

Correspondence.

Another Veteran Gone.

MINERSVILLE, Beaver Co.,
March 31, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Jehu Blackburn died, at Nephi, Juab County, at one o'clock a. m., on Wednesday, 19th inst., of lung fever, after an illness of nine days. Was born December 25, 1824, in Bedford County, Pennsylvania; was the son of Thomas and Elizabeth Blackburn; moved to the State of Ohio in 1835, and to the State of Illinois in 1841; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1842, by Bishop David Evans, shared the expulsion of the Saints at Nauvoo in 1846; arrived in Salt Lake Valley in 1848; helped to build the Old Fort in Salt Lake Valley in 1849; pioneered and helped to build the fort in Provo, and in 1853 was called by President G. A. Smith to strengthen the southern settlements; helped to build up Fillmore City, and in 1856 built a mill in Pine Valley, and in 1859 helped to found and build up Minersville, Beaver County, and in the Spring of 1876, pioneered and founded the settlement in Fremont or Rabbit Valley, Piute County, and at the time of his death was building a mill at that place.

He was the husband of four wives and the father of 21 children, 15 boys and six girls and nine grandchildren. He leaves a large family and a large number of friends to mourn his loss. Died in full faith of a glorious resurrection. Respectfully, etc.

E. H. BLACKBURN.

TAYLOR'S STORE,
Franklin County, Va.,
March 27, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Spring time has come again, when the people are busy upon their plantations, and in consequence our meetings are not so well attended. During the winter season we had good, interesting meetings, and our labors have been attended with success, many becoming favorable and more baptisms expected. The subject of emigration has been earnestly presented to the Saints. A family of nine faithful Saints have just joined the emigration company at Chattanooga for the Colorado settlements. Others, feeling the importance of the gathering, will emigrate as soon as they can dispose of their property.

Elders Beck and Spence report good meetings, many favorable, and a prospect of a good work being accomplished in North Carolina. They feel first rate and are earnest in the ministry. The power of God has been manifested in some instances in healing the sick, which has strengthened the faith and testimony of believers.

The hired priest, referred to in one of my communications, who was bitterly opposed to the cause, and who some time ago announced to the public his intention to show Mormonism an imposture, originating in Europe, but failed to fill his announcement, took sick a short time ago and died suddenly. The Most High will surely accomplish His purposes. He will gather the house of Israel and build up Zion, making her beautiful and glorious.

Elder Cowley feels fine, and joins me.

Faithfully,
H. W. BARNETT.

CALHOUN, Harrison County, Ia.,
March 30th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

I have recently given three lectures in the town of Magnolia, near here, in the Josephite meeting house. I spoke four times in the same house last fall. The conditions on which I obtained the use of the house were that they have the privilege of replying, which, in effect, amounted to a regular discussion. They brought the best talent they could obtain of their church, to bear upon me, the subjects being the priesthood succession, and polygamy. Through the blessing of the Lord I was so completely successful in my efforts that they became greatly alarmed and sent away and got a "big gun" to relate terrible tales of "blood atonement," murders, etc., which

he did in a very lengthy and impressive manner, but utterly failed to offer any forcible arguments. He has been laboring here three nights and finishes to-morrow (Sunday).

I feel as though the people of that vicinity have had sufficient testimony as far as preaching is concerned, but the Lord will deal with them now in his own way and at his own appointed time. There are a few persons in different parts of Pottawatomie County who are friendly, and I am in hopes some of them will come into the church, but there is no chance for public preaching in that county. I have visited a great many individuals who are friendly, and have done all I could, both in public and in private, to disseminate the truth, and will have to leave the result in the hands of God.

The weather is fine and very dry. The farmers are busy. Last fall and winter has been the driest I ever saw.

My health is good. Praying for the prosperity of Zion, I remain, your brother in Christ,

B. F. CUMMINGS, SEN.

Too Much School.

The following ideas, from the Philadelphia Press, are correct:

"When the doors of the school-house close in the afternoon upon the school children, they should literally close out from them all that pertains to school until the opening next morning. A teacher should be a teacher, not simply a hearer of recitations. Lessons should be learned and taught at school—never at home. The teacher has no right to impose upon parents the most annoying part of her work. She has no right to take from the child a single moment of the few hours it has out of school."

To which the Cincinnati Star wisely adds:

"The hours of an active school day are not over long, it is true, but they are as many and as long as the average mind of a child should be kept at the tension of learning. The lessons of school should be learned as well as recited in school, and the home hours should really be home hours, unburdened with school tasks. Childhood needs its recreation, its sleep, its rest, quite as much as it needs its arithmetic, grammar and geography."

Worth Remembering.

