

Correspondence.

SILK CULTURE PREFACE.

BY LOUIS A. BETRAND.

Silk culture is now fairly started in our mountain home. As a few retrospective details on that most important and rich industry will be perhaps acceptable to the numerous readers of the NEWS, I will at once begin to unfold its short history in Utah.

In 1861 I was residing in Paris, when I received a letter from my friend Octave Ursenbach, stating in flaming terms, that he had entered upon the silk raising business in Salt Lake City, asking a French book on that subject and half an ounce of eggs of the *Sinca* race. I bought for him an excellent manual entitled "Counsels to New Silk Raisers," by Mr. Frederic de Boule-

nois, secretary of the French practical silk grower's Society, but I was unable to satisfy our enthusiastic pioneer as to the eggs. A few months after, I was informed by bro. Geo. Q. Cannon, then presiding over the European Mission, that President B. Young was anxious to receive six or seven pounds of the *Morus Multicaulis* seed. I wrote instantly to Messrs. Audibert and Brothers, gentlemen of my acquaintance in the South of France, and the owners of one of the largest nurseries in Europe. They have received from the Government a gold medal for their success in that mulberry culture. I was soon informed by them that about five pounds of the genuine *Morus Multicaulis* type having been expressly prepared for the President, had been destroyed by an accident, but I received from the same nursery two or three pounds of various hybrids of that species. The balance of the order, -consisting of seed from Italy, -was furnished by Messrs Vilmorin, Andreux & Co., celebrated seedsmen in Paris. Now, whoever has seen, on President Young's farm, the magnificent nursery and the large plantation sprung from that first imported seed, must confess that our climate is, indeed, extremely favorable to the culture of the mulberry.

The remarkable success obtained during six years by Mr. O. Ursenbach in raising silk and, particularly, Mr. Geo. D. Watt's fine crop last season, both gentlemen strangers to that industry, are two incontestable evidences that our Territory is admirably adapted to it. The white and yellow silks cocoons, raised by the last named experimentalist, are certainly among the best specimens I have seen on this continent.

I was born in the south of France, where there are numberless mulberry plantations. Every farmer in Utah is familiar with the culture of Indian corn; every countryman of mine is more or less acquainted with the silk business. Numerous travels in the whole world, even to China, and a dearly acquired experience, have taught me that our Territory will promptly become the leading silk growing country on this continent. Nature has lavished every thing on our beautiful vales for that purpose. California, so highly favored, will be distanced by Utah in the silk business. Why? Because in the golden State that industry is, and will always remain, an individual affair; while among our people, it will shortly become a national enterprise.

Utah's general climate is very dry, and the most salubrious that can be found, under its latitude, on the whole world. The absence of fogs, of rains and of thunder storms in June and July, the only months consecrated to our silk crop, the quickening air of the mountains, the matchless purity of the atmosphere, everything will contribute to insure to our silk products first rate-qualities.

For instance, our worm eggs, being free of disease, are perfectly reliable. They will promptly become a remunerative article of exportation to France and Italy. It is a well known fact that in those large silk growing countries the cocooneries, on account of the moisture of their climate and of the frequent shocks of electricity, are always infected with several kinds of disease. The *Muscardine*, alone, kills an incredible quantity of worms in the most extensive French silk establishments, about five millions of dollars being annually lost by their owners on account of that incurable disease. Therefore I will make my best exertions to open the French and Italian markets to our exportation of eggs.

The first mulberry seed was imported to Utah by our beloved leader; he also has erected the first model cocoonery in Utah. I will write a full description

of that building, after my first visit. It will contain, I think, about 2,000,000 of worms. Another decisive step has been taken in the right direction, Geo. D. Watt, Esq., and Mr. Edward Rushton a practical silk spinner, have been appointed for lecturing on silk culture, in every ward of the city and in every settlement of the Territory.

WHERE IS McGRORTY?

Mark Twain writes to the *Alta*:

"But perhaps you don't know McGrorty? McGrorty was a great man once—but that was some time ago. It was when he ran for delegate from Utah against Mr. Hooper. Somebody told him to buy a barrel of whisky and run against Hooper—and told him whisky was as good as talent, as long as he could get the one and hadn't the other, and McGrorty did it. He ran against Hooper, he treated the Saints and the Gentiles, he made the best fight he could—and didn't win. He came near it though. He got 105 votes and Hooper himself only got 15,068. There was really only a difference of 14,000 and some odd. A negro called 'Cy' got the rest of the votes—six. Hooper was declared elected and McGrorty was advised to contest the election—which he did; but he failed to give notice of his reasons within thirty days (as provided by a Congressional law) and that made his contest null and void, properly. Still, when a man comes near being great—comes as near it as McGrorty did—comes within fourteen or fifteen thousand of it—it isn't in human nature to give it up. And so McG. infested Washington all last winter trying to get his dispute before the House of Representatives, but it wasn't any use. Congress was a con- niver at all manner of inhumanity, and was only glad of a chance to keep this light out now that it was put out. Congress said, send along the negro—let 'Cy' have a show—out with the Milesian Gentle! This, after he had got his speech all ready for the floor of the House! It was particularly mean of Congress to do such a thing at such a time, because the speech had to be inflicted on somebody, and so McG. went around Washington all last winter reading it to everybody he could catch in a close place. People were driven crazy by it—people shot each other on account of it—thousands and thousands of suicides resulted from it. McGrorty ended by going crazy himself, I heard, though many said he was crazy enough in the first place to make a good member of Congress. But they didn't take him in. That is what I am quarreling about. They left his light to shine under a bushel—never saw a bushel in such a shape that a light could shine under it, but suppose it possible, nevertheless—they left his light to shine that way, merely because he didn't have 15,000 votes instead of Hooper. That sort of mean partiality is a thing I despise. And so McGrorty was lost to the nation.

