

exhibition. Our agent at the City of Mexico, Mr. D. W. Ap Jones, was delighted with our effort, as it was a tangible evidence that the colonists of the Mexican Colonization and Agricultural company, which he represents, are in reality doing something.

Now let me say in connection with this, to your numerous readers, that any of our Utah friends, or elsewhere, desiring to unite with us in our colonies should communicate with Brother Henry Eyring, Colonia Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico, who will gladly give them all necessary information, he being the assistant secretary of the above company and thoroughly posted in this matter. I say this for the benefit of your correspondent's friends. Also I think I will be safe in saying that our late president, Elder George Teasdale, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who has always manifested a lively interest in the Mexican colonies, will be pleased to give any information to those desiring to make their home with us. We want workers, not speculators or drones, but good exemplary citizens who will set a good example and be in harmony with correct principles. We have plenty of room for any amount of such colonists.

DON JUAN.

GOLDEN WEDDING.

Those of the children and grandchildren of Enoch Bartlett Tripp and Roxana Sophia Billings Tripp, who live in the city, surprised their parents and grandparents at their residence in the Sixteenth ward, with a picnic supper on Sunday evening, the 29th of March, 1896, it being fifty years since they were united in the holy bonds of matrimony, which took place in Nauvoo, Ill., on the 29th of March, 1846. After surrounding the tables spread with the bounties of life, Father Tripp asked God's blessing upon the food and upon his prosperity after him. After the appetite was satisfied, the tables being cleared off, Father Tripp called all to order and presented upon the table before them a large family record that he had just had made. It contained, first, the names; second, when and where born; third, to whom married; fourth, when died; fifth, temple record. He then stated that on his father's side he was the son of Wm. Tripp, and he the son of Wm. and Keziah Thompson, and he the son of Robert, and he the son of Sylvanus, who emigrated to the town of Kittery, state of Maine; and on his mother's side the son of Naamah Hall Bartlett, she the daughter of Enoch Bartlett and Annie Hall, he the son of Ebenezer, and the son of Joseph Jr., and the son of Joseph Sen., who emigrated from England to Newton, Mass., and there married Mercy Waite. The speaker said he had got this record with the intention of recording into it from the records, all of his progenitors as far back as he had the records, and of his own posterity down; which now number thirty-two children, sixty-seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He is now in the 73rd year of his age and his wife is in her 70th year. He desired when his Heavenly Father called him from this state of mortality to immortality that his children and children's

children down to the latest generation should get together and select some one of their number that belonged to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to take charge of the family record, also of the Temple record. He continued: "Let him or her who is selected by my posterity to take charge of the records, keep them at all times under lock and key in a secure place from fire, water and enemies; but let none of my posterity be prevented from seeing and perusing the family record in the presence of him or her that has charge of the same; may my posterity always be inspired to select the proper ones to take charge of the records, and may those that are selected be inspired of God to carry out all of His wishes as pertaining to these records and doing the work for the dead in the Temple of our God." Concluding, he asked all who felt to endorse his records and to aid in carrying out his plans and wishes as pertaining to the records, to make it manifest by raising the right hand; and the vote was unanimous.

All retired to their homes with Father Tripp's blessing upon them.

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NEWS OF THE STATE.

The Gunnison City and Antelope Valley Canal company proposes to supply water for a townsite north of Gunnison, Sanpete county.

The Mantor building at Park City was destroyed and the opera house damaged by fire on Friday. The total loss is about \$3,200.

Castle Valley News: Nearly all farmers in Castle Valley are busy now-a-days with their spring plowing. No more cold weather is looked for, in fact we haven't had any since before last summer.

Manti Messenger: Within the next three or four weeks the San Pete Valley railway will distribute no less than \$20,000 among laborers in Sanpete county. Sevier county will be blessed in the same way by the Rio Grande Western extension.

Payson Globe: Alfred Judson found a very peculiar hen egg up at his home the other day. It was 7½ inches in circumference, and on breaking it open another egg about the size of an ordinary hen egg was found on the inside. Both of the shells were hard.

Several parties at Ephraim, Sanpete county, are talking of going to Canada this spring. Very flattering reports of the country up there have been brought back by persons who have been there. A number of Manti people are also contemplating a similar move.

It is reported from Fillmore, Millard county, that a young lady there recently became the wife of a young man with whom she had been keeping company for several years. Her parents were very much against him, and when the marriage took place made their daughter never to darken the parental door again.

Ap. Harmon, of Holden, Millard county, who is said to be the largest man in the State, had a quarrel with Nicholas Paul, 75 years old, the other day, and shook the old man considerably. Then Harmon went before Justice of the Peace Corrington, pleaded

guilty to assault, and got off with a fine of \$1.

Beaver Usonian: We understand that the 4-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Mansfield died last Sunday. It had had the measles, whooping cough and typhoid fever before it succumbed. This will be sad news to Bro. Mansfield, who is on a mission to the Southern States.

Ephraim Enterprise: A writ of certiorari has been served on the city council today commanding them to appear before the district court on April 6th, with their records, to show cause why they revoked the license to sell liquors granted to Willard Pebraco. The case for selling without license was continued until April 10th to await the result of this action.

Coalville Times: Joseph Wall, and two fellow travelers from Big Cottonwood, Salt Lake county, were in Wasatch on Wednesday traveling by wagon with three span of horses on their way to the Fort Bridger country. While in that vicinity they had great difficulty to get their outfit through the deep snow and finally had to give it up and ship their wagon and contents at Wasatch. Thus relieved they proceeded on their journey horseback.

Manti Messenger: From present indications the sentiment is rather against holding the Utah semi-centennial celebration. This is not right. The objection is based on the fact that about the same time of year other states will have big celebrations, and an attempt to celebrate here would result in failure. If we cannot get the help of surrounding states, let us go it alone. A great big celebration would be very nice, but if we can't have it on a magnificent scale, let us humble ourselves a bit and have the best we can afford among ourselves.

Vernal Express: Jas. Hacking confirms the report that most of the fruit trees of the valley are dead. He says that he believes there is not to exceed 200 trees alive in his orchard of 2,500 trees. Out of 400 of his trees that were bearing he claims 300 are dead and the bark will peel off as though they had been dead for years. He attributes the cause to the hard freeze last September while the sap was up in the tree. Being frozen at this time the sap oozed and killed the tree. Mr. Hacking says that \$4,000 would not replace his orchard and the probabilities are that all orchards of the valley suffered alike and the loss will be enormous.

The Beaver Usonian gives the following particulars of a fatal accident briefly noted heretofore: Mrs. Betsey Ballard Smith, an elderly lady of Parowan, formerly of Salt Lake, was burning rubbish in her yard on Saturday evening last. When she reached the house she discovered her dress on fire; as she was partially blind, she could not extinguish the flame. She became excited and ran across the street all ablaze to her nearest neighbor. Seeing that she was on fire the man ran for water, while his wife brought some quilts, and the flames were extinguished. She was badly burned and died the next morning. The funeral took place on Tuesday. We understand friends from Salt Lake wished to take the remains back with them, although the husband wished her buried in Parowan.