

dark and when the waters were running high and swift. A young boy offered to take us across in his light canoe for twenty cents. This we consented to allow and were soon seated in our places and being carefully paddled out into the deep water by the lad, who proved to be an expert at his business. Elder Naylor being a heavy weight and myself not far behind him, having made good use of my time when at the "hog and hominy" rack, we proved too much for the light craft and put back to shore just in time to save the boat from sinking. Seeing that we were too much for the small canoe we went across one at a time and even then the young "captain" seemed somewhat nervous. That night we found good quarters with a well to do farmer who is the happy possessor of one of those beautiful homes on the banks of the Cumberland.

Our journey took us through Dickson, Dickson county, where we were most royally entertained by Sister Lucy Camfield Root, who is the daughter of the late Brother Israel Camfield of Meadville, Pennsylvania, who joined the Church in the days of the Prophet Joseph. She has many relatives in Utah and is as devoted to her religion as any Saint could be. There we found your valuable paper and many valuable Church works, some of which we had never seen before.

Monday night we heard the distinguished Bryan; Tuesday we were entertained for two hours by the noted Bob Taylor who was doing the state for "free silver—Bob Taylor and Bryan."

While in Dixon Sister Root tried hard to get us a church in which to preach, but the good people seemed to have no use for the Gospel, which we offer free to all.

Our next visit was to Turkey Creek, Humphreys county, where we found Elders Grover and Oleson, and the Saints in good health and glad to see us. Four baptisms was the result of the labors done in this county. We left them feeling well and with a determination to speedily build a church house for their use.

How surprised would be the Elders who first labored in these counties to come back and find buildings of our own in which to preach.

Sister Beacham is still true as steel. Her son, daughter-in-law and granddaughter are now in the fold, and no longer strangers and foreigners but fellow citizens with the Saints. Sister Forrest and her son George are also in the same happy condition. No doubt many of our Elders who have been so kindly entertained by them many years ago will be glad to hear this.

This letter has become so long now that I cannot relate our visit in Lawrence, Wayne county, except to say that we found Priest David Brown and family well and all firm in the faith. The branch is also in a prosperous condition. In west Tennessee we had a very pleasant visit with Elders A. L. Culimore and Charles Collett.

In Perry County we found Brothers Keeling, Denton and Inman—Saints who were baptized many years ago and never expected to see a Mormon Elder again; also Elders Greenwood, Brown, Freeman, Jacklin and Vanderson, Elder Jacklin being on his way home from Hardin county. At Brother Keeling's we visited a "chronological" tree where we found

the following names. L. A. Bean, September 12th, 1884; M. F. Martineau, 1883; L. A. Shepherd, June 14th, 1884; J. H. Gibbs, August 5th, 1884. This was but five days before that awful day on Cane Creek. R. A. Shipp, September 23rd, 1887; G. J. Woodbury, October 3rd, 1884.

Our visit in West Tennessee was very pleasant but too long to relate as I am fearful I have now taken up too much of your valuable space.

Our Christmas was a merry one, made so by the kind Saints of Shady Grove and Greenfield Bend. Eight of us sat down at once to a turkey dinner at the home of Sister Mollie Anderson, who is ever kind to the servants of the Lord.

Our respected president, Elder Elias S. Kimball, favored us with a call on the 29th inst.

The former president of the Shady Grove branch, Brother Isaac Emmens (church, having passed away to the other side, we reorganized the branch by putting Brother M. A. Mobley in his place. We also ordained Brother George Brown Church a Priest to assist in the branch.

Elders Savage and Naylor have been appointed my assistants and left today to visit the Elders in West Tennessee. Elder Shawcroft will go with me for the present into Moore county. We all left Brother Joel Love's about 10 a. m., walking out together for a mile where we took a sad farewell and left for our various fields, they going north over the mountain and we going east toward Williamsport and Columbia.

After several hours' walk through what is called the garden spot of Tennessee we safely arrived at the city of Columbia where we were kindly entertained by Mr. L. A. Goslin, an old war veteran who has been very kind to our Elders since Elders Ogden and Hickenlooper first made their appearance in these parts.

Pardon this long letter. My apology is that I do not write very often and wish to make a general answer to my many correspondents.

JOSEPH DON CARLOS YOUNG.

NEWS NOTES.

The legal holiday called by Gov. Budd of California, to celebrate the defeat of the Pacific railway funding bill, was not generally observed, the people taking little interest in it.

In attempting to throw out a few sticks of dynamite by placing them on a hot stove, R. Dendauf was instantly killed and horribly mutilated at Black Diamond, Washington, Tuesday.

On Sunday the skeleton of a man was found in the sands at low tide opposite Knappa, Oregon, in the Columbia River. They are supposed to be the remains of a Russian Fisher, man who tried to cross the river there about two years ago.

On Saturday Ethelyn, the two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Day, of Oakland, Cal., managed to secure a bottle partially filled with carbolic acid. She took a swallow of the deadly fluid and immediately commenced screaming. Her mother at once discovered the cause of the little one's pain. She hurriedly took her to the receiving hospital, where Doctors Stratton and Porter treated her. They say she will survive her

terrible experience, though she is badly burned in and around the mouth.

Ninety-eight Chinese were arrested early Sunday morning by Sergeant of Police Harper and posse of the North End police station, San Francisco, for having violated the ordinance governing the conduct of laundries. The ordinance prohibits the operation of laundries on Sunday. Sergeant Harper and his men raided several Chinese laundries on Pine, Clay, Washington, Jackson and Pacific streets, and caught the men at work.

John Mize, a middle-aged man, committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at his home in the Heidelberg road, Santa Rosa, Cal., Sunday afternoon. He was seen in the morning at the grave of his mother, who died last month, and whose death Mize felt deeply. Insanity is supposed to have caused the act. Mize was in the insane asylum for months and came home a few weeks ago.

Miss Ellen Gretchell, the eighteen-year-old daughter of Mrs. E. J. Gretchell, residing at the Freshwater roundhouse, in Humboldt county, Cal., will lose one of her eyes as the result of an accident. The young lady had asked her brother to band her a pair of scissors, and he complied by playfully tossing them to her. She made an effort to catch them, but failed, and the point of one of the blades struck her in the eye, destroying the sight.

A stockman named John Kenny was shot and instantly killed by J. M. Hulett near Round valley, Cal., on Tuesday. Hulett and the deceased owned adjoining claims in the mountains about twenty miles east of Round valley. As is usual among the stockmen in the northern part of the county, both parties claimed more or less government land contiguous to their ranches, and for months past according to reports, there had been a controversy over the ownership of the various ranges. Tuesday afternoon Kenny, who is a comparatively recent arrival, shouldered his rifle and went over to the Hulett ranch to have a settlement with his neighbor. The men met near Hulett's, and after an acrimonious discussion Kenny started to use his rifle, but before he could discharge the weapon Hulett drew his revolver and shot Kenny dead.

Mrs. Susan D. Skinner died at the home of her daughter in Gilroy, Cal., Saturday morning, aged 87. She and her husband, the late Judge Henry O. Skinner, went to Salt Lake in 1849 and came to San Jose in 1850. In 1868 they went to San Diego, where Judge Skinner died. Since then his widow has resided with her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Ladd of Gilroy. She was a direct descendant of Mary Dyer, who was executed on Boston Common in 1680. The first locust trees grown in the San Jose valley were from seed brought across the plains by Mrs. Skinner. The apple famous in the county and known as Skinner's pippin, came from young trees brought by her and her husband from the east. At one time she and her husband owned about all the land known as East San Jose. Mrs. Skinner's funeral was held Monday afternoon.