What makes me inquire about him now, however, is that rumor has reached me from a friend in Washington that Mr. McGrorty is going to run on the Democratic ticket for Congress in California, and I thought if I could help him to a vote or two, in memory of that speech of his, it would be as little as one of the few survivors of it could do. I feel grateful, and so long as he is running for anything anywhere, I am ready to help him along; and whenever he has got a fresh speech, and is reading it, I will wade right through the midst of his dead and dying to hear it. Count on me, McGrorty."

Died:

At St. George, Washington county, U.T., Nov. 12, 1868, Lois A., daughter of Josiah G. and Ann D. Hardy, aged 1 year, 6 months and 23 days.

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NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court for the District of Utah.

In the matter of GEORGE D. JENKS, } In Bankruptcy. Bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given, that, pursuant to an Order made by said Court on the 17th day of November, A. D. 1868, a hearing will be had upon the petition of said Bankrupt heretofore filed in said Court, praying for his discharge from all his debts and liabilities, proveable under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to establish a uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2d, 1867, and for a certificate thereof, before said Court, on the 23rd day of December, A. D. 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M., in the city and county of Salt Lake and Territory of Utah, at which time and place any creditor of said Bankrupt, or any other person in interest, may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of said petition should not be granted. Notice is further given, that the second and third meetings of the creditors of said Bankrupt will be held before R. H. Robertson, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy for said District, at his office in Salt Lake City, on the said 29th day of December, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, and at the time and place first aforesaid. Henry W. Isaacson, Assignee of said Bankrupt's estate, will apply to said Court for a discharge from all liabilities as such Assignee. November 19th, 1868.

W. I. APPLEBY, Clerk of said Supreme Court in Bankruptcy. R. N. BASKIN, Petitioner's Att'y. w42 4

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court for the District of Utah.

In the matter of DON C. ROBERTS, } In Bankruptcy. Bankrupt.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The undersigned hereby gives notice of his appointment as Assignee of Don C. Roberts, of Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake, and Territory of Utah, within said District, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own petition, by the Supreme Court of said District. Dated at Salt Lake City, the 5th day of November, A. D. 1868.

HENRY W. ISAACSON, Assignee, &c. w42 4

To Whom it may Concern:

THE United States Surveyor General's Office for the Territory of Utah, established by Act of Congress approved July 16, 1868, and located by order of the Secretary of the Interior at Salt Lake City, has been organized and is now open for the transaction of business. Surveyor General's Office, Salt Lake City, Utah, November 17, 1868.

JOHN A. CLARK, Surveyor General of Utah. w423m

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court for the District of Utah.

In the matter of GEORGE N. SAVAGE, } In Bankruptcy. Bankrupt.

NOTICE is hereby given, that pursuant to an order made by said Court, in the matter of George N. Savage, a Bankrupt, on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1868, a hearing will be had upon the petition of said Bankrupt, heretofore filed in said Court, praying for his discharge from all his debts and other claims proveable under the Act of Congress entitled, "An Act to establish a uniform system of Bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March 2d, 1867, and a certificate thereof before said Court, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1869, at 11 A. M., at Salt Lake City, in said District, at which time and place any creditor of said Bankrupt, or any other person in interest, may appear and show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the said petition should not be granted. Notice is further given, that the third meeting of the creditors of said Bankrupt will be held before R. H. Robertson, Esq., Register in Bankruptcy for said District, at his office, in said Salt Lake City, on the said 4th day of January, at 10 o'clock A. M. of said day, and at the time and place first aforesaid. P. L. Williams, Assignee of said Bankrupt's estate, will apply for a discharge from all liabilities as such Assignee.

W. I. APPLEBY, Clerk of said Court in Bankruptcy. CHAS. H. HEMPSTEAD, Att'y for Petitioner. w43 4

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court for the District of Utah.

In the matter of LEWIS LEVY, } In Bankruptcy. Bankrupt.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE: That on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1868 a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of Lewis Levy, of Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake and Territory of Utah, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt on his own petition; that the payment of any debts, and the delivery of any property belonging to such Bankrupt, to him or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of said Bankrupt, to prove their debts, and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy to be held before R. H. Robertson, Esq., Register, at his office in Salt Lake City, in said District, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M. Salt Lake City, November 18th, 1868.

JOSIAH HOSMER, U. S. Marshal and Messenger in Bankruptcy. By Wm. P. APPLEBY, Deputy. O. F. STRICKLAND, Att'y for Petitioner. w43 4

ESTRAY.

I HAVE in my possession a small, iron-grey PONY, about 5 years old, a few saddle marks, small brand on left thigh illegible. The above will be sold in thirty days from the date of this advertisement. Dec. 8, '68. ISAAC GRACE, s88 2w44 1 Juab Co. Poundkeeper.