

ing and encouraging his company by example as well as precept, and the saints with their hand carts, aided by Capt. Ellsworth and McArthur and their Assistants, Elders Oakly, Butler, Crandal and Leonard, and guided and sustained by the Almighty, have preached to the ungodly a sermon louder than the voice of many thunders. And thus has been successfully accomplished a plan, devised by the wisdom and forethought of our President, for rapidly gathering the poor, almost entirely independent of the wealth so closely hoarded beyond their reach.

Herein is exhibited a portion of the 'faith and patience of the Saints', but will the world heed the lesson? Only the wise, for the wicked will pass on and be punished.

THE CALIFORNIA MAIL arrived on the 29th inst., bringing San Francisco dates of Aug. 30; Nos. 24, 5, 6 & 7 of The Western Standard; the magazines and papers so promptly mailed by our friend J. W. Sullivan of San Francisco; and a large package of well selected papers, including a Harper for August, Ballou's Pictorial, Ballou's Monthly Magazine for Aug. and Illustrated London News, from the courteous Noisy Carrier's Mail, San Francisco.

This mail arrives and departs as regularly as clock-work; and, since its connection with the mail steamers, brings us within a month of the Queen City of the Pacific.

We have hastily glanced at our file of the Sacramento Weekly Union, but noticed little beyond matters of local interest. The Vigilance Committee had a grand parade, threw open their rooms to the inspection of the public, and were about to bring their operations to a close.

The N. Y. Times, of Aug. 5, states that Congress was to adjourn on the 18th of August.

QUERY.—How happens it in a wise community that some offer wheat in our streets for 62½ and 75 cents a bushel, and at other low rates, and flour at like rates, but never make such offers either at the President's office or the Tithing office? Such persons are ignorant of the basis upon which rests the prosperity they seem to have; and unless they get a little sound sense will soon have no wheat for sale, nor even bread to eat, except that furnished by the hand and counsel they are so foolishly disregarding.

ELDERS FERAMORZ LITTLE AND ORSON MILES started for the States, on the 29th inst.; the former on business, and the latter on a mission to Europe.

TRANSPLANTING TREES.—With proper care we have succeeded very well in transplanting trees, both in the Fall and Spring; but, so far as we have observed, those kinds which retain their leaves till late, as does the peach, appear to thrive best when set out in the Spring.

Doubtless, thoroughly trenching and manuring all the ground designed for raising fruit is the best method, but it is not every one that can afford to pursue this course at the start.—For this reason it is a good plan to dig and enrich pits, as recommended in a former number, carefully rounding up the earth which the rains and snows will settle by Spring, when the pits will be in excellent condition for receiving the young trees and giving them a vigorous start. All can practice this method, and may soon reap a highly prized reward, especially by cultivating peaches.

## Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society.

COUNCIL HOUSE, Sep. 27, 1856.

Present of the Board—Edward Hunter, President, Wilford Woodruff, C. H. Oliphant, W. C. Staines, S. M. Blair: officers, J. C. Little and R. L. Campbell.

Gov. B. Young, Hons. D. H. Wells and A. P. Rockwood.

Messrs. L. D. Young, E. Thomas, and J. R. Winder.

Mr. Thomas exhibited an improved castor oil lamp, and lit it up, using the oil made in his factory from the castor beans grown in the Valley; also exhibited a very fine seedling apple, grown in his orchard.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report on the propriety of illuminating the Deseret Store, which was accepted.

Voted that Charles Decker be one of the Awarding Committee in Class A, in place of Feramorz Little, who has gone to the States.

Voted that his Excellency Gov. Brigham Young, Hons. H. C. Kimball, J. M. Grant, Orson Hyde, P. P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor, Geo. A. Smith, Amasa Lyman, E. T. Benson, C. C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow and F. D. Richards, be Honorary Members of the Society.

After many remarks made upon stock and pedigree, the sense of the meeting expressed

was in favor of imported stock being eligible to premiums, provided they are intended to remain in the country.

Benediction by Mr. W. Woodruff.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### PLANTING ORNAMENTAL TREES.

NUMBER 7.

For its many excellent qualities I would recommend the general planting of the locust tree, as it is certainly one of the best we have for ornamenting streets, and for planting around our dwellings for shelter and shade, particularly as it grows well without much water.

