

Correspondence.

From Illinois to the Bay State.

ROSALINDALE, near Boston,
Mass., February 1st, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

I left Illinois on the 20th ult., for Pennsylvania, and sometime after the train left Chicago I discovered that Bro. John Sharp was on it. I was truly rejoiced to see him, and we rode together as far as Harrisburg, Pa., where I changed cars for Hyde Park, while he went straight through to New York.

There is a flourishing branch of the Church at Hyde Park, of which Bro. Esdras Howell is president. Elders Eli H. Pierce, of Brigham City, and David Evans, jr., have for some weeks been laboring in eastern Pennsylvania, with very encouraging success, making Hyde Park, Luzerne county, their base of operations. They had organized one branch previous to my visit, and were expecting soon to organize another. Both these brethren are young and inexperienced, and their success proves that God is with them. Bro. E. W. Snow, jr., was laboring alone in Massachusetts, and desired me to come to him, and seeing things progressing so well in Pennsylvania, I concluded to change my determination of remaining there for a time, and so purchased a ticket for Boston, via New York, arriving at the latter place on the evening of the 25th ult., meeting with Elder B. Young, jr., who entertained me for the night, and on the following day we called on Bro. W. C. Staines. The latter informed me that Elder Lorus Pratt was in Brooklyn and was very desirous of seeing some of the elders, and I therefore decided to visit him. I spent several days in Brooklyn and addressed a meeting of the Williamsburg branch on Sunday, the 30th ult. A reporter of the New York Sun was present, and on Monday morning there appeared a notice of the meeting in that paper, rather extraordinary in some particulars, but which was highly complimentary to me, and, withal, very fair. I, however, respectfully disclaim some of the reportorial embellishments. On Tuesday, the 31st ult., I was interviewed by the same reporter, whom I believe to be a credit to his profession in his evident desire to state facts when they come to his knowledge.

Bro. E. W. Snow, jr., is in this state some distance from here, and I design joining him immediately, when we propose to do our utmost for the benefit of the Bay State.

Very respectfully,
B. F. CUMMINGS, JR.

Preaching and Pre-ched At—Infidelity and Spiritualism.

COUNCIL BLUFFS,
Jan. —, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

My companion and myself left Salt Lake at half past 6 o'clock a. m., 5th of January, and could be seen at half past 5 p. m., on the 7th, standing by the curb-stone on Broadway, Council Bluffs. Next day we commenced hunting, not deer or buffaloes, but saints, and found all sorts of people. Our day's work closed with a warm and sisterly welcome from Sister William Powers, who has long been a true and faithful saint, and by the generous and gentlemanly courtesy of Mr. Powers their home has been our head quarters since.

We have received respectful treatment from all parties. I attended two meetings the first Sabbath here, and had the high honor of being preached directly at, but the congregation denounced the course of the preacher.

This section is flooded with garbled extracts of leading sermons of Latter-day Saint preachers, and lies and libels printed and oral, so that if the title were believed none of our Elders would be safe here.

We have preached once in this place to a good sized and attentive congregation, and several times elsewhere, but the immense number who make spiritualism an excuse for not serving God, and the open-mouthed infidelity of the age, will take much faith, coupled with all the works we are able to do, to make much of an impression. No person who has remained in Utah for several years can have any conception of the growth of infidelity and its concomitants of corruption, but discouraging as this field looks, we hope to harvest an honest crop of good grain.

Omaha and this city are having a high time in finding which rates as Sodom and which Gormorrh, a singular spectacle for twin cities, so situated that any financial benefit to either must in a ratio help the other.

Utah is contributing \$10 per car to enrich the Bridge monopoly of Omaha and fifty cents per each passenger.

It would be well for disaffected spirits generally to realize that the places in this mundane sphere where perfection exists are scarce and not easily discovered. Z.

Boundaries—Productions—Education Mining.

