

From Harrisville.

July 12, 1897.

EDITOR THE STANDARD:—Since writing your last under date of March 6th wherein four of our scions took their departure for pastures new in the interest of the dominant church of Utah, and from whom we have received several glad tidings of their successes, wherein they relate it is the finest school they ever entered in which to gain the most scientific development of their powers, and is worth more to them than the gold of Ophir.

Two more of Harrisville raised citizens, namely Fred Hayes and L. S. Harris, took their departure June 13th and 23rd to the southern and eastern states mission. Those, with three others who are expected shortly to leave, will form quite an army of doctrinarians from this small ward.

We had a visit on Sunday evening, June 27th, from Elder John Bluth, who lectured in the interest of mutual improvement. He is a real walking bible on church historical data, and his visit was highly appreciated.

We were highly entertained yesterday, Sunday, July 11th, by a visit from the West Weber choir, led by C. W. Clayton, accompanied by their bishop and counselor Hunter, also Elder N. C. Christiansen, a lately returned missionary from Turkey, and others. The choir captivated the meeting with their harmonious strains, and N. C. Christiansen gave a graphic account of his travels to and in the land of Biblical history. He was followed by Bishop McFarland and Counselor Hunter, the latter holding a warm affection in the hearts of the people here, owing to his missionary labors among us some five years ago.

At the close of the services we repaired to ex-Bishop P. G. Taylor's grove, where a luscious feast of sandwiches, cakes, pies, lemonade, ice cream and other toothsome edibles were enjoyed by about sixty of the visitors, and nearly double that number of our own citizens. This gathering was a social reciprocity of one paid by the Harrisville choir to West Weber on Sunday, June 20th, led by N. J. Harris and it appeared that each tried to excel the other, in their harmonious strains and social entertainments, for the good people of West Weber showed marked attention to Professor Harris and his three-score army of visitors on the occasion named.

At the close of the entertainment in the grove short speeches complimenting the benefits of these social reunions were made by Bishop McFarland of West Weber; Bishop L. J. Taylor of Harrisville, and that venerable Patriarch P. G. Taylor under whose shady groves we met. The latter was most exultant in his praises of the noble progeny of the pioneer descendents there assembled. He said they were a fine lot of ladies and gentlemen. The peers of any like gathering under the sun and their superiors can't be found. He also prided himself on his forty-seven years settlement on these old stamping grounds where he has subdued the howling wastes till today his ten-acre corn patch planted May 1st now stands from eight to ten feet feet high, without a weed or corn sucker in it and never had a drop of water, only from nature to moisten it. The assembly retired to their homes, with the shades of evening with an epoch not shortly to be forgotten.

The crops here are generally short. Dry farming and late spring grain quite short.

The school meeting held today resulted in the re-election of Sarepto E. Cowles for a three years term and the financial report show receipts:

Amount on hand.....	\$ 574 22
Received from other sources.....	896 48
Total to be accounted for	\$1 470 70

Expenses were:

Amount paid to teachers..	\$ 795 00
Interest on bonded indebtedness ..	155 30
Repairs and all other current expenses ..	188 30
Balance on hand.....	337 10
Total.....	\$1 470 70

This \$188 30 for repairs and all other expenses for running schools shows quite an economical administration of school affairs and is a credit to N. J. Harris, F. A. Miller and S. E. Cowles, school board.

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