

THE DESERET NEWS.

TRUTH & LIBERTY.



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A FEW LOADS OF WOOD are wanted on 'News' subscriptions.

THE BEE-HIVE came near being crowded out of this number, on account of duties in the Convention, and to give room to the current sermons which it is presumed will amply edify and gratify all readers.

THE CONVENTION is still sitting, and the business before it is being dispatched with reasonable diligence and unusual harmony and unanimity. The various committees have reported the portions of the Constitution assigned them; a standing special committee of six was appointed to whom to refer the reports as they passed the Convention; and on Monday, 23rd, a special committee of three was appointed to amend, arrange, consolidate and report all matter previously reported. By leave of the Convention, the special committee and the standing special committee had a conference on Tuesday, 24th, and on the afternoon of that day unanimously reported the "Constitution of the State of Deseret;" Chief Justice Kinney dissenting only on one point, viz: he preferring to have the Judges of the Supreme Court elected directly by the people, rather than by the General Assembly.

WEATHER warm and pleasant; soil in fine condition for tillage; seeding going on rapidly; and animals thriving instead of freezing, starving and dying.

HORTICULTURAL.

ON THE VEGETATIVE POWERS OF SEED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE DESERET NEWS:— Many very erroneous ideas prevail respecting the power of vitality of seed, or how long and under what circumstances seed will retain the vegetative power. I wish to throw out a few remarks and facts on this matter.

Large quantities of seeds of all sorts, brought from Europe and elsewhere to this place, planted in various earths, exposures, &c., have not germinated and have blasted the hopes of the purchasers.

What is the cause of this general failure of seed? I have asked this question of very many here, but the answers have been various and often opposite. Many have assured me that the seeds of all annuals only preserve their vitality, or power to germinate, for one year, and attribute to that cause the failure of so much seed.

This is certainly a mistake. Wheat is an annual. And yet it is a well known fact that the wheat known as the Egyptian wheat comes from a few grains found inclosed in the pitchy wrappings of an Egyptian mummy, where it had been preserved free from dampness for at least three thousand years.

This is a great fact, and I venture to surmise that very many of the seeds of annuals, preserved with equal care from air and damp, would preserve their vitality for a great length of time. And even seeds that are taken care of in the usual manner retain their vitality longer than many suppose.

For instance, the seed of the melon preserves its vitality in all its strength twenty years, which is equally true of all the numerous family of "cucurbitaceae," such as the cucumber, water-melon, squash, &c. The poppy, though so small, preserves its vitality ten years.

According to Mathieu de Dombash, a very celebrated writer on agriculture, the duration of the vitality or vegetative powers of various seeds is as follows:—The red and white clover seed retains its vitality three years, vetches six years, beans three years, peas more than four years, carrots and the lettuce five years, turnips seven years, onions, leek and parsley three years, cabbage, beet, endive, corn-salad and radish about six years.

Now, to return again to the question: What is the cause of the general failure of seed here to germinate, when brought from abroad?

I answer, in my humble opinion, there is one of three reasons.

1st. That the seeds were too old and had lost their vitality.

2nd. That the seeds were not too old, but were badly packed away for the voyage, and badly taken care of on the way, and consequently lost their vitality.

3d. Or, again, they may have arrived here in good condition, but did not receive the necessary care in planting and tending.

I cannot imagine any other reason. I have myself brought from France a most extensive and choice collection of seeds. There is a little of every thing, from the cedar of Mount-Atlas to the pepper-grass.

I have been told on every hand that I should meet with the same sad disappointment as the rest before me. I answer that, in the first place, the seeds I have were put up of fresh seed, and extraordinary pains taken to preserve them from heat or damp, and I can now show some results.

I sold to Mr. Charles Oilphant, of the 12th ward, some hundreds of papers of seeds of as many different kinds. He has already put in some of them, and they have come up. Bro. Bolton, also of the 12th ward, wet the red currant seed he had of me too much, and they sprouted last January while packed in sand; and some of my own planting have come up—thus proving that seeds can be brought from Europe and made to preserve their vitality, if proper care be taken to preserve them from air, moisture and heat.

