

victim of chronic appendicitis. The illness which occasioned his death, however, was brief, being of but two days' duration. For a considerable time previous he had experienced inconvenience and trouble from the ailment that resulted in his death, but after a day or two it would wear off and no more attention would be paid to the matter until the next attack. The last one came early on Friday and was very severe, his sufferings being most intense.

The deceased was 63 years of age and a native of England. He came to Utah as a member of a handcart company and settled in this city, where he quietly pursued his trade, that of carpentry. He was known as an honorable and unassuming citizen and many persons will regret to learn of his demise. He leaves a wife and seven children.

The "News" received calls yesterday from Elders James E. Hart of Bloomington, Idaho, and J. R. Terry of Rockville, Utah, who have just returned from missions to the Southern States. Elder Hart left home October 1, 1895, and arriving at Chattanooga, Tennessee, was assigned to labor in the East Tennessee conference. This conference embraces thirty-five counties in Tennessee and about the same number in North Carolina. Three months after his arrival in the mission field Elder Hart was appointed president of the conference, which position he held until December 27th last, when Elder W. E. Robinson of American Fork, Utah, was appointed his successor. Elder Hart reports the conference in a flourishing condition. During the year there were more than one hundred baptisms, four new branches and four new Sunday schools organized, with good prospects for more work of the same kind in the near future. A very neat and commodious chapel was recently built in one of the branches and dedicated to service on December 19th. A special conference was held at Johnson City, Tennessee, for three days beginning December 25th, at which Apostles Lyman and Cowley and Elder Kimball were in attendance. The conference meetings were held in the Jobes Opera House and were largely attended and much enjoyed.

The attorney general has submitted an opinion to James Ollerton, county attorney of Iron county, on the following questions:

1.—When property has been sold to the county for delinquent taxes, should this same property be assessed the next year, and if so, to whom?"

2.—"If so assessed should the original owner be allowed to pay the tax (presumably for the following year), and what effect would this action have, should he redeem it as provided by law?"

Answering the first question, the attorney general says, "I am of opinion that when the property is sold to the county pursuant to 2623 of the Revised Statutes of Utah of 1898, it should be assessed the following years to the same party and in the same manner as in the year in which it was sold."

The attorney general also says, "No person must be permitted to redeem from such sale, except upon payment also of the amount of such subsequent assessment or assessments, interest and costs. These provisions were also incorporated in the revenue act of the law of 1896 and were carried forward into the Revised Statutes of 1898. If the owner of property which had been sold for the taxes of the preceding year desired to pay the taxes of any subsequent year, I know of no rule which would preclude him from so doing, and if he did so pay them and subsequently redeemed from the former sale, he would be en-

titled to credit for the taxes thus paid, in the final redemption."

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, JANUARY 11.

Word has been received from Messrs. J. M. and M. S. Browning, of the well known firm of Browning company, who went East a couple of weeks ago to dispose of the latest gun invention of the former, that they had sold the patent to the Winchester Arms company of New Haven, Connecticut. The invention is a repeating rifle of high merit and brings the firm a very handsome cash figure. The transaction is but another compliment to Utah genius and a recognition of the abilities of Mr. Browning, who is probably the greatest gun inventor in the world. His work in that direction in the past has brought him not only fame but fortune as well. That he may continue to win both for many years to come is the ardent wish of large numbers of friends and admirers. It is expected that he and his brother, M. S., will arrive home in a few days.

Attorney General Bishop transmitted the following opinion today to John F. Brown, county attorney, Kanab:

In your favor of the 5th inst. you submit the following: "A listed his property on a listing blank furnished him by the assessor in the year 1896. He was properly notified but failed to pay his taxes for that year. The property was advertised and sold to the county. In the year 1897 he was assessed on the same property and paid the taxes for that year, but refused to redeem and pay the taxes and costs of sale for the year 1896."

What effect will the receipt he holds for the year 1897 have on the sale of 1896?

Answering this question, I would say, none whatever.

You also ask to be advised as to what are the duties and powers of the trustees of an incorporated town, etc.