One thousand shingles laid four inches to the weather will cover 100 square feet of surface, and five pounds of shingle nails will fasten them.

Eight bushels of good lime, sixteen bushels of sand and one bushel of hair make enough mortar to plaster 100 square yards.

One thousand lath will cover seventy yards of surface, and eleven pounds of lath nails will nail them on.

A cord of stone, three bushels of lime and a cubic yard of sand will lay 100 cubic feet of wall.

A box twenty-eight inches by sixteen inches square and twenty-eight inches deep, will contain a barrel.

A box twenty-eight inches by fifteen and one-fifth inches square, and eight inches deep, will contain a bushel.

A box twelve by eleven and one half inches square, and nine inches deep, will contain a half bushel.

A box eight by eight inches square and eight inches deep, contains a peck.

A Line Too Many.

The Cincinnati Saturday Night says: A man who made a business of writing obituaries, epitaphs, etc., used to solicit patronage far and near. Hearing of the death of a man in a distant part of the country, and business being a little dull, he made a journey there. Finding the widow of the deceased person, he stated his occupation, and asked if she wouldn't like a few lines about her husband. "Lines about him," she said wearily, "he had all the lines he wanted. If he had one line less he would be alive to-day." "What ailed him, madam?" "He was hung."

THE DIFFERENCE.—Not long ago as an elderly couple were out walking, a lady on the opposite side of the street tripped and fell down. The old gentleman rushed across

the street, raised his hat, and offered to assist her in any possible way. His wife followed him across at a slow pace, and witnessing his devotion to the stranger, she got mad and shook her fist at him. "It's all right—it's all right," he whispered. "Yes, I know it is," she hotly exclaimed, "here an unknown woman stubs her toe, and you plow across the street to eat her up with kindness. The other day when I fell down stairs you stood and laughed and chuckled and tickled your ribs, and wanted to know if I was practising for a circus!"

DISCUSSING AN ABSENT FRIEND.

"Yes, Robinson's a clever feller, and he's a modest feller, and he's a honest feller; but, 'twixt you and I and the post, Mr. Jones," said Brown, confidentially, picking his wisdom-teeth with his little-finger nail, "Robinson ain't got neither the looks, nor yet the language, nor yet the manners of a gentleman."

"Right you are, sir," said Jones, shoveling the melted remains of his ice pudding into his mouth with a steel knife (which he afterwards wiped on the tablecloth), "You've 'it 'im off to a T."

SHORT AND SHARP.

A man intruded into an Irishman's shanty the other day. "What do you want?" asked Pat. "Nothing," was the visitor's reply. "Then you'll find it in the jug where the whisky was."

A far-seeing editor says: "Young men sending spring poetry to this office will please enclose names and addresses, not for publication, but as an evidence of their insanity in case they are arrested for murder"

Practical Yankee: "Well, yes, sir. I give in to you. Shakespeare was a genius. But he didn't kinder seem to put it to a practical use. Never benefited civilization with a washing machine, nor a patent turnip peeler, nor anything of that sort. Still he was a smart man."

Bright little girl—The robbers can't steal my mamma's diamond ear-rings, 'cause pappas hid them. Visitor—Where has he hid them? Little Girl—Why I heard him tell mamma he had put them up the spout and guessed they would stay there.

A little girl, when her father's table was honored with an esteemed guest, began talking very earnestly at the first pause of the conversation. Her father checked her very sharply saying, "Why is it that you talk so much?" "Tause I've dot something to say," was the innocent reply of the little one.

The venerable wife of a celebrated physician one day casting her eyes out of the window, observed her husband in the funeral procession of one of his patients, at which she exclaimed: "I do wish my husband would keep away from such processions. It appears so much like a tailor carrying home his work."

At the Iowa Agricultural College, every girl in the junior class has learned how to make good bread, weighing and measuring her ingredients, mixing, kneading and baking and regulating her fire. Each has also been taught to make yeast and bake biscuit, puddings, pies, cakes of various kinds; how to cook a roast, boil a steak and make a fragrant cup of coffee; how to stuff and roast a turkey, make oyster soup, prepare stock for other soups, steam and mash potatoes so that they will melt in the mouth, and, in short, to get up a first class meal, combining both substantial and fancy dishes, in good style.

This is the way in which a Louisville girl disposes of a young man, according to the Courier-Journal: She says: "You have asked me pointedly if I can marry you, and I have answered you pointedly that I can. I can marry a man who makes love to a different girl every month. I can marry a man whose main occupation seems to be to join in gauntlet in front of churches and theatres, and comment audibly on the people who are compelled to pass through it. I can marry a man whose only means of support is an aged father. I can marry a man who boasts that any girl can be won with the help of a good tailor and an expert tongue. I can marry such a man, but I won't!"

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