

Prunus Simoni.—Mr. L. H. Bailey writes in the *American Garden* concerning this fruit, that he thinks hardiness its chief merit. He had it on an exposed location and, yet it came through the winter of 1885-6 unimpaired. It fruited last summer, but its size was against it not measuring over one and a-half inches in diameter; and the flavor, though at first sweet, left an unpleasant bitterness in the mouth. In appearance it was very handsome. It is not a hybrid between a peach and a plum, but a true, natural species. It derives its name from M. Eugene Simon, who introduced it into France from China.

Fruits.

RAMBLES AMONG FRUIT GROWERS.

THE WESTERN NEW YORK HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

ON the 26th and 27th of January last we had the pleasure of attending



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this, one of the most prominent horticultural societies in the world.

Among the gentlemen whom we were

privileged to meet were the following, viz., Mr. P. C. Barry, the venerable President, whose name has long been associated with the progress of fruit culture, both in Canada and in the United States; Mr. J. J. Thomas, Horticultural Editor of the *Country Gentleman*, at Albany, who has been long recognized as a pomological authority; Mr. E. Long, Editor of *Popular Gardening*, Buffalo; Dr. Sturtevant, Director of the New York Experiment Station; Mr. J. S. Woodward, Secretary of the State Agricultural Society; Mr. S. D. Willard, Nurseryman, of Geneva; Mr. Chas. Green, Editor of *Green's Fruit Grower*, and others.

The meeting was held in the City Council Chamber and was attended by some four or five hundred fruit growers. The subject of the

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was introduced by Dr. Sturtevant. His paper contained a history of this fruit from its first notice in England in 1597 down to the present time.

Mr. Barry said: "The currant is one of the best, but one of the most abused fruits in the whole catalogue. Give it plenty of manure and good cultivation, and you have splendid fruit, and abundance of it."

Mr. J. J. Thomas said the

APPLE CROP

in Cayuga County had been very short. The fruit fell off soon after it was set, and was small in size. Those trees which bore well had been in every case highly cultivated and top-dressed with manure. The Greening had borne better than the Baldwin.

Mr. Chase reported that in Wayne County

SMALL FRUITS

had been unprofitable. Strawberries had sold largely at 3c per quart. With raspberries there was one advantage, viz., that when they were very cheap