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President Wilson sat by Mrs. Wells' bedside, and, in shaking hands with her, said he wanted to thank her for what she did as president of the Relief societies in helping with her associates in the storing of wheat and then turning it over to the government in time of need. Mrs. Wells, in answer, related some of her experiences in early days. She told the president how, when she first came to Great Salt Lake valley, her first home was a wagon box, located on the same piece of land on which is now her home.

President Wilson asked Mrs. Wells to write him a letter, which she promised to do. Mr. Wilson commented on the beauties of Utah and told Mrs. Wells he thought Salt Lake City, with its wide streets, was a beautiful place. Mrs. Wilson also cordially greeted and shook hands with Mrs. Wells. Others in the room at the time of the president's call were Mrs. Wells' daughter, Mrs. Isabel Sears, Mrs. Sears' daughter, Mrs. Eugene Sears, and her little son, making four generations in the room at the time. The president shook hands with them all.

The visit of the president greatly cheered Mrs. Wells. She was anxious to shake his hand, as she has met twelve of the United States' chief executives. In her younger years, Mrs. Wells took an active interest in politics, and on several occasions was sent east to the electoral conventions. She also has called on several presidents at the White House in Washington, but this is the first time a president has called on her. Mrs. Wells is now more than 91 years of age. She has played a prominent part in the life of the state and is perhaps the most noted woman character Utah has ever known. It is believed Mrs. Wells will recover from her present illness, and if her condition permits will speak at the coming Relief society conference.

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