansion, sticks fast on the landing and can neither get up nor down. In answer to her appeal for information, how to get out of her fix, the laughing girl above is made to say "Fat folks shouldn't exercise violently. Their hearts are weak and it is dangerous. Neither should they adopt starvation methods, for they are injurious to the stomach. The very best way to reduce flesh quickly is to take the following simple home prescription: Iguonce Marmola, 1/2 ounce Fluid Cas-cara Aromatic and 3/4 ounces Syrup Simplex. This, taken in teaspoonful doses after meals and at bedtime for three or four weeks will reduce the flesh ten to sixteen ounces a day. It is perfectly harmless, will not injure, but improve the health, and, being a natural reducer of fat does not cause wrinkles. The ingredients are to be found in any good drug store, and are not expensive."

Of course, this item had been written by the specialist for insertion in the beauty page, but through an error on the part of the printer it found this most appropriate place in the story. Now comes the sequel. Hundreds of fat men readers, who were closely following the fortunes of the heroine from month to month, but who, man-like, never gave the beauty page so much as a glance, came to this practical item and were first astonished, then impressed, and finally stirred to action, with the result that during the last month hundreds have written the editor saying that they had tried the heroine's recipe and found it did the work splendidly. They all agreed that paragraph was the best thing the novelist ever wrote.

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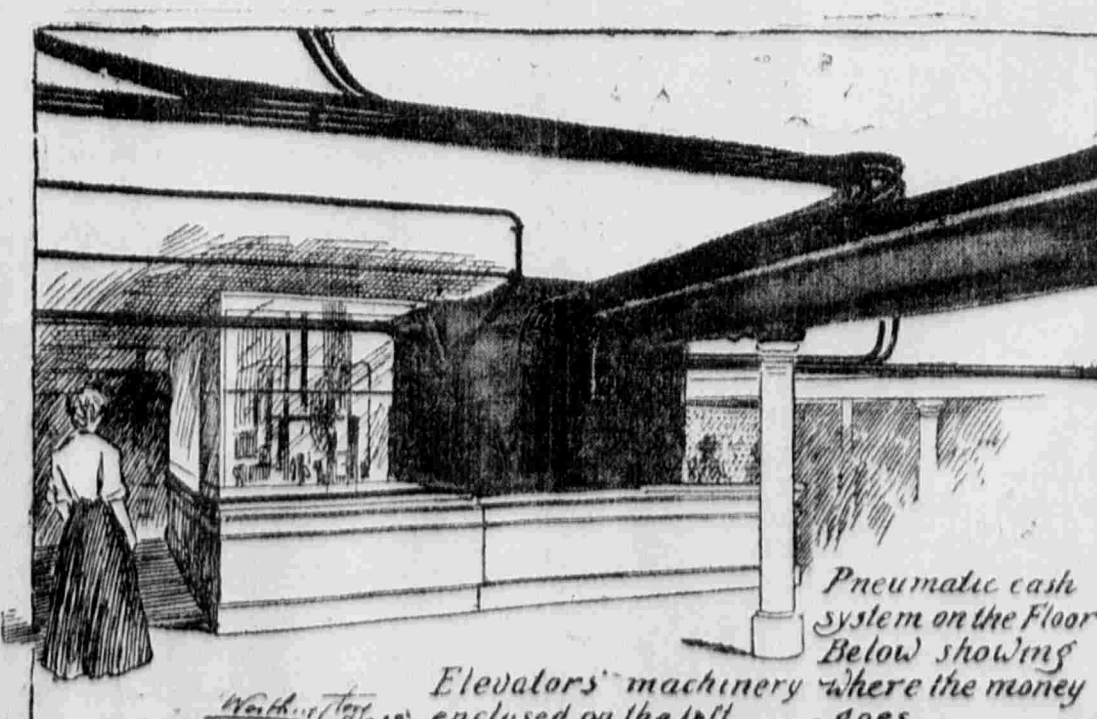
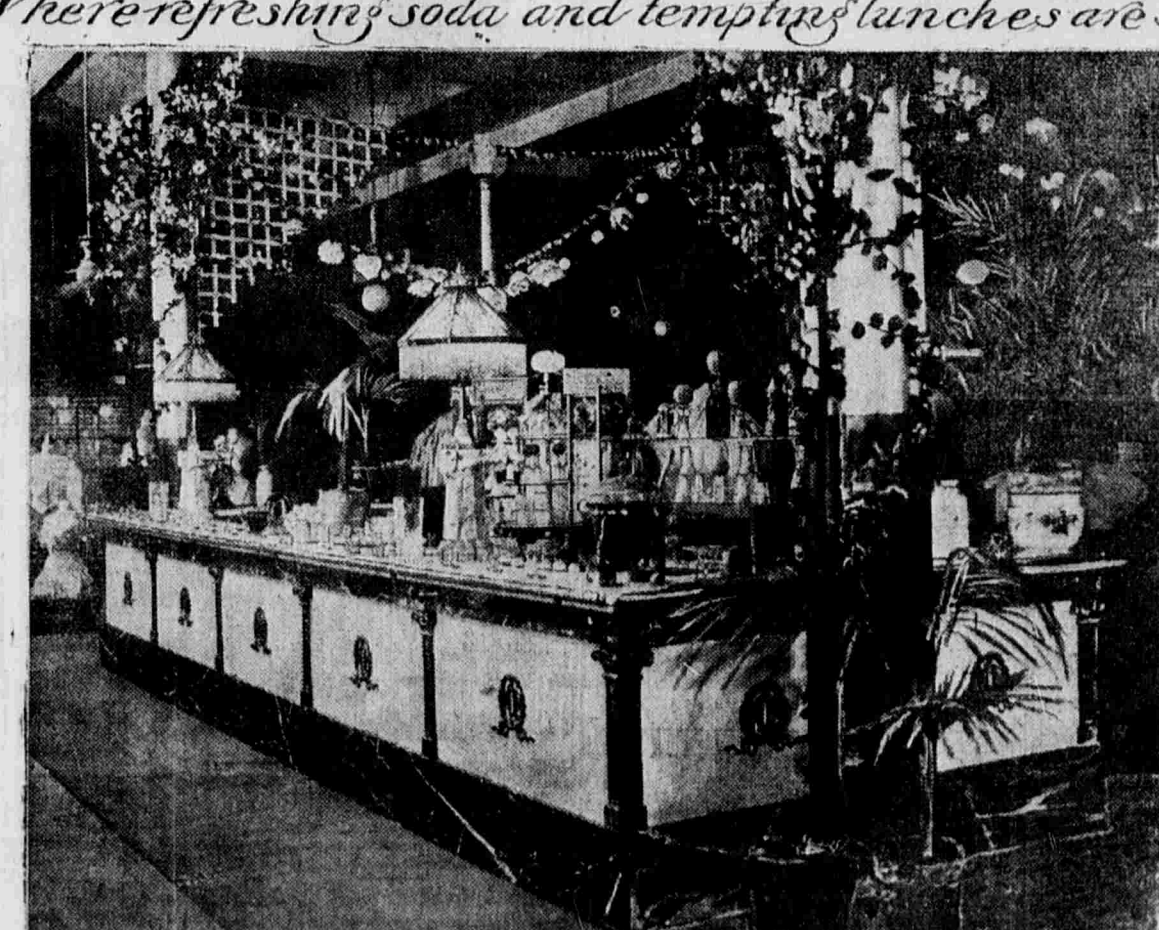
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