LEEDS, Jan. 30, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

This town, or village, is likely, on account of the recent discovery of silver mines near by, to become of more importance than heretofore. We are located on or near the line which divides Washington and Kane counties. This being the case it is almost an open question to which county we belong, although I believe it is generally conceded that we belong to Washington county. The distance by wagon road from here to St. George is 18 miles. The soil in this vicinity, although not so fertile as in some other parts, yet, by proper cultivation, yields a fair and in some cases abundant remuneration to the farmer for his labor. One of the best features of this locality is the climate, which, although not so warm as at St. George, is sufficiently warm for the production of crops of a similar character to those produced there, prominent among which is the grape.

Our school affairs are not in so prosperous a condition as is desirable, although there is a prospect of improvement as soon as our school and meeting-house is completed. Nevertheless a visit to this part of the Territory by that energetic and untiring advocate of education, Territorial Superintendent O. H. Riggs, would be attended by beneficial results.

We have not yet been subjected to certain "civilizing" influences, although we may have them before long, judging by the way in which miners are arriving and mines being discovered in this vicinity. The number of mines reported to have been discovered hereabouts I am unable to state, but there are quite a number.

While upon this subject I should like to correct a statement which I saw in the NEWS a short time since, in regard to the locality from which Mr. Barbee is said to have obtained his ore. The statement referred to is to the effect that Mr. Barbee obtained his ore from close by where the rock for the Temple was quarried. Now to my certain knowledge the ore referred to was obtained within one and a half miles of this place. You will perceive that your informant was in error.

Respectfully,
A SUBSCRIBER.

Good Settlement—Improvements—Schools—Choir—Mammoth Concert—Relief Society House—Arizona Missionaries—Municipal Election—Literary Institution—Organization of U. O.

KAYSVILLE, Davis Co.,
Feb. 9, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

We have an exceedingly large and prosperous settlement to boast of, with some as good land as can be found anywhere, capable of raising an abundance of the necessities of life with irrigation, and in some instances a few people have raised wonderful crops without irrigation. Home missionaries whose duties chance to lie in this direction, who have been absent from this place only a few years, are positively struck with astonishment when they come to behold the growth and prosperity of this once forsaken and terribly unostentatious region of country, once entirely abandoned, after what was considered a fair trial, on account of the great lack of water for irrigation purposes.

Every year adds largely to the actual wealth and appearance of this place. We have now three good substantial brick schoolhouses, one of them very large and capacious, fitted up with excellent desks, maps, charts, blackboards, and other appliances too numerous

to mention, all calculated to enhance the progress and enlighten the minds of the rising generation. One of our new schoolhouses has been quite recently dedicated. In fact I think our facilities for educating the young of this ward are far in advance of some older settled countries that I am acquainted with, the Governor's notions notwithstanding. Our larger school-house is 50 x 30 feet, school conducted by Professor W. T. Lewis, assisted by Miss Helen Hyde and other teachers who are shining luminaries in their profession. We are also proud indeed of our very efficient choir who, under the tutelage and care of our accomplished professors, Jas. Montgomery and Jos. Walsh, have raised themselves to a perfection almost equaling our city Tabernacle choir. It is certainly the admiration of our every visitor. I believe our highly esteemed and beloved Bishop, Christopher Layton, has in contemplation in the near future a scheme for enlarging and beautifying our meeting-house, &c., as notwithstanding its immense capacity, the people have sometimes to hunt around for sitting accommodation.

Our Sunday schools, under the supervision of superintendents Jas. J. Walker and Jas. Linford, are progressing favorably. Moreover, they are not only well attended but can oftentimes be witnessed quite crowded, the long distances and bad weather sometimes militating against the attendance of many who would otherwise be glad to be there.

Our young people are already in training for a mammoth concert, which, according to the programme and preparations already under hand, will be no insignificant arrangement, quite a number of people in this ward possessing the necessary acquirements in that direction.

Our Relief Society House, under the management of President Hyde, is nearing a speedy completion, frames and windows are already in place, adding beauty to the appearance of the building, which of itself is quite an adornment to our main street, which has been steadily improving of late.