I firmly believe that at least the greater part of my

collection will come up. And were I in possession of a good piece of land to put in these seeds, I should not fear but what I could make nearly all germinate.

I feel desirous to introduce into fair Utah three things that are not now here: the extensive cultivation of the grape and the making of wine, the cultivation of the mulberry and the manufacture of our own silk, and, more precious still, the cultivation of the sugar cane which grows in the north of China. Having the seeds with me, I shall in a few days commence upon them and use my endeavors to endow my adopted country with these three precious productions.

L. A. BERTRAND, 12th Ward.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[SANDWICH ISLANDS.]

[From Elder John R. Young to his father, Bishop L. D. Young.]

MAULUA, HILO, HAWAII. } Nov. 20, 1855. }

My health is still good, for which I cannot be too grateful to my heavenly Father, and I am in fine spirits. I have cause to rejoice more and more every day of my life for the many blessings which I am constantly receiving, and I try to walk in that way which will be pleasing in my Father's sight, so that I may have a claim upon his protecting care, during my sojourn among strangers on these distant lands. I feel to do all that I am told to do, and a great deal more if I can, towards rolling on the glorious work of the latter days.

I have considerable walking to perform, as the branches over which I have charge are situated some distance apart, but I feel cheerful while in the discharge of those duties devolving upon me. I sometimes laugh a little, when thinking of the difference between the travels of the elders of Israel, and those of the sectarian divines in this country.

Here, if the Rev. Mr. A. wishes to visit any part of his church, a horse and two natives are procured. Mr. A. mounts the animal, while one of the poor natives shoulders a back load of eatables and the other picks up a mule load of blankets and pillows. Thus furnished he sets out on a "FATIGUING TOUR" of 20 miles, to visit his church members, crying as he goes, "Alms! alms! to help the minister!" But a poor Mormon generally shoulders his bundle (if he happens to be lucky enough to have one) and Paul like, gets his living just where he can find it. I have been trying Daniel's plan of "herb'ing" for some time past, for this simple reason, the saints in this Conference are so poor that they have nothing to live on but poi and salt. However, I get along well by changing, and eating salt and poi.

Yesterday I dropped into a Calvinistic church to see what was going on. After the minister, a native, had finished his sermon he very politely invited me to preach. The chance of bearing my testimony was too good to be lost, although I am not a native, yet in talking the language I felt that the Lord would assist me: I accordingly addressed them on the coming forth of the Book of Mormon, what it is, and how they could know for themselves of the truth of it. The Lord blessed me with a good portion of his spirit, and the people kept the best of order. After meeting they came and shook hands with me, saying they had never heard anything of the kind before. I think I shall get to preach there again, and hope that my labors will not be fruitless.

It has been five weeks since I have seen a white man to converse with; my home is all together with the natives. I have lately received letters from bro. John T. Caine, Molen, and H. P. Richards. They are all in good health, and by the tone of their letters I would say that they are in fine spirits. Br. Caine says that our vessel is afloat, and has made one trip from Oahu to Maui and back, and is now selling out her cargo of potatoes to the whalers. "She sails well." There are ten or twelve whalers, I am informed, laying in Hilo bay, having put in for winter. I think they have met with poor success during the past season, as a general thing.

Our foreign meetings at Honolulu are well attended by the saints and some strangers. Br. Caine writes, "I have lately baptized an Indian who bids fair to be a useful member." From br. Molen I learn that the work is moving steadily forward on Maui. Br. Richards, the Pres. of this Conference, labors at Hilo Bay and vicinity, that being the hardest part of the field, while I am watching over the few branches at this place. My labors are mostly confined to teaching the saints more perfectly concerning the principles of the gospel in every day affairs, it being thought best to take care of the sheep already in the fold, rather than seek new converts; though there are a few added now and then, showing that there are still honest hearts to be gathered. I think, if we are prospered, that we shall be able, after next Conference, to devote a little more time to preaching the gospel to unbelievers.

Madam Pele, the volcano, I believe is quiet at present, though it came very near destroying Hilo, and still nearer to making the people believe that there is a God who ruleth all things.

