

friends are numerous and we are received courteously everywhere. Boy county is small in acres but large in population, having two cities (Ashland and Catlettsburg with a combined population of about nine thousand.

Elder W. E. Rydahl has begun his visiting among the Elders, holding a series of meetings with each pair in their respective counties. Coming from West Virginia January 15th he spent nice days with us, and is now in Lawrence county with Elders Hindley and Olsen. During his stay with us we held eleven very interesting meetings; good order and large attendance, together with an abundance of the Spirit of the Lord, were the features of them all. Our meetings are making us many friends, as was shown after a series of five, held in the Kirby Flat school house, where the congregation, almost to a man, came forward and shook us by the hand, saying "Brethren, that's the kind of doctrine we like to hear; come again and preach to us and stay a month." Some wanted us to come back in the summer, promising to fix up the grove and have a basket picnic, and gave us an assurance of a good congregation as long as we would stay. A great many of them seem to be convinced of the truth of the Gospel as we advocate it, but do not see the necessity of compliance. We have not been successful, as yet, in obtaining a house in the city to preach in, but hope to in the near future. A great many people have expressed a desire to hear us, some even proffering to contribute toward hiring the opera house. We tell them to furnish the house and we will give them Gospel.

We write from the home of Uncle John Keelie, who has been a member of the Church for fourteen years. Uncle John's home has been a refuge for the Elders for years, and many a weary and footsore Mormon Elder has found food and rest under his humble roof. His reward is sure, and his hospitality is appreciated by us all. Brother M. E. Eldens, another Latter-day Saint of this city, has entertained a "right smart" of Elders since his baptism four years ago. Imagine our joy on coming into this country, supposing ourselves to be entirely alone, to find two strong Latter-day Saints. God has indeed blessed us.

Elder Mansell, of Kayaville, returns home in a few days. He has been unable to get around on account of rheumatism for the past seven weeks and has been released from his labors on that account; otherwise this conference (West Virginia) is in a flourishing condition and all the Elders receiving the best of treatment, for which we are truly thankful. We have been very kindly received by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Johnson, one of the oldest and most respectful couple of this city. Mr. Johnson says, "Gentlemen, the latch string hangs on the outside; come whenever you choose." Mrs. Johnson is the mother of Jas. A. Williams, attorney-at-law in Salt Lake City, Mr. Johnson being his stepfather.

We have had a very light winter so far. No snow and very little rain.

Three new Elders from Zion arrived here Jan. 25th, Elder J. W. Hansen, of Brigham City, who goes with Elder J. G. Pearth into Bath Co., Ky.; Elder T. E. Spackman, of Morgau,

who goes with Elder Geo. T. Taylor into Grump Co., Ky.; and Elder E. M. Mansfield, of Beaver, who takes the place of Elder Mansell with Elder Bartolomew, revisiting among the Saints of West Virginia.

Thanking you for your interesting paper, which comes regularly, we remain your fellow laborers in the cause of truth,

HARVEY CLUFF AND  
ELIAS S. WOODRUFF.

### CUT THEM DOWN.

LOGAN, Utah,  
Jan. 30, 1896.

A feeling of anxiety is plainly manifest and freely expressed by the people of this county regarding the labors of the present Legislature upon the fee and salary question. The people have been so shamefully imposed upon by deeds in this county that they wish the Legislature to place it out of the power of fee officers to repeat the experiences of the past.

A great mistake has been made by the people in the past in sending so many county officers to the Legislature for they were anxious for high salaries, and the result was that the salaries and fees of the various officers were placed so high that people have come to think that to get office was to get rich and it has filled the country with office seekers and burdened the people down with taxes. In order to support these expensive officers our taxes have been increased far beyond what would have been necessary had economy been used in the expenditure of the public funds and had the county officers received only a just remuneration for their labors.

The taxes under a state government need not be higher than they have been in Utah, for many of the residents of this county are heavy owners of real estate in Idaho and Wyoming and the universal testimony is that their taxes are very much lighter in those states than they are in Cache county. It is a matter of frequent query among people living near the Idaho line as to why the taxes should be higher in Utah under a territorial form of government than they are in Idaho under a state government; but such is the case.

What justice is there in paying a county clerk, a county recorder, an assessor or collector twice or three times as much as he could earn at any other occupation, two or three times as much as a well-to-do farmer can make off his farm? To see how inconsistent some men are, we need only refer to the proposition made and endorsed by some members of the bar association, to allow each judge of the various district courts \$6,000 a year, and yet when told was cut down to \$3,000, how willing the nominees were to accept the office, thus showing that some of the attorneys would have been willing to place the salaries twice as high as they should be and it is believed now that had the salaries been placed at \$2,000 a year there are plenty of good, competent attorneys who would have been willing to accept the office.

If the Legislature desire to make the people a horde of office seekers they have only to follow the example which we have set them by some of the Legislatures of the past. Let us have re-

trenchment in fees and salaries, retrenchment in taxes, and a careful and economic expenditure of the public funds, by honest and conscientious men, who will be chosen by the people on account of their fitness for the offices and their known integrity to correct principles. Let the emoluments of office be so low that the office will seek the man and not the man seek the office as is now the case; and we will have a better government and a more contented and prosperous people.

ANOTHER TIRED TAXPAYER.

### DOWN IN MISSISSIPPI.

The following was taken from a private letter received by a gentleman in this city, a personal friend of the missionary, who writes:

COPIAH COUNTY, Mississippi, Jan. 17, 1896.—I have had so many difficulties to contend with of late that letter writing has had to be a secondary consideration. On January 8th we began canvassing Crystal Springs—a job we somewhat dreaded, because we knew how bitter the people were in their feelings toward us. You are aware of the fact that we had already been warned by the mayor of the city that we had better leave the country, but like the Apostles of old we thought it wisdom to obey God rather than man.

The first two days we went on distributing our literature unmolested, the mayor witnessing our proceedings. When entering upon our labors on the third day, we were hailed by the marshal, who informed us that the city council had taken action against us, and that we would have to leave the city at once, or suffer the consequences. This being the fourth warning we had received, we decided to get out and escape the violence of a mob, who no doubt would have escorted us to the "Burrah patch," where some of those peace loving and law abiding citizens would have used the hickory.

We left the city on January 8th and went into the country, spending the night with a very kind friend, Mr. Paul Johnson, to whom too much praise cannot be given for his kindness extended toward us. He has told us to make our home with him whenever we are in this section of the State.

We have held on an average two meetings a week during the past three months. A week on Thursday we went to hear preach a lady who is advocating the doctrine of sanctification. She stated that the meeting was open to all Christians. Taking advantage of the opportunity, Elder Geo. B. Cox, my traveling companion, arose and spoke a short time upon the principle of faith, following on repentance. We then listened to a very good scriptural sermon on holiness or sanctification.

After the service we were invited to hold a meeting the following Sunday at the residence of a Mr. Hughes. Proceeding to the place, we were surprised by a large gathering, all treating us very friendly and testifying to us that we preached the Gospel, some remaining and conversing with us until midnight.

The mailpox is raging in this country, along the railroad track, and we