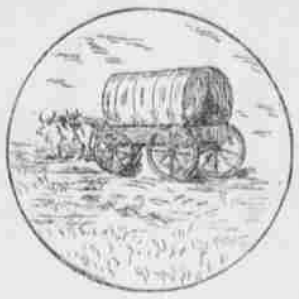

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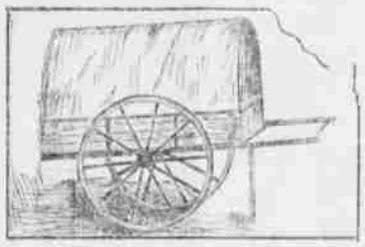

EVERYBODY COME AND TAKE A GLANCE AT THE TRYING BUT HONORED PAST.

At SALTAIR Monday, Aug. 20th.

LOWEST EXCURSION RATES FROM ALL POINTS.

A Week in Bannock Stake.

Elder Deseret News

As representatives of the Deseret Sunday School Union board, Elder John M. Whitaker and myself left Salt Lake City on Friday evening, Aug. 3rd, to attend the Bannock Stake Sunday school conference to be held at Rexburg on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 4th and 5th, the proceedings of which have been reported to you. Passing business prevented Elder J. M. Whitaker's acceptance of the invitation of President T. E. Ricks for us to remain until their Stake conference a week later, so he returned home, leaving me to fill the program mapped out by President Ricks, which was to be a visit to his Stake at large, or more literally a visit around his large Stake; so on Monday President Ricks came with his well appointed team and conveyance and in his agreeable company and that of his wife and Counselor Wm. F. Rigby we travelled westward from Rexburg over a road a portion of which, near the bridge, would be all the better for a little attention from the road supervisor. Crossing the bridge, 234 feet long, spanning the north fork of Snake river, a river of noble proportions, we made 10 miles to the Egin log school house by 10 a.m., where a congregation of the capacity of the house, not counting the babies, had assembled on short notice, and in the midst of their pressing harvest labors, to meet with us. Sister Ricks, representing the interest of the Young Ladies M. I. A., and Sister Hinckley, who with her husband, Patriarch Ezra Hinckley, and a daughter, had come in another conveyance from Rexburg, and representing the interest of the Relief societies of the Stake, spoke, as did also President Ricks, Elders Rigby and Griggs. Dinner at Bishop H. H. Smith's and we drove on through a country wonderful in its fertility and mighty water courses, artificial and natural, for what they term climes are the equals of large canals, some of the latter having capacity of thirty thousand inches of water and of these main water courses in this Stake there are some twenty-five in number and aggregating 1,500 miles in length, and their construction, owing to the gentle sloping character of the country and lava and formation, has been comparatively easy. A fitting background to the lovely picture presented from this point, looking eastward, and the source of supply of these rivers and river-like canals was the Teton peaks in their snow-mantled inaccessible city, and sentinel-like solitude and their mountainous range to their right and left. With peaks, which was proximate, the lookers drew the visitor's attention to the vast extended fields, on either side of fastigiating and heavy-headed grain, together with countless acres of thrifty appearing potatoes, carrots and other root crops, and also the great patches of onions, the first crop of which was to be seen in all directions gathered. Into bags stacks glad tiding to the souls of the owners at the prospects of maintaining through the approaching winter the new rich and healthy condition of their numerous cattle and horses. Multiply as we saw these fruitful acres of this so called plain, yet there are many acres (miles I should say) yet awaiting the hand of honest toil, and the hearts of Prest. Ricks and his also associates, Counselors W. F. Rigby and J. E. Steele, and of other prominent men of the Stake go out in kindly desire for an invitation to the genuine homeseeker, among those especially who have identified themselves with that labor, temporal and spiritual, which has characterized the founders of Utah.

After leaving Egin we drove to Parker and began a meeting there under a tabernacle, but were soon interrupted by a wind and rain storm which suddenly came upon us and drove us to seek shelter in an unfinished granary adjoining where our meeting was convened. Bishop Edwin Carlston, active and intelligent, would have us see the field of magnificent grain. He has taught school and gives practical attention to physical culture by farming 1,000 acres of land. Finding the North Fork, we partook of the trout and other delicacies provided by Brother and Sister Black in their downcastered home at Willard and then on to Rexburg by 9 p. m., having traveled forty miles in this circuit.

The forty miles here we arranged by President Ricks, Brother John T. Smallie, whose guest I had been, still further added to my obligations to him by taking me in his cart and driving me fifty miles to the "Island," but Teton Valley would convey a better idea of its size, as it is about twelve by twenty-five miles in extent. Clear, cool streams of water abound in every direction easy of access for all purposes.

