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A Million Grape Cuttings

James Concannon of this place shipped this week his fourth carload of grape cuttings from this Valley to Mexico. These four carloads comprize (sic) a million cuttings, which Mr. Concannon, some time since contracted to furnish the Mexican Government for distribution in that country. The parties receiving the cuttings are all prominent men, owning large estates, and the larger number are taking great interest in viticulture. They are mostly residents of the States in and clustering about the great Valley of Mexico. Mr. Concannon has met them all, and given each such instructions regarding the planting and care as will secure the success of the Government's experiment. Following is a list of the parties to whom the cuttings are sent:

Tehuacan, State of Puebla – Jose Betanz and Bro.; E. W. Mont; Calisto Diaz Cebellas; Cristobal Palacias; Manuel G. Huerta; Jose A. Vargas, 250,000; Gen. Manuel Gonzales, Ex-President of Mexico

San Juan de Las Llanos, State of Puebla – Juan Marshall; Eduardo Agueros; Fernando Bouillo; Carlos G. Castro; J. Bernal.

Teziutlan, State of Puebla – Manuel Zorilla; Louis Bello; E. Solano.

Puebla, State of Puebla – Carlos G. Pereul; A. P. Marin, Sec'y of State; Rosindo Marquez, Governor of State; J. F. Munoz Ovendo; F. Lopez.

Huanmantla, State of Tlaxcala – Leopold Alvarez; Plucarco Montiel; Ramon B. Breton.

Tlaxcata, State of Tlaxcala – Governor Prospero Cahuantzi.

Athxco, State of Puebla – Eduardo Linage.

San Martin Texmehican, State of Puebla – M. Najara Luzuriaga.

Morelia, State of Michiocan – Dr. Menocal.

Patzenaro, State of Michiocan – Antonio Solarzano; Eugenio Acha; Francisco Urrotia.

Yuricuario, State of Michiocan – S. Fernandez.

City of Mexico – Jose Garcia.

Texcoco, State of Mexico – P. M. Campuzano.

San Isidro de las Reys, State of Mexico – Jose M. Zaldivar.

Celaya, State of Guanajuato – F. Ruiz; G. Raigosa; Rafael Ruiz.

Guadalajara, State of Jalisco – Mariano Barcena, Secretary of State; Luciano Blanco, Administrator of the Mint; Jose Y. Caneda.

San Luis Potosi, State of San Luis Potosi – Federico J. Meade.

Irapuato, State of Juanajuato – Miguel Barquin; Melchor Ayala; Pedro Vargas.

Juanajuato, State of Juanajuato – Joaquin Chico; Claudio Obregon; Gregorio Jimenez; Genaro G. Arce.

Silao, State of Juanajuato – Jesus G. y Gonzalez; Tomas Barquin; E. Redon; Miguel M. Ruiz; C. Pesquera.

Leon, State of Juanajuato – El Presidente Municipal; Jose Archoca Ruiz; Rafael Portilla; Faustina H. y Fernandez; Florencio Cabrera; Dr. R. Gutierrez.

Toluca, State of Mexico – Governor J. V. Villada; J. P. de Pichardo; Tomas Cortina.

Jalapa, State of Vera Cruz – Jose M. Jorrospe; Francisco de P. Pasquel; Governor Juan Enriquez.

THE VARIETIES SENT

are as follows:

CLARET – Zinfandel, Mataro, Carignan, Grenache, Petit Pinot, Chauche Noir, Charbono, Tannat, Malvoisie, Petit Syrah.

WHITE WINE – Colombar, Gray Reisling, Folle Blanche, Burger.

TABLE GRAPES – Muscat of Alexander, Black Hamburg, Rose of Peru, Black Morocco, Malaga.

These are all European varieties and are very free bearers, many being also the very best, in point of quality, for the purposes for which they are being shipped. All were produced in Livermore Valley, the only considerable wine district in California which is completely free from all diseases of the vine. Though the weather has been unusually unfavorable for field labor, Mr. Concannon has been very energetic in pushing his work in order to get the

wood to its destination in time for early planting during the short dormant season of that country. Great care has been taken that the vines be true to name, and fresh and full of life when packed. They are placed in boxes of about 4,000 each, and packed carefully in damp moss and sawdust. The moss envelopes the ends and the sawdust the sides of the cuttings. Each experimenter is given a number of varieties. The cars are received at the Mexican line by a representative of the Secretary of State of the Republic, who sends each party's lot direct to its destination. By this simple plan of distribution, no cuttings should be lost. As remarked in a previous article the Mexican Government has good cause to congratulate itself and to be congratulated upon having secured the services of Mr. Concannon to procure the cuttings. It obtains them free of phylloxera, and can be perfectly sure of their freshness and identity. It thus avoids the confusion which attended the early importation of vines from France and the seeds of disease which were brought from that country to the older districts of this State.

All these cuttings will be planted on good soil and irrigated, and the growers, if they follow the printed instructions which Mr. Concannon has sent to each, should have most excellent success.