Our quota of missionaries for Arizona has been well supplied and that too with much energy and promptness, superinduced by the indefatigable labors and perseverance of our go-ahead bishop, whose unceasing devotion to the cause of truth and the up-building of the kingdom, caused the people to round up their shoulders and respond cheerfully to every call that was made upon them, some doing much more than they were asked to do. Anxiety was manifested that our missionaries should be as well equipped and provided for (at least) as those from other places, the bishop not only paying every attention to their personal and temporal comforts but cautiously forewarning them in many respects as to their journey, and giving much fatherly and comforting counsel and advice to both husbands and wives, especially exhorting them to continued faithfulness in the cause of truth.

Our municipal election for the year 1876, which took place on the 7th inst., was a decided success. The officers elected for Kaysville city for this year are as follows—For mayor, Thos. F. Rouche; for councilors, Rosel Hyde, Jas. J. Walker, Jno. R. Barnes, Ebenezer Williams, and Wm. Beazley; for justices of the peace, Jno. Gailey and William S. Lewis.

We have a self-supporting literary institution and reading room in successful operation, where both male and female, young and old, have good opportunities for cultivating the mind and pleasing the eye.

The organization of the United Order took place a short time since by the election of the following officers—Christopher Layton, president; Thos. Rouche, vice president; Rosel Hyde, James J. Walker and James Bennett, directors; Bishop Layton, treasurer; and W. S. Lewis, secretary, who were all unanimously sustained by a crowded assembly. R. J. FILCE,

Sunday and Day Schools—Y. M. M. I. A.—Competitive Exercises.

SALT LAKE CITY,
Feb. 8th, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

We have a large and interesting Sunday school, conducted by Chas. Davey, who is an able, energetic

and conscientious superintendent. Under his tuition the school is progressing finely. In addition to this, we have a "Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association," established on a firm basis, which meets once each week, also a day school, with exercises on each Wednesday night, consisting of readings, lectures, compositions, &c., which draws a large audience on each occasion, and brings the pupils to the front. We were surprised to see boys get up and lecture on arithmetic and other branches with such fluency and correctness. A test in arithmetic was given on Wednesday night last, the champion to receive one dollar for the greatest dispatch in working problems, which were selected, from fractions to roots, by a committee appointed by the house, to be worked while music was being played on instruments, and resulted in the following score—First, Wilford Smith; second, a tie between Sarah Bailey and Sarah Jenkins; third, Sarah Jenkins; fourth, Sarah Jenkins; fifth, sixth and seventh, Henry Quale. The teacher also read a roll of honor of those pupils who had missed but two lessons and less, during the first half of term ending on the 4th Feb., 1876, designated by percentage. What school will beat it? List of names and result—Sarah Bailey 100 per cent., Ida Quayle 100, Henry Quayle 100, Wm. Jenkins 99, Urban Picknell 99, Nephi Preece 98, Sarah Jenkins 100, George Sperry 100, Jeter Goddall 100, Wm. Thorn 98, Freddie Eardly 98.

Yours truly,
TRUSTEES, 4th Ward.

Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, FEB. 15.

Got Him Again.—John F., alias "Ben," Tasker is in trouble again, on a charge of having been the party who gathered together and drove from the range and other places a band of forty horses, recently recovered by Deputy Sheriff Jones. Tasker was having an examination before Justice Pyper to-day.

Who Wrote the Letter?—A letter, post marked New York, Jan. 11, 1876, but without a signature, has been received at the office of President Young. It is evidently sent in mistake, as it is apparently a communication from a young married lady to her mother. If the writer could be discovered, great pleasure would be taken in returning the letter.

Montana and the Railroads.—We learn by W. U. Tel. line that the bill subsidizing the Northern Pacific R. R. three millions, and the Utah Northern one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, has passed the Montana Legislature and been signed by the Governor. Both bills come before the people for their approval April 3rd.

"American Humorists."—Mr. C. W. Stayner's lecture, on "American Humorists," was attended by a tolerably large and very intelligent audience last night, including most of the members of the Legislature. The lecture was listened to with close attention and his efforts elicited frequent applause, the audience appearing to be well pleased with the entertainment. We understand the lecture will be repeated tomorrow evening, at the 20th Ward School-house.

