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SIMON KEMP Story. #12497

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Story about Mrs. Mead's brother, Simon Kemp.

Simon James and Simon Kemp were candidates for interpreter.

The legislature elected by vote. Simon James was elected.

A few days after the election, James came to my brother and wanted to know how to explain the word "provision" to the legislature - said he just couldn't get it into his mind what to say. My brother told him for \$50.00 he would tell him but James didn't have the \$50.00.

The next day James came back to our house early and begged my brother to tell him and finally my brother said, "Not for your sake but for your family's sake I will tell you." He then wrote three words on a paper and handed it to James, who asked, "Why didn't I think of that?" "Because your brain wasn't big enough," Mr. Kemp said.

Later, Mr. Kemp was elected interpreter and served for several years.

Copied from ledger which Mr. McLaughlin has. Items purchased by Simon Kemp, May 31, 1888.

40 yds. domestic	\$4.00	4 lbs. coffee	\$1.00	1 box oysters	.25
20 lbs. sugar	2.00	1 pr. shoes	1.50	2 ahirts	1.00
1 sack flour	1. 50	1 pr. boots	4.00	1 pr . pants	.75
6 yds. print	.45				