

that of the owner of 160 acres of land, on which the taxes amount to \$70.30.

Ephraim Enterprise: The past week has been a very bad one for children in this town and three homes are in mourning for little ones who have been called across the dark river. The families of Lars Nielson, Orsen Allred and C. W. Peterson have each suffered the loss of an infant. The sympathy of the whole community is extended to the afflicted ones.

Richfield Advocate, Dec. 16: A little colony of Richfield people intend starting today for Mexico where they will settle in a new country. They are A. D. Thurber and family, Charles Bean, James Jensen and T. O. Brandley, and with them are going Mr. and Mrs. Ed Payne of Glenwood and Fielding Brothers of Manti. Their Mexican address will be Donlan.

Davis County Clipper: The people of South Hooper recently decided to tear down and re-build their meeting house, also to change it to a point more central. About three weeks ago the work of tearing down, hauling and re-erecting was begun, and now the outsidework is mostly completed, and by the first of the year it is thought that it will be finished. The new house, which is about 38x45 feet and 20 feet to the square, stands about a half a block south of the cheese factory or a half a mile south and a half a mile east of the place where the old one stood. It is built of lumber, the same as the other one was, and will be lined with adobe on the inside. The work and money is all being donated by the people, no appointment having been made. The old meeting house was only about 20x30 feet.

Brigham City Bugler: An unusual suit has been filed by F. E. Roche of Corlone, H. L. Steed, attorney, against the district school trustees of that place. A synopsis of the complaint is as follows: Injunction prohibiting said Clancy, Pitt and Fowler, school trustees, from use of school fuel or other property of school district No. 14 of Boxelder county, Utah, to be used by any sectarian worshippers of any creed or denomination or of allowing or permitting their agents, servants or employees from spending any of the school moneys or purchasing light or fuel for sectarian worshippers of any creed or denomination and from allowing said worshippers to use the said building for religious or sectarian purposes; and from leaving their doctrinal or other religious books, or song or hymn books, on the organ, desks, benches or other places.

Lehi Banner: Many of our readers will be surprised to read that it seems as though the sugar company will be forced to lower the price of beets next year. This will be a step that will be regretted by all, as so far this factory has headed the list as paying the best price for beets. Under the bounty system of Europe the world's sugar supply has grown larger and the price of sugar has gone down until this move has been forced upon them. They now receive \$1.90 a hundred less for the sugar than they did when the factory started, and there has been a drop of over 50 cents since last year and the prospects for an advance are not very bright. Under these circum-

stances they are running too near the danger line and something must be done, hence this step. To the farmer it is a discouraging move, but he must take a philosophical view of the situation and look at all sides of the question. We trust this move will be but temporary and that something will soon be done to help this great industry and protect it from the bounty stimulated competition of Europe.

FROM AN ELDER ABROAD.

The following is from a letter dated at Munich, Germany, written by Elder Le Roi C. Snow to relatives in Utah:

Over eight months have passed since I saw any of you. My two first months after leaving home were spent in the United States visiting the largest cities and the most important places in American history. While in Jackson county, Missouri, I had the pleasure of walking over the sacred Temple Site. In Ohio I spent several hours under the roof of the Kirtland Temple, built under the direction of the Prophet Joseph, and in the State of New York I saw the Hill Cumorah, the sacred spot where the Angel Moroni stood and delivered the golden plates to the boy Prophet. In all these places, as you may suppose, I truly felt that I was standing upon holy ground, where angels and prophets have trodden, where the heavens have been opened, and the keys and authority of God's Kingdom have again been restored to the earth.

My visit to Niagara Falls, New York, Boston and Washington was very interesting and the ten days on the mighty Atlantic will ever be remembered with much pleasure.

My first three months in Europe were passed in England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales and the beautiful Isle of Man. During this time I visited nearly all of the conferences of our Church in the British Isles, and distributed many hundreds of tracts preached from house to house, and upon the street corners, in London and in many other large cities. While in the vicinities of Manchester and Preston I saw Brother Blackburn's picture and heard much of his very successful labors, and many of his acquaintances wish to be remembered to him. While in Stratford-on-Avon I visited all of the points connected with the life of William Shakespeare, the two most interesting being his home and his grave. While in Wales I saw Judge John D. Peters and Brother David Reese of Brigham. The six weeks I passed were among the most interesting of all the time since leaving home.

Leaving Great Britain last August I spent several weeks in Holland, Belgium, France and in the rugged and beautiful Alps of Switzerland. In Lousanna I met Brother George Graehl, well and happy. We left home together and I had the pleasure of his company during a portion of my travels in the United States, since then, however, I have been entirely alone with the exception of a short distance with President Wells. While visiting the National Exposition in the beautiful world-renowned city of Geneva. I had the extreme pleasure of a trip fifteen hundred feet in the air in a huge balloon. The scenery around Lake Geneva and in the Alps of Switzerland is among the grandest in the world.

On the first of September I received

my appointment to labor in the Munich branch of Germany, where I have now been for two months. Through my two years study of the German language before leaving home I was enabled to commence work at once and through the help of the Lord I have upon every occasion been able to understand and make myself understood.

The city of Munich alone contains more people than the entire State of Utah, though the people are in a sad condition in many respects. Munich is the leading city for music in the world. The common hotels and small theatres have nearly as fine orchestras as I ever heard in America, though they drink beer in equal proportion. I do not think I say enough when I say that every man and woman in this great city drinks two quarts of beer each day and many of them from eight to twelve quarts, why there is a beer hall in every fourth or fifth house. A child begins to drink beer about as soon as he begins to drink milk from his mother's breast and the word "beer" is the first word he learns to repeat. I am surprised not to see more drunkards than I do, but the people have been swimming in beer for so many generations that I do not suppose it takes much effect upon them.

The religious condition of Munich is very interesting to me. The Catholic religion in a Catholic city is very strange to an American, and especially to a Latter-day Saint. The schools are all Catholic and the children are taught prayers—for every day in the year a different one. The houses, both inside and outside have paintings of Christ, Mary, Joseph, the Apostles, etc. In most every room, and over the doors and windows outside of the houses, also very often on a street corner or at the gate post of a house can be seen a statue of Christ nailed upon the cross. While the churches are almost filled with images of Christ, the Apostles, Mary, and many bishops of the Catholic church. All of the people every day must go into one of these churches, dip their fingers into the holy water, make numerous signs upon their faces and breasts and kneel before one of these images and offer a long prayer, then bow to the statue of Christ and Mary.

Every Mormon boy and girl should be thankful to God that we have the light of the everlasting Gospel and are not in the darkness in which the world are grouping.

CONFERENCE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

50 CONCORD ST., Brooklyn, Dec. 17, 1896.

A conference of Elders laboring in the Eastern States mission was held at Peckville, Lackawanna county, Penn., on Monday, Dec. 7, 1896. Most of the Elders present were working in the vicinity, and with five from other parts made a total of eighteen in attendance. Elder S. W. Richards, president of the mission, Elder Joseph Wallace, just arrived from Ogden, and Elder D. J. Watts went up from Brooklyn, Elder M. R. McFarland from Cohocton, N. Y., and Elder Chas. Giles from North Troy, Vermont, were also there.

Reports were received from the Elders laboring in the districts of Carbondale, Peckville, Oliphant, Providence and Scranton. The following represents the reports combined and condensed: The work in the eastern part of Pennsylvania