This 'school' is teaching me many things that I never thought of before; among other things I am happy to say that is increasing my faith a little. I have laid my hands upon the sick and had the joy and satisfaction of seeing them leap from their sick beds, and go at once about their every day labors.

Remember, one and all, that JOHN desires an interest in your prayers, coupled with those of all the faithful saints. With them he can perform all things required at his hands, but without them his labors are as naught.

GRANTSVILLE.

March 4, 1856.

EDITOR OF DESERET NEWS:

We held a two days' conference here on the 1st and 2nd instant. We had good meetings, and there was a good spirit among the saints. They all felt a determination to go right.

Snow is deep in the mountains, but about the settlement ground is bare, and the stock are doing well. During the past two weeks we have put in about 20 acres of wheat, and is doing first rate.

The Indians in this region are all friendly and peaceable, though numerous and very poor.

Captain Wilford Hudson is on the alert with his men and 20 volunteers ready to start to any point at a moment's warning. We are gathering up all of our horses and cattle.

I have never known better feelings among the brethren and sisters than now exist, and there was but little sickness in the place during the past winter.

THOMAS H. CLARK.

MARRIED:

On the 3rd inst., by bishop Thomas Callister, Mr. JAS. KEELER and Miss ELIZA SHELTON, both of this city.

On the 11th inst., by the same, Mr. WILLIAM BROOMHEAD and Miss DINAH ANN CLAYTON, both of this city.

DIED:

In this city, of Typhus fever, on the 20th inst., LOUISA SNYDER, aged 64 years, 9 months, and 23 days. She lived a faithful member of the church 17 years, was a kind mother to eleven children, 58 grand-children, and 12 great grand-children, most of whom are now living to mourn her departure.

In this city, 21st inst., ACHSAH PAMELIA, daughter of Ira J. and Melissa Willes, aged 4 years, 1 month and 9 days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE!

PERSONS holding our due bills for merchandise, are notified to present them forthwith for payment, as we will close April 1st.

BLAIR, GREER, & BASSETT.

CONFERENCE.

ALL persons whom we have notified to call and settle with us, are notified that should they persist, they will find their accounts after Conference in the hands of their bishops.

BLAIR, GREER, & BASSETT.

STRAYED.

FROM west Jordan, a white heifer, two years old in June next, one hole in each ear half an inch in diameter. Whoever can give information of her shall be suitably rewarded by PHINEAS W. COOK, 18th ward.

NOTICE.

THERE is in my possession 4 COWS and 2 STEERS that I will offer for sale as estrays at the stray pound, on the 15th of April, if they are not claimed by the rightful owners and expenses paid by that time.

ALEX. HILL, Pound keeper, Mill creek.

TAKEN UP.

BY the subscriber on the 13 inst., a mooley COW, brindle and white, branded 8 on the right hip. Also a heifer about 2 years old, the same color as the cow. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take them away.

WM. PERKS sen., 6th ward.

TAKEN UP.

ON Big Cottonwood, two Ponies, one a roan, the other a sorrel, with white face and legs, white up to knees. The owner will please prove property, pay charges, and take them away.

BENJAMIN A. MILES, Big Cottonwood.

STRAYED

LAST fall from my pasture on Mill creek, a white Flat head horse, some 5 or 6 years old, and I think he is branded on the hoof BLAIR; when last heard from was in Cedar valley. Any person who will deliver him to me, or give me any information concerning him shall be amply paid.

S. M. BLAIR.

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession a red steer, about four years old, stag horns, white stripe on each thigh, a white spot in forehead in shape of a heart, white line over shoulders, mostly on left side, swallow fork in left ear.

JOHN W. RADFORD, Pound keeper.

Fillmore City, March 14, 1856.

CAME INTO

MY enclosure some time last winter, (the time and date not recollecting) one black heifer, supposed to be two years old this spring, no marks or brands perceivable. The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges, and take take her away.

REUBEN PERKINS, North Cottonwood ward.

STRAYED:

LAST October from near Brigham's mill, a dark red steer, 5 years old, thick set, star in the forehead, some white on the belly and flank, branded on the left horn PETER WHITE, and on the left lip X.