It may also be advantageously planted in the corners of pasture lots, where, in a few years, it will form pretty groves for sheltering cattle, or for future use, as timber for posts, rails, sleepers, &c.

There are also many places in the canyons and other uncultivated spots, which might easily be turned to a good account by planting locust trees. Indeed the locust tree should find a place everywhere that shelter, shade, or ornament is desirable.

The trees should not be planted where the ground is to be cultivated, for they are apt to throw up young plants from their long shallow roots, and thus impoverish the crops.

The trees grow freely, when reasonably well set out, watered, and attended to the first year; and when once well rooted are readily increased by transplanting the young suckers, which are always growing from the mother plant. The seed may be sown about the 1st of May, in drills 2 inches deep and 18 inches apart. It should be prepared by soaking in hot water until it begins to swell, and the drills should be kept moist until the plants come up, which will be in a few days, if the seed is good.

EDWARD SAYERS,

The Valley Gardener.

[We concur with 'The Valley Gardener' in his estimate of the locust, as to its beauty, rapidity of growth and timber value; but where water is scarce, as it yet is in this city, we are free to express a decided preference for the Black Walnut, Butternut, Apple, Chesnut, Black Cherry and like kinds for our sidewalks, since they afford not only ornament and shade but fruit. And around our dwellings and in our gardens, the peach, the small and tender varieties of the cherry, the plum, and also the apple and pear, and all kinds that will not well withstand clubbing and climbing. But there are many places in the canyons and elsewhere, where water is plenty, where the Locust can be grown to much advantage; and even on our sidewalks, until there is a more abundant supply of the desired fruit bearing kinds.—Ed.]

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 12, 1856.

BR. CARRINGTON:—

Sir:—I expect to start to Melbourne, Australia, on the 14th inst., on board the General Wool, Captain Fuller, commander, with nine others of the Australian Mission, viz., Joseph Kelly, Z. Snow, T. S. Johnson, A. P. Chesley, George W. Parrish, Thaddeus Flemming, James Phelps, Martin Crandall and John Whitbeck. My health is good, and I feel well.

Yours in the covenant of peace,

WM. M. WALL.

TO THE YOUNG ELDERS:—

Brethren:—Could you be placed where I am, see the corruption that I see, and feel as I now feel, you would engage with your whole hearts and souls in the great work in which I am now engaged.

If you have any respect for yourselves, your fathers and mothers, your wives and little ones, or your God, keep away from California, unless you are sent; for I have seen more poverty, misery and wretchedness in this place in one day, than I have seen in Utah Territory in five years.

On Sunday last br. Z. Snow and myself preached in this city in the Harmonia Hall, I am determined to stick to it.

Yours,

WM. M. WALL.

## MINUTES

Of meetings held in Farmington, Davis county, Sept. 16, 17, and 18, 1856.

President J. M. Grant and some of the Elders of the home mission, in returning from holding a quarterly conference at Kaysville, held a meeting in the upper room of the court house, commencing at 6½ p. m.

Singing by the choir. Prayer by Elder W. Willes. Singing.

Elder G. Clements preached an admirable discourse.

Prest. Grant said that he, in connexion with the home missionaries, had been laboring for the last four days in the ward southwest from Farmington, with the most gratifying results, having baptized, confirmed and blessed over four hundred persons, and blessed many children. That the spirit and power of God had been manifested in a wonderful manner, and expressed a hope and wish that when the people of this little village were put to a similar test, he could find as good clay and as good material as he had found in Kaysville; and hoped that the time would not be procrastinated beyond our next quarterly conference, some time next month, when a similar test would be made in this village.

Prest. Joseph Young made some very good remarks on the same subject.

Bishop Hess remarked that he was glad the time was near when a reformation was to com-

mence; and said he wished it was to-morrow. He had felt the necessity of it for a long time.

Elder D. D. Hunt bore testimony to the work that had commenced in the ward north.

Elder Willes spoke a short time on the subject of education.

