

hope the friends of Bro. Meredith will sympathize with him in his misfortune, that he may soon recover himself.

Respectfully Yours,
D. A. MILLER.

TOKERVILLE, WASHINGTON CO.,
June 13, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir.—On the 11th inst. Bishop J. T. Willis organized a Female Relief Society in this place, and gave the sisters some very good instruction in relation to their duties as members of this association.

The Saints of this ward have done well in contributing of their means to deliver the poor of the House of Israel from their long captivity.

On the morning of the 1st inst. we had frost, which cut down some grape vines, but did not damage the crop materially. Our crops, in general, look well, but in consequence of so much cold weather this season, it is thought that the cotton crop will be very light.

Peace and contentment dwell in the bosoms of the Saints here. Everybody is busy, for we have no loafers, no broken-down politicians, no office seekers, no "regenerators," no gambling saloons nor drunkards in our midst, but we are all striving to mind our own business, and assisting to build up the Zion of our God upon the earth. Oh! what poor, benighted souls we are!

Very respectfully,
M. SLACK.

RICHMOND, July 4th, 1868.

Bro. George Q. Cannon:—Dear Bro. Instead of sending you for publication the proceedings of the 4th, we are compelled, through respect for our worthy and much esteemed Bro., Thomas Levi Whittle, to postpone our celebration, with colors half-mast high; and to send you a short account of the serious accident which occurred on Saturday, June 27. Bro. Whittle, while assisting his son in raising a log house, was struck to the ground by a log falling from the building. He was taken home in a sad condition and expired after six days intense suffering, at 9 o'clock p.m., July 3d. As near as I can learn, Bro. Whittle joined the Church in December, 1837, in Canada, and emigrated to the west at the time of the exodus of the Saints from Missouri, meeting them at Quincy, Illinois. He came to the mountains in 1848; took a mission to the Sandwich Islands in 1850; was one of the pioneers to Richmond; and has been much respected and esteemed by all who were the least acquainted with him, as a faithful member of the Church. A large family is left to mourn his loss, which is also realized by us as a ward. Bro. Whittle was born May 21, 1812.

Your Bro. in the Gospel,
HENRY STANDAGE.

July 5.

P. S. The funeral took place at 4 o'clock p.m. yesterday. It was the largest procession ever known in Richmond. The funeral sermon was delivered by Prest. Wm. Hyde, Bishop Peter Maughan, and Bishop L. Hatch of Franklin being present.

H. S.

[It has been with deep regret that we have perused the sad news of the death of Brother Thomas L. Whittle. We were intimately acquainted with him, having taken our first mission with him to California, and thence to the Sandwich Islands, we learned to love him as a modest, unobtrusive, upright man, of excellent judgment and strict integrity.—ED. DESERET NEWS.]

LINES ON THE DEATH OF T. L. WHITTLE.

A dear one's departed, his spirit has left us,
He has laid down his body a season to rest;
He has gone to his God, of his presence bereft us
To dwell with the Saints in the home of the blest.

His soul is immortal, death's chains cannot hold him;
In realms of bliss does his pure spirit soar;
With the just he now dwells; with joy they be-
hold him
With Joseph and Hyrum and those gone be-
fore.

His dearly loved memory his kindred will cherish,
Although his remains now lie low in the dust;
His deeds of beneficence never will perish,
But sacred be held, as the acts of the just.

Then grieve not bereaved ones, though hard 'tis to part
From a husband and father so dearly beloved;
For his trials are o'er, and with joy he will start
To prepare you a home in the mansions above.
And if you are faithful some day you will meet him,
Wives, children and friends, when your earth's work is o'er;
In his robes of pure white you in heaven will greet him,
Dwell in glory celestial and part never more.

WM. T. FISHER.

RICHMOND, Cache Co.,
July 4th, 1868.

Correspondence.

A SKETCH OF VAN MONS' THEORY FOR RAISING NEW KINDS OF FRUIT TREES BY SYSTEMATIC SEEDING.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir.—Every competent orchardist in Europe is more or less acquainted with Van Mons' theory. As Utah is emphatically a fine fruit country, it is right that a short statement on that subject should be presented to your numerous readers.