Releases and Appointments.—His labors on the Star proving too confining for the best condition of his health, Elder E. Hanham is released from those duties and is appointed to travel in the Bristol Conference, his former field of labor, under the direction of Pres. John Woodhouse.

Elder David McKenzie is released from presiding in the Glasgow Conference, and is appointed to duties in the Millennial Star office.

Elder Hamilton G. Park is appointed to preside in the Glasgow Conference.—*Millennial Star*, Jan. 24.

Missionary Labors.—We have had the pleasure of perusing a letter, dated at Toms Creek, Surrey Co., N. C., Feb. 3d, from Elder George Teasdale to Elder R. F. Neslen. The writer states that himself and Elder J. R. Winder, Jr., have visited and preached in the counties of Mecklenburg, Burke, McDowell, and Yadkin, traveling among the mountains, meeting with people of all denominations, and receiving generally very kind treatment. The people like the company of these Elders and their

method of expounding the Scriptures, inviting them to call again. In some quarters, however, prejudice is strong, especially among the Methodists, who sometimes favor their expulsion from the towns they visit, and they do all in their power to prevent them holding meetings. Elder Teasdale has baptized the older members of one family and blessed the little children. So actively are those missionaries engaged in their labors, going from place to place, that frequently they do not sleep in the same house twice in two weeks.

The Deseret Silk Association.—Last evening the members met, as per adjournment, at the Firemen's Hall, Mrs. Zina D. Young presiding. Mrs. Young stated that she had some silk to present for inspection, which had been reeled and twisted by Mrs. Larinda Robinson, of Farmington, and was ready for use. It was examined and pronounced as good as the imported.

Mr. A. M. Musser gave some instructions and said that if we could find a market for our silk he did not see why it should not prove a success.

Mr. Paul A. Schettler said that while in California he had endeavored to get the opinion of the silk raisers there as to the best method to pursue to make it a success, which was to raise the silk and reel it, and after it was reeled he guaranteed to find a ready market for it. He also gave some good instructions regarding the planting of mulberry cuttings, which were to take the largest end of the shoot to plant. He recommended the Morus Japonica mulberry to feed with, and also presented to the Association, for inspection, a ladder, which had been sent to him from France, with cocoons on it, which is for the worms to go up and spin their cocoons on. It is made of narrow strips of wood, the length and width of them according to your shelves. Take strips of wood five-eighths of an inch square and nail upon them some strips five-eighths of an inch wide and one-fourth of an inch thick upon the edges, one inch apart, then turn it over and nail on the same kind of strips, and nail them between the others upon the five-eighths pieces, which, when made, will answer for shelves and also for the worms to climb up and make their cocoons on, far surpassing the brush. It keeps the cocoons cleaner and they are handier to take down. Any person wishing to see the ladder can do so by calling on Mr. P. A. Schettler.

The Association is prepared to buy cocoons, and those having any for sale will please forward them to Mrs. Zina D. Young. Also any person who understands the raising of silk worms from the time they hatch out until they spin their cocoons, will confer a favor by writing to that lady immediately.

Meeting adjourned till the first Monday in March, at the City Hall.

REUBEN SIMPSON, Sec'y.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

COUNCIL.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Monday, Feb. 14th, 2 p. m.

(H. F. No. 22), "A bill amendatory of and supplementary to an act regulating elections," referred to committee on elections.

(H. F. No. 11), "A bill in relation to innkeepers, &c.," was amended and passed.

Councilor Caine, chairman of the committee on revenue, reported back (H. F. No. 18), "An act to provide revenue, &c.," amended, and recommended its passage as amended. Passed.

Councilor E. Snow, chairman of the committee of conference appointed to consider section 4 of (C. F. 2), "A bill to amend an act to regulate proceedings in civil cases, etc.," reported that they had receded, and recommended that the Council concur in the House amendments. Recommendation adopted.

Adjourned.

MORNING SESSION.

Tuesday, Feb. 15th, 10 a. m.

The House amendment to (C. F. 4), "An act for the establishment and support of common schools," was concurred in.

The Council passed (C. F. 12), "An act limiting the time within which criminal actions must be prosecuted."