

Her 80th Birthday.

One of the most pleasant social events that has taken place in Rifle for some time occurred at the home of F. D. Carpenter last evening. It was learned by some of the ladies a few days ago that June 3 was Grandma Carpenter's birthday, and with the aid of Mr. Carpenter, they decided to give her a surprise. Preparations were quickly made and at 8 o'clock a party of fully fifty led by Mr. Carpenter, went to the house and walked in on Grandma. To say that the surprise was complete would be putting it mildly. After congratulations had been extended to Grandma on having reached the 80th milestone of life, she was presented with a handsome bouquet of cut flowers as a slight token of esteem by her friends. The crowd being comfortably settled in the spacious rooms of Mr. Carpenter's neat home, all proceeded to enjoy a really sociable evening, but a surprise was in store for the guests as well as for Grandma, and at 10 o'clock an elegant lunch of strawberries, cake, etc. was set before the guests. The party left for their homes about 11 o'clock wishing Grandma many happy returns of the day, and, although 80 summers have passed over her head, she is in good health and bids fair to see a good many birthdays yet. Grandma Carpenter is the grandmother of our butcher, Mr. F. D. Carpenter, with whom she makes her home, and has in her three years residence here by her kindly and lovable disposition endeared herself to the entire community.—The Rifle (Colo.) Reville.

Mrs. Carpenter is the mother of our worthy townsman H. D. Carpenter, and of course we all remember Frank. The numerous friends of the family here rejoice to know all is well.