When a very young school boy, Mr. Van Mons, late professor of botany at Louvain (Belgium), being extremely fond of every kind of horticultural pursuit, began to seed systematically in his father's garden. In watching closely the ways followed by nature to modify the plants in the vegetable kingdom, he was soon struck by the following ideas: namely, that every kind of stone and pip fruit trees have had, since their origin, a certain limited period of time to exist; that the fruit trees then living, being almost all extremely old, were evidently fast degenerating, and that many would soon entirely perish; that, consequently it was expedient that we should try and raise new species by the same process by which our trees, now running out, were originally started.

These original ideas, being published by a very young amateur, and under unpropitious circumstances, were entirely unnoticed in the European world. But Mr. Van Mons still persevered in his experiments. The principal object he had in view in his pomological investigations may be thus recapitulated: To collect the seeds of the wild fruit trees, and to plant them; then to replant their product from generation to generation, that being the only true natural way to get every kind of new fruits, equal or superior to ours, and which shall possess the same vitality as ours, when started.

A few figures will now show you what a large amount of heroic patience was displayed by Mr. Van Mons in his pursuits. The pip trees, proceeding from their first sowing or planting, began to show fruit only after fifteen years. That fruit, so long expected, was small, sour, detestable. The pips, having been replanted, bore after twelve years, and the fruit was no more edible than the first. The third generation bore fruit after eight years; the fourth after six years, and the fifth after five years. The following generations bore a little sooner; the pips of the ninth generation bore after three years, which is the shortest possible term. After the fifth generation, all the fruits were large and very edible; after the eighth generation, every one was perfect.

A noble conquest was the result of such perseverance. A magnificent collection of new fruits, unequalled in the world, was finally made by Mr. Van Mons. He hastily distributed the scions of his trees to all the amateurs in Europe, desiring to realize its result. The pomological problem was solved; new kinds of fruit trees were raised, every pip, planted by him, produced excellent fruit, and none produced wild fruit.

The stone fruit trees follow the same natural law, but more promptly. In acting according to the information given by Mr. Van Mons' theory, five generations, or twenty years, are necessary for the pip fruit trees, four generations, or fifteen years, for the stone ones. After that length of time, the experimentalist can get new fruit, edible, but to be perfected by constantly planting and replanting the seeds, and those of their posterity. Unexpected results will be the reward of further experiments.

Now, every one can perceive that Mr. Van Mons' theory has no reference whatever to the grape culture. By adopting and realizing the general hints expressed therein, our Parent Agricultural Society will certainly make our mountain home the most flourishing fruit country on this continent.

In regard to my present speciality, I, by no means, profess to be a perfect French vine-dresser. I learned the little I know on that subject partly in my father's vineyard, and partly from my own experiments. The dry climate of northern Utah, and particularly that within the genial influence of the Salt Lake, is, generally speaking, and will prove more and more, favorable to the successful cultivation of several leading European and native vines. Therefore I will make my best exertions to publish, for the general benefit of my fellow citizens, every kind of useful information I may derive from my actual experiments in the systematic seeding of grapes. Yours, very respectfully,
LOUIS A. BERTRAND.

TOOLE, 17th July, 1868.

LIST OF PASSENGERS PER SHIP "CONSTITUTION."