Any person giving information where he can be found, or bringing him to William Broomhead in the 17th ward, shall be rewarded for their trouble.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons holding Claims in South Creek Fort, Cedar Valley, are requested to be at that place, prepared to do the necessary work to establish and strengthen the settlement, before the first day of April, otherwise the work will be done, and their claims sold for payment.

WM CHENNINGTON, Pres.

GEO W GALLEY, Clerk.

NOTICE.

WILLIAMS CAMP is this day cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of L. D. S. by the high council, in Great Salt Lake City, for non-conformity to its decisions. And it is further ordered that he shall not be received into the church again until he comply with the requisitions of the said high council.

CURTIS B. BOLTON, Clerk of High Council, G. S. L. City, March 22, 1856.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN,

TO All those interested in the Estate of DANIEL A. FOSTER, deceased, that Saturday, the 29th inst., has been set apart by the Judge of the Probate Court for Great Salt Lake County, to hear the testimony that may be adduced in support of the claims that have been set up against said Estate.

The Court will be held at the Clerk's Office, in G. S. L. City, at 1 p.m., where you can attend and be heard.

PATENT DRILLING MACHINES.

THOMAS and BENNELL, 7th Ward, Great Salt Lake City, takes this opportunity of informing the inhabitants of Utah Territory, that they have constructed, and are prepared to make to order three or more Furrow Machines to drill grain or seed; and from the long experience they have had in the construction of drilling machines, they are prepared to warrant those made by them to give every satisfaction.

G S L City, March 24, 1856

LOST

LAST Sabbath over Jordan, one mile from the bridge, a young red and white cow, nearly 3 years old, short scrubby horns, red head and neck, small white spot front of head between the horns, four red spots on each side, a few red spots on hips, red streak on legs, the balance white.

Also one red cow 5 years old, buck horned, end of the right ear cut off; a small piece of white on the rump; another on the top of her tail; also white spot on the inside of her right leg.

Whoever will give information or bring them to the owners will be handsomely rewarded.

WM. H. DARGER, ROBT. L. CAMPBELL, 14th ward.

NOTICE.

A FEW more Families, including a Blacksmith and two or three Stone-masons, who desire a good location in the country, can now find it at Santaquin, or Summit Creek, where they are needed.

Those who purpose going out this Spring would do well to notice this, as our place affords many advantages truly desirable. Those who go should make immediate arrangements to be on the ground prepared for building and spring cropping. Any one desiring further information, can receive it from Isaac Morley, Elias Smith, or Joseph Cain, of G S L City.

FRIEND,

DO You want to buy good Boots, Shoes, or Leather? If so, call on Jennings and Winder, where you can be accommodated at the following low prices, and all the articles warranted: Best quality of Sole Leather, 45 cents per pound. Upper Leather from \$6.00 per side. Kip and Calf Skins from \$3.00 each. Superior Fine Calf Skin Boots, \$8.00 per pair.

Bark, Hides and all kinds of produce taken in exchange. N.B. Supporters of Home Manufacture who live in the country, when you come to Conference, please call and examine our stock.

To all Whom it may Concern. NOTICE is hereby given to those brethren residing in the northern settlements, who are indebted to Dr. France, and who promised to pay last fall in flour, &c., that their accounts are handed over to Bishop Callister, 17th ward, G. S. L. City, who is authorized to receive the same for distribution amongst the poor. Now, brethren, remember your covenants, and bring in the flour at conference, as we have many poor in this ward, and little means to help with. I want also a few bushels of potatoes for my own family, if any brethren indebted can accommodate me; in fact, any kind of produce, tithing and public orders, or building materials, will be thankfully taken in payment.

NOTICE. THERE will be an adjourned session of the March term of the county court of Great Salt Lake county, held at the Council House in Great Salt Lake City, on the first day of April next commencing at 10 a. m., at which time and place, all persons feeling themselves aggrieved by the assessment for Territorial and county taxes for the year 1856, can appear and be heard.

J. W. CUMMINGS, C. C. G. S. L. C.

AGENTS FOR THE DESERET NEWS.

Table listing agents for the Deseret News across various Utah counties including Salt Lake, Wasatch, and Weber.

Table listing agents for the Deseret News in California, Missouri, New York, and England.

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