Prest. Grant said that the spirit in him said stay to-morrow, and if need be the next day, and commence the work of reformation as they had in the ward north, and so continue through the wards south, from here to Great Salt Lake City. That he would send a messenger to Prest. Brigham Young with an invitation for him to come, or to send some others to assist. Requested the congregation, if it was their wish for them to stay and commence preaching and baptizing, to rise, when the whole assembly rose with a sudden rush. Singing. Dismissed till to-morrow at 9 a. m.

WEDNESDAY, 9 A. M.

Singing. Prayer by Elder Clements. Singing.

Prest. Grant said that President Brigham Young told him to go to Kaysville and attend their conference, and to tell the people to live their religion; and when he got there he felt like baptizing and confirming them anew into the church.

Elder Willes preached on the necessity of the Saints' keeping themselves clean and pure, both in body and spirit.

Prest. Grant said that the people would do their thrashing and wood hauling, and all their other work, quicker and better by attending this meeting than by staying away. The men ought to put their own affairs in order, and then put their houses in order. If the men are right they can direct their wives and children right, and will know how to correct them in love, and how to chastize their children in mildness.—They will also understand how to sanctify themselves, and how to keep the Sabbath. Study good books, read the Bible, Book of Mormon, Book of Doctrine and Covenants. Awake and be baptized for the remission of sins, and sanctify yourselves.

Singing.

Bishop Hess and Elder Hunt made a few remarks.

Dismissed by Prest. Grant, to meet for baptism at 2 p. m.

2 p. m.

Met at the mill race north of the Fort wall. Singing. Prayer by Prest. Grant.

After entering into covenant, with uplifted hands, to keep all the commandments of God, inasmuch as they were made known, four hundred and six persons were baptized by Prest. Grant, Bishop Hess, and Elders D. D. Hunt, Gilbert Clements, John S. Gleason and D. A. Miller.

UPPER ROOM IN THE COURT HOUSE, }  
6½ P. M. }

Singing. Prayer by Elder Hunt. Singing. Elder Clements said he felt to quake before the searching inquiries made by Prest. Grant, and was ready to exclaim with one of old, "Lord, is it I?" Admired this people for their alacrity and willingness to confess their sins; spoke on the nature of covenants.

Elder D. D. Hunt spoke on the practical duties of Saints, and exhorted the people to bring in their tithes and offerings, and see if the Lord would not pour out a blessing such as there will not be room to contain.

Elder Thomas Grover said he felt that the Spirit of the Prophet Joseph was dictating in this meeting. That when we lived up to the requisitions made upon us by the servants of the Lord, the veil would be rent and heavenly messengers would minister unto us.

Singing.

Elder Willes testified that the Spirit of the Lord was manifested in a powerful manner in various instances, since the commencement of this meeting, and that there seemed to be a union of feeling and spirit.

Elder Hunt said that when brs. Grant and Grover were speaking, he felt as though brs. Joseph and Hyrum was in our midst, and that the Spirit of Joseph was with br. Grant, and that was the reason we quaked in his presence.

Bishop Hess said that, perhaps, hundreds in this room would be glad to speak even a few words; that he meant to sanctify himself and not lose the opportunity, by being asleep, of enjoying the communion of the spirits of the departed Saints.

Br. Brownell bore testimony to the truth of all that had been said during the day.

Br. D. A. Miller said that we had come into the valleys to keep the commandments of the Lord, but many, when weighed and searched by the Spirit of the Lord, were found wanting.

Prest. Grant read, "Be ye doers of the word and not hearers only," &c., and enquired whether we dealt honestly one with another, and whether we expected to bear the spirit of Joseph, until we mended in these matters. Remembered that, when the chariots of Israel passed over through the Temple in Kirtland, High Priests fell to the floor and laid for hours, and remarked that, if Joseph or any of the angels of God had come into this room to-day, he doubted whether there were ten men or five women that would not have fallen to the floor and laid there for days. Wanted us to be doers of the word, and not hearers only.

Singing. Dismissed till to-morrow at 9 a. m.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M.

Singing.

Prayer by Prest. Grant.

Singing.

Song by Elder Willes.

For want of room the children were sent to the lower rooms to be blest, while those that were re-baptized were being confirmed.

After the confirmation and blessing of the children, Prest. Grant directed that four of the

teachers should pray in succession, and then four others speak, until all had prayed and spoken.

