Emily Talbot KENNEDY

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The ninetieth birthday anniversary celebration on November 4 of Mrs. Emily Kennedy was a very elaborate affair under the auspices of the Women's Community of Lewiston Orchards, according to a column-and-a-half story in the Lewiston, Idaho, Morning Tribune. "The entire affair," says the Tribune, "was a hearty tribute of love and esteem to one who has the highest regard of all who know her. It was a most happy occasion for all in attendance."

Mrs. Kennedy is the mother of former Mayor Dumont Kennedy and [brother of] Captain H. H. Talbot, both of this city, and it was here that Mrs. Kennedy made her home from the close of the Civil War until 1903, when her husband, Peter S. Kennedy died. It was then that she moved to Idaho with her daughter, Mrs. C. A. Foresman. The latter is now a resident of Yakima, Wash., and another daughter, Miss Ora L. Kennedy, lives at Ellensburg, where she is a teacher in the Washington State Normal school.

"During her long life," says the Tribune, "Mrs. Kennedy has scarcely ever been sick. Of a pleasant disposition, she is always active in the duties of the home, strict, but not severe, in the training of her children. She takes an active interest in the community and public affairs, and went to the polls and voted on her ninetieth birthday anniversary.

"She still takes great interest in the activities of this life, in the garden, her flowers, and the orchard and chickens, and loves her neighbors and friends, being never more delighted than when her friends come to see her in her home. For one of her age she is well able to wield a pen and takes much pleasure in writing to her children and friends and former acquaintances of her Indiana and Kentucky homes. Her prospect seems good for a future centennial celebration." --kbz