James, Mary, Thomas, James and Mary Priscott; Elizabeth, Jane, Elizabeth, James, Agnes and Robert Shaw; Mearn Scrago; John, Elizabeth, David, Hellen, Robert and John Dick; Jane Hunter; Chas. Moyr; Wm. Scott; Isaac, Margaret and Mary Waddell; Ellen and Ellen Watson; Henry and Christina Chestnut; Saml. and Catherin Faddies; Agnes Scott; Jane McClellan; James Jamison; James Elliott; Alexander and Jane Wright; Alexander, Sarah, George, Sarah and Emma Fraser; Agnes and Harriet Lore; Deborah, Rebecca, George, Margaret, Jenny and Joseph Wright; Christina, Agnes and Ellen Brown; Annie and Annie Osborn; Charlotte, Charlotte, Agnes, John, Mearn and Ellen Robinson; John Livingston; Elizabeth, Emilie and Betty Bowers; Edwin Biles; Robert Briggs; Edward Barton; Richard Parkinson; John Harison; Robert, Harriet and John Smith; John Halsall; Mary Ward; Isaac Morrin; Wm., Ellen, Catherine, Isabella and Mary Nichols; Alice Holland; John, Charles, Edward and Thos. Hanks; Mary Clayfield; John and Jane Paskitt; Emma Thiek; Mary A., Claudus and Joshua Rackham; Ann Cooper; Geo., Eliza, Edith, Elizabeth, George and Fred Simmonds; Charles, Sarah, Harriet, Eliza, Andrew, Job and Oliver Miller; Cernelius and Mary McCrary; Margaret, James, David and Malinda Hall; Rebecca and Eliza Langmann; Martha Roby; Jane Algar; Mark Jackson; Jane Hallinell; Mary A. Key; Henry and Rachel Jones; Mary and David Thomas; Ellen Hall; John Stephens; Richard, James, Luke, George, Mary and Henry Oram; George, Lorenzo and John Blackley; John, Elizabeth, Henry J., Edward and Wm. Heagren; Sarah and Ellen Johncock; Elizabeth and Elizabeth Swain; Samuel and Cistina Wayment; Jos. Reid; Susan Sansom; Chas. and Daniel Cook; Isabella White; Wm. Oldfield; John, Maria, Robert, William, Emma, Isabella, Aaron and Frank Leak; Mary Smith; John and Walter Lazenby; Jas. Susannah and Ellen Allen; Thomas Bushley; Thomas, Ellen, Eliza and Henry Webster; Thomas Clixby; Elizabeth, Anna, George, Eliza and Alfred O. Tomlinson; Annie Feather; Joseph, Julia, Maryanne, Joseph H., Eliza and Alice Wray; Wm. Sawdon; Richard, Ann, John, Rachael, Jane, Ellen, Wm. J., Elizabeth and Thomas Brinley; Hendrick Vansteeter; Maria Juddels; Jan Gerrit Ekker; Maria Yensen; Christian Hanni; Lend Kuecht; Louisa Schroder; Geo. Wagner; Maria Muller; Emilie Vollemvinder; Christian Schneider; Peter Beutler; Magt. Meir; Geo. Hugentobler; A. B. Rupp; A. Kuhn; A. Gianne; Christena and Wilhelmina Kiesel; Adam and Josepha Shutz; Elizabeth, Henry, Elizabeth, Hans H., Rudolf and Maria Bosshard; Erhard, Elizabeth, Johannes and Jacob Bunzli; Hannah, Rudolf and Fredrick Wolfli; Catharine Marti; Anna Zuppinger; Maria Marback; Agatha Buchi; Edward, Sarah, Catharine, Samuel, Martha, Rachael, Elizabeth and John Bradshaw; Henry Carroll; George, Ellen, Jessie, Earnest and Herbert Saville; Caroline Westwood; Emma and James Saville; John, Charlotte, Frederick and Harry Taylor; Leo. Paxman; Mary Ann and Edward Allen; Aaron, Mary Ann, Esther and Alma Dugdall; Susanna, Ruth, Clara, Leonard and Samuel Orchard; John Higham; Maria Bohi; Barbara Ramp; Michael Thernner; Maria Brullmand; Barbara Goosener; Maria Kaspar; Elizabetha Welti; Eliza Kaser; Elizabeth Caffall; Frederick, Amelia, Mary, Ellen, Anna, Mary, and Richard Judd; Thomas, Ellen, Charles and Emilie Cooke; Imila Collius; Henry, Jane, John and Frederick Newman; Mary Brown; John and William Rawlings; George, Elizabeth, Alfred, Emma, Louisa, Francis and Mary A. Giles; Henry, Sarah, Sarah A., Henry T., Emilie and Joseph Plant; Richard, Prudence, Matilda, Honor, Sarah, James, Ether and Walter Rawlings; Thomas, Elizabeth, George and Hannah Stirling; John Baxter; Allan Crockett; Mary, Emma and John May; Margaret Leslie; Isabella Adamson; Harriot Bailly; Harriot Hailes; James, Mary, George, Edwin, John, and Julia Marshbank; Catherine and Elizabeth Anderson; Francis McDonald; Catherine, James and Lemuel Boughton; Robert Greenwood; Timothy Marrit; Sarah A. Francis; John Parr; William Atkins; Newman Remington; Mary Burrows; Henry Stebbis; James, Louisa and Charlotte Hill; John Pickard; Emma Cowson; William, Elizabeth, Lucy, Phillip, Isaac and Frederick Arbon; Jane Dunn; Charlotte Gemmell; Ann Moore; James, Mary A. and Rosaline Welsh; Eliz'th Goddard; Sarah Hatter;