Inasmuch as you are not the legal adviser of the officers of an incorporated town this office has no authority in law to advise you upon these questions.

The earthly troubles of Martin Hayken, the wide-awake, business-getting representative of the Chicago furniture firm that furnished the joint city and county building, are over. They terminated on the 4th inst. after a very brief illness, death resulting from an abscess on the brain.

Hayken had visited Utah in a business capacity for years and when the joint building was nearing completion and the time came to furnish the structure he determined to get the contract and get it he did over the competition created by a dozen other furniture men from all parts of the country, scarcely less experienced than himself. But the securing of the contract was a hazardous and expensive piece of business, not to say scandalous and criminal. It resulted in a sensational exposure and charges of having bribed the county selectmen. He was indicted and when his case came to trial turned state's evidence, much to the dismay and discomfiture of ex-Selectman Jos. R. Morris, whose name is still on the criminal docket for the part played in the proceedings.

TWO ELDERS' CHRISTMAS.

Crimson Springs, W. Va.,

Dec. 27th, 1897.

As the anniversary of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has just passed by once more, I will try to describe how a couple of His humble servants fared in the missionary field.

Several weeks ago we were invited to spend Christmas day at Crimson Springs, Monroe county, W. Va., with

an aged gentleman, whom the Elders all call Uncle William Hall, and we readily accepted his invitation. The old gentleman has reached the 88th mile stone of his life and is very lively for one so old. He and family have always been very kind to the Elders who chance to come their way, since first they met one of us, something over two years ago, although none of them have joined our Church as yet.

The place in view is a very beautiful sight among the hills of West Virginia, which are noted for their grandeur. Crimson Springs derives its name from a beautiful spring that gushes out from under a high rock at the foot of Peter's mountain, which divides part of this state from old Virginia.

The beautiful crimson water comes out in a large stream, and as it courses its way through forests, its crystal waters are seen teeming with nice spotted trout, so common to be found in our Rocky Mountain streams. But no one is allowed to catch one of them, as they are the private property of our worthy host.

According to our appointment we arrived at Mr. Hall's the day before Christmas; although we had been walking all morning through a heavy snowstorm, the welcome we received and the good news we received from loved ones at home made us forget our fatigue.

After reading our letters, etc., we spent the remainder of the day sitting around a huge old fireplace singing the songs of Zion, which are always listened to with interest by the people here. Bedtime arriving, we held family prayers and all retired to await the coming of Christmas day. Next morning we found the air very cold and the sky clear. The ground was covered with a beautiful mantle of snow, just enough to remind us of the time of year, and to make Christmas appear lovely.

The morning was spent telling stories of the occasion, until our conversation was stopped by the ring of the dinner bell.

We were then ushered into the dining room where a beautiful display of cookery met our gaze. The huge old table fairly groaned under its heavy load.

The first thing that met the writer's eye was a monster turkey. Our host soon began the operation of distributing it to the guests. Besides turkey there were a roast of beef, pies, cakes, jams, jellies and about a dozen different kinds of fruits, and biscuits. After dinner we retired to the sitting room and spent the balance of the day very enjoyably, feeling we had been blessed abundantly.

There is certainly plenty of room for Elders in this part of the country, as we do not have near enough to begin to fill the demands and the appointments we have on all sides. Truly the hearts of the people are being softened towards us as a people, and a great deal of the prejudice is fast dying away, as the dew before the morning's sun. And we are able to reach the people much better than ever before. But under the present circumstances it will take a long time before all the honest in heart can be found, and brought into the true fold of Christ.

Good reports come in from all sides from the Elders, and still the good work rolls on slowly but surely. And the little stone Daniel saw cut out of the mountain without hands, has begun to roll and will not stop until it fills the whole earth.

Elder J. W. Hanson of Brigham City, Utah, and I are traveling in this county, and are meeting with many friends, and enjoying our labors very much. The "News" is always a welcome visitor. JAS. C. WAGSTAFF.

J. W. HANSON.