After the teachers had prayed and spoken, Prest. Grant said he was satisfied with them; said that in consequence of the room being crowded, as many of the children as convenient should be left at home during the afternoon; that we would dismiss till 2 o'clock, and that during the intermission we would repair to the waters for baptism.

This day the people were ordered to fast; and Prest. Grant said that as there was no special calamity, the people might eat their dinners; but if there had been any special calamity, he would have ordered a fast to be observed by every man, woman and child, and every beast.

Singing by the choir.

Dismissed by Prest. Grant till 2 o'clock, p. m. Thirty nine were baptized during intermission by D. A. Miller.

2 o'clock, p. m.

Met again in the upper room of the Court House.

Elder Jacob Gates sang a hymn.

Song by Elder Willes.

Choir sang a hymn.

Prayer by Elder Joseph Young.

Hymn sung by the choir.

Elder Jacob Gates preached.

In consequence of being in the lower rooms attending to the confirmation of those baptized during the intermission, I did not hear any of bro. Gates' discourse.

Choir sang "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning."

While the bread was being broken, Prest. Grant asked if there were any in the house that could not fellowship all that had been baptized, when all hands were raised in token of union and fellowship.

A vote was then taken whether they would sustain the Bishop and his counselor that was here, as well as Thomas S. Smith, his other counselor, absent on a mission. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

While the sacramental emblems were being passed, a number of the sick were administered to.

Prest. Joseph Young remarked that he felt to ask why we should have any misgivings, why we should have any mist of darkness cross our minds. It is because we dwell in darkness; this is a world of darkness. Said that bro. Brigham says, "think not that the citizens of Kaysville and Farmington are sinners above all others in this Territory, for except they repent in Great Salt Lake City they shall likewise perish." I saw bro. Brigham lately, and he would have been glad to come here, but press of business prevented him. I often feel concerned about Brigham, for I know that the many cares he has concerning this people weigh heavily upon him. My constant prayer to God is, that his life may be long spared to this people; for where, I ask, is there a man on earth that could take his place? Could any of the wise statesmen of Europe? No, not one. Could any of the great senators of our nation fill his position? No; not a man among them. I do not say this because he is my brother; I have never spoken of him, in public, as I have done this day; but the more I study the course and policy he pursues, the more I feel convinced that no one on earth could fill his place. Blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

Choir sang "Hail to the Prophet."

Prest. Grant remarked that we ought to produce and manufacture everything that we need to eat or wear, and ought to do something to support the home missionaries; and that the Seventies ought to support their President, Joseph Young, without his saying a word concerning that matter. Wished the home missionaries to bless the people; whereupon Elders Hunt, Gates, Grover, Clements and Willes blessed the people in the name of the Lord.

Prest. Grant blessed the Bishop, his counselors, the teachers, the choir, the people and all the home missionaries, in the name of Jesus; and said that the home missionaries had preached by the power of God. Not only had the Spirit of Joseph and Hyrum been here, but the Spirit of Brigham and Heber, and it had spoken through the missionaries. We had felt their Spirit, for it had influenced all our proceedings.

He blessed the whole congregation, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and prayed that the Spirit of Joseph and Hyrum and of Brigham and Heber might abide with them for ever.

The congregation shouted hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to God.

JAMES LEITHEAD, Clerk.

DISINFECTING AGENTS.—The best and most simple disinfecting agent known is the chloride of zinc. It is made by dissolving zinc in muriatic acid, and is applied in a diluted state to foul and offensive drains, cesspools, &c. The sulphate of zinc, [white vitriol] however, is nearly as good, is cheaper, and is more easily managed. It can be purchased at any druggist's in the form of a salt. A pound of it dissolved in two pails of warm water and thrown into an offensive cesspool will soon deodorize it.

During hot weather this disinfecting agent should be applied pretty freely in thousands of places in New York and other cities. Copperas (sulphate of iron) may be applied in the same manner and for the same purpose. It is not such a good disinfectant as the chloride of zinc, but it is much cheaper.—[Scientific American.]

THE HAIR.—Powdered hartshorn, mixed with oil, being rubbed upon the heads of persons who have lost their hair, will cause it to grow again. A very good oil for the hair is made by mixing one part of the liquid hartshorn with nine parts of pure castor oil.—[German town Telegraph.]