Wm. Wardle; James, Maria, Charlotte, Charles, Caroline, Ann, Hannah, Isaac, Sarah and Charlotte Smith; Ann, Geo., Sarah A., Ellen, James, Fanny and John Wright; Polly Boot; Sarah Martin; Alice and Sarah A. Jackson; Sarah and Elizabeth Bond; Nenny and Edward Nelson; Joseph, Martha and Alice Ridder; Joseph, Elizabeth, Sarah J. and Joseph E. Hadfield; Wm. Burt; Charlotte Mills; Euphrosyne Smith; Elizabeth Atkinson; William, Hannah and Mary Crook; Thomas and Margaret Young; Richard Sarah, Martha, Nephi Edmerson Duerden; Charles, Margaret, Margaret, Charles, Francis, Mary, Edward, George and Ann Horman; Nancy De La Hage; Asa, Jane, Mary, Alvin, Francis and Lorenzo Walters; Robert, Margaret and Hannah Howarth; Eliza Wright; Nancy Briggs; Thos. Williams; Mary Halini; James, Annie, William, Eliza and Emiline Dumford; Eliza M. Thomas; John N. Pike; Elizabeth Rawlings; Thos. Boyinton; Mans, Hanna, Bengta and Niels J. Neilson.

RETURNING MISSIONARIES.

H. H. Cluff, C. P. Liston, Joseph S. Horne, John Hoagland, Nephi Fawcett, H. T. Spencer, Geo. W. Burridge.

THE WONDERS OF SEED.

Is there upon earth a machine, is there a palace, is there even a city which contains so much that is wonderful as is enclosed in a single little seed—one grain of corn, a little brown apple seed, one small seed of a tree, picked up, perhaps, by a sparrow for her little ones, the smallest of a poppy or a bluebell, or even one of the seeds that are so small that they float about in the air invisible to our eyes? Ah! there is a world of marvels and brilliant beauties in each of these tiny seeds.

About a hundred and fifty years ago the celebratee Linnaeus, who has been called "the father of botany," reckoned about 8,000 different plants; and he then thought that the whole number existing could not much exceed 10,000. But 100 years after him M. de Candolle, of Geneva, described 40,000 different kinds of plants, and he supposed it possible that the number might even amount to 100,000.

Well, have these 100,000 kinds of plants ever failed to bear the right kind of seed? Have they ever deceived us? Has a seed of wheat ever yielded barley, or the seed of a poppy ever grown up into a sunflower? Has a sycamore tree ever sprung from an acorn, or a beech tree from a chestnut? A little bird may carry away the small seed of the sycamore in its beak, to feed its nestlings; on the way it may drop to the ground. The tiny seed may spring up and grow where it fell unnoticed, and sixty years after, it may become a magnificent tree, under which the flocks of the valleys and their shepherds may rest in the shade.—Ex.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

ONE SPAN of five year old HORSES, one is black and the other a light bay, both are branded T. C. on left hip. The bay has a white star on forehead. Were last seen about a month since at Porterville, Morgan Co. Those knowing anything of the whereabouts of the above will please forward information to this Office.

JAMES ADAMSON,

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American Fork.

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court of the United States for the Territory of Utah.

In the Matter of
JOHN Y. GREEN, } In Bankruptcy.
Bankrupt.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of John Y. Green, of Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake and Territory of Utah, within said District, who has been adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the Supreme Court of said Territory.

Dated at Salt Lake City, the 13th day of June, A.D. 1868.

HENRY W. ISAACSON,

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Assignee, &c.

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