

with good prospects ahead in these counties. Myself and traveling companion started on the 20th ult. to the Tennessee line, leaving Elders Helm and Bean to prosecute the work in the ground that had been broken. Arriving at Franklin, Simpson County, we found an old lady, Sister Hendricks, who has belonged to the church for 45 years. She gave us a hearty welcome. While there we held meeting in the Court House, also one two miles from town, with a good attentive congregation at each. We left Franklin on the 1st inst., going further east into Allen County. We put up over night in a hotel in Scotsville, calculating to go on the next morning, but the people finding out that two Elders from Utah were in town, urged us to stop over another day and preach for them in the evening. We did so, and a large audience of both sexes listened with marked attention to our preaching. The courthouse here has a fine appearance, being fitted up for Methodist worship, well seated, carpeted, an organ, etc. Some of the prominent citizens made up a small purse, hired a hack and conveyed us on our way to Tomkinsville, 10 or 12 miles. Landing at Tomkinsville on the 5th inst. we informed the janitor who we were and what our business was, and if the people wished to hear us, all they had to do was to open the court house, light it up for us, and we would preach for them. As the next day was a public day, if all was favorable, we would hold meeting. The next day, nearly all wished to hear us preach, and the court house was tendered, but being county court, political meeting, whisky-drinking, do-as-you-please day, some fears were entertained that our meeting would be disturbed. As evening came on, the rowdy element dispersed, the bell began to toll and the people of both sexes could be seen crossing the streets to hear a Mormon preacher. The meeting passed off quiet and orderly. Notwithstanding the prejudice existing in the minds of the people, we have been treated with the utmost courtesy and respect, and the prospect at present is that a good work will be done among the honest hearted in Old Kentucky.

The Elders in this Conference are all in good health and spirits. Bros. Bills and Butterfield are laboring in Eastern Kentucky, and report several baptisms during the summer. They are on their way to Owsley County, to make a new opening in that locality. Thousands yet in this State have never heard the sound of the gospel, and the labor of four more Elders could be utilized to good advantage. The young Elders who were called last Conference into the field, although inexperienced, bid fair to become good, efficient missionaries.

My address for the present will be Franklin, Simpson County, Kentucky. All interested in friends or relatives please write to me.

Your brother in the Gospel,
F. McDONALD.

Interesting News from Arizona.

PIMA, Pima County, Arizona, Sept. 14, 1880.

Editor Deseret News:

The name of our settlement is changed from Smithville to Pima. We made several applications to the Postmaster-General for a post-office, but he repeatedly objected to the names we sent, and finally granted a post-office under the name of Pima. We are glad to have the post-office, although the name would not have been our choice, and all mail matters sent to this place hereafter should be addressed to Pima, Pima County, Arizona.

The health of the people is generally good, with some few cases of chills and fever brought on by exposure and improper food, but not many. The crops have been excellent as far as farmed, but the Mexicans have become discouraged through the merchants having taken advantage of them and the millers charging such enormous prices for grinding. They did not therefore sow very extensively this season, and less grain has been raised this year than last. Wheat is \$2.50 per cwt., and flour \$6.00, with prospects of rising. We have finished harvesting and threshing is about over. Corn is being cut, and sugar cane is ready to work up. We have had considerable rain and feed for stock is good. The weather is delightful.

If any of our brethren are contemplating coming out here this fall

they ought to start as soon as the 1st of October, and sooner if possible.

We expect to commence work on our new ditch about the 1st of December, which will cover a large tract of valuable land and make room for a good many more settlers. The railroad is within 45 miles of here, in the northeast end of the valley. Your valuable paper comes regularly, and is very welcome.

Respectfully, your brother in the gospel,

WM. R. TEEPLES.

The Banishment of our Elders from Prussia.

LUDWIGSHAVEN,
September 1st, 1880.

Editor Deseret News:

Thinking you might like to hear some news from Germany, I write to inform you how they treat the servants of the Lord in a land full of churches.

On Thursday evening, Aug. 19th, we held a small meeting in a private room in Berlin, four stories high. About 8.45 p.m., three policemen entered the room and commanded all the male members to follow them to the police station. We all went and had a preliminary examination, which resulted in all the resident members being released for the present, and Bros. Baillif, Kienke and myself being ordered to prison, where we were guarded all night.

Our examination commenced about 7 a.m. and lasted with some intermissions until 3 p.m. The following questions were asked of me as far as my memory serves me: Age, where born? Occupation at home?

Ans.—Merchant.
Occupation here? Traveler.
What is your religion? A Latter-day Saint.

Are you married? Yes.
Have you more than one wife? Yes.

How many? Two.
Do you believe it is right to have more than one wife? I not only believe, but know it.

How do you know it? From holy writ and by new revelation.

Who pays your traveling expenses? I pay them myself.

Don't your society furnish it? No.

How long do you intend to stay in Prussia? I don't know yet.

What was your object in coming here? To see Berlin, visit relatives and people of my faith.

How many of your people are here? I don't know.

Did you preach last night? Yes, I spoke a few words.

Do you counsel your people to emigrate? Yes, but that is left to their own desire.

What object have you in emigrating them? That they may escape the judgments that will shortly come over all the nations.

How do you know this? By revelation; this has been revealed to our prophet.

How long have you been in this country? About four or five weeks.

(One of the police present said, "I have seen you here for the last two years." Said I, "I can prove you are mistaken," and procured my passport. They looked at the date and said no more.)

At about 3 p.m. a decree of banishment from Berlin and the Prussian Empire was pronounced upon us with strict orders to leave the country by noon the next day. If ever found in Prussian possessions, a heavy fine, four weeks imprisonment and transportation over the line will be our lot. We had to sign a document that we understood the decree and would act accordingly.

I am at present here in Bavaria with Brother Schram of Payson, but under strict orders not to preach, baptize or hold meetings of any kind. At the same time we do our best to promulgate the gospel. Our people petitioned this government for religious liberty a few days ago, but received no answer yet.

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M. D. ROSENBAUM.

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