To the east side of the valley and crossing the line into Wyoming we are made comfortable by Sister Rigby and family. The next morning never made sleep pleasant and refreshing and prepared us the next day to enjoy a pleasant visit to the home of Brother Wilson, Bishop Matthew Pratt and Elder Hodge Little. The view from Bishop Pratt's house is particularly beautiful and above him is a site that at once suggests a fitting place for a temple. Driving southerly about fourteen miles and crossing Teton creek we came to Ryexburg and held a meeting; so got acquainted with the Saints in their place, and became the guests of Bishop D. H. Ricks and wife. In this frontier settlement, with all that that term implies—scattered houses or logs with dirt roofs and floors, corrals, etc.—we found how little could be displayed in adorning even a cruder log house and making it homelike. The house we here to stand was of logs with its walls covered with terrapolis colored butcher paper and adorned with tastefully arranged picture cards, a large Elk's horn served as a hat-rack, while a sunsonette, a needed glass pitcher, some simply white-and brown-and tones, etc., served to lend gaiety, displaying a wealth of geraniums, creepers and other house plants, all so artistically arranged as to like measurably the sensities of the holder. So in the manner was lonely prairie bedecked with dugouts of our elegant cot, where a lodger with plenty consumes a rent in the well-worn carpet.

Thursday with a sixty-mile drive to Rexburg enable us crossed so early, and for such great covered vehicles, alarming the sage hen at intervals, we neared the west bench of the basin, and by the time all make the lower reaches of Teton creek, where, after unhitching and animal leisure solidarity and unconsciousness very sick. Exercise [illegible] to see numbered of other means employed, we were gratified and grateful in seeing her improve, so that at sunset we were prepared to make the twenty-five miles alone on, accomplishing it by midlight and a thunder storm startling in the intensity and novelty to its electrical display. Our quilts afforded us protection from the falling rain. During this trip Brother Smallie proved himself a good driver and a very agreeable companion.

Friday, President Ricks, the personification of punctuality, was on hand with his team, having, as before, Sister Ricks and Counselor Rigby as fellow-travelers. We started for Ima via the Butte ferry, the bridge over the South Fork being under repairs, speedily ferrying the river, our course was through a succession of grain laden fields to Menan, and thence the log-cabin home of Elder Nephi Stevens. Mother being away the young daughter proved herself fully competent to prepare on short notice a generous meal. Brother Stevens had the brethren respect his wormless and sound apples growing on thrifty trees. Mammoth carrots, cabbages, pie plant and potatoes made his big heart still bigger with the sense of gratitude he felt to the Giver of all good. Through Lewisville, by Rigby and Willow Creek—duplicates of the other settlements in their acres of plenteousness. Companions on the plains of Iona stands the comfortable mansion of Counselor J. E. Steele, and the terminus of our forty-mile drive. In this vicinity, as stated by President Ricks, some two years ago President W. Woodruff, Elder H. J. Grant and others stood upon a wagon and addressed the occupants of five or six other wagons, instructed them in regard to the settlement of that region—then homeless, friendless, tenantless, and desolate in its solitude. Elder W. F. Rigby and I were invited upon Brother Isaac Dalgleish's and we found him the good son of a good mother and only exceeded in a good natured wife. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 12th and 13th, were spent in attending the conferences of the Primary association, Relief society and of the Stake. Elder H. J. Grant arrived on Sunday morning to attend the latter. The return to Salt Lake City on Monday morning was uneventful. Take round of some 240 miles traveled by team in Bannock Stake enabled me to see much of that fruitful and promising county, and the very general interest in the Sabbath school work there manifested as well as the cordial support to the various organizations and labors of the Saints, and more of the health can be traced to the untiring energy of President T. E. Ricks, well sustained by his counselors, Elders Rigby and Steele, and one of the brightest Sabbaths in the day of a member of Bannock Stake in the estimation of its worthy president is to be an up and go at it Letter-day Saint.

Another pleasing feature of the outings (?) outlines as here stated is the necessity of the Gospel by a minister who have heretofore been merely sympathetic to the Latter-day Saints, but overcoming worldly prejudice and accepting baptism are now stalwarts in well doing.

Cordially yours,

T. C. ROBERTS.

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The Rio Grande Western also announces a rate of a fare and a third to Topeka, Ks., and return for the meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons to be held August 21st to 25th.

EXCURSION VIA UNION PACIFIC.

Wednesday, August 22nd.

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Salt Lake City	Ophir	2.50
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Salt Lake City	Nephi	4.00
Salt Lake City	Levan	4.50
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