

mouse vote of the people; the building of the Church academy at Paris was receiving a good deal of attention and encouragement and the people were as a rule willing to do all they can to assist in this very laudable enterprise. The speakers at the afternoon session were Elders G. F. Gibbs, John H. Smith and F. M. Lyman. On Sunday morning Elders S. B. Young and F. M. Lyman were the speakers. The latter asked the congregation whether they had read or heard read the "declaration." Those who had not to raise their right hands. One hand was raised. A vote was then taken to sustain the "Declaration" which was unanimous. He then presented the general authorities of the Church, after which Counselor James H. Hart presented the Stake authorities. All the voting was unanimous. President Budge reported the condition of the Stake and spoke concerning the projected building of the Church academy at Paris, desiring the earnest co-operation and active labors of the people in this enterprise. At the afternoon service the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. The speakers were Elders Elders John Henry Smith and F. M. Lyman. The subjects treated upon during conference were a review of the great latter-day work and the happy condition of the Saints as compared with that of the world; Church discipline; revelation, without which the Church of Christ could not exist and other kindred subjects. The meetings were well attended and the power of God rested upon the speakers. The singing as usual was an important factor in our enjoyment, adding much interest to the services.

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UTAH WEATHER AND CROPS.

During the week ending Monday, May 25, 1896, the weather conditions in Utah were all that the farmer could desire for the germination of seeds, growth of crops and general farm work. A few scattering showers fell over the northern portion of the State on the 19th, but in the southern sections there was no precipitation during the week worthy of mention. The weather turned decidedly warmer on the 20th, and all kinds of vegetation commenced to grow rapidly. Farmers throughout the northern and central sections were busy during the latter part of the week planting corn and potatoes. In a few of the districts the potatoes are showing above ground. The lucern and grain crops look well, and the ranges are said to be in a fair condition.

Strawberries are ripening in Grand county, and the first cutting of lucern is in progress in Washington county. In the southern sections the water is getting very scarce and fears are entertained that the supply will not be sufficient for the proper irrigation of crops during the coming summer.

REMARKS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

St. George—Increased temperature has had beneficial effect on vegetation during past week. Cutting of lucern commenced. Floating clouds very frequent but no rainfall.

Moab—The effect of the weather

during past week has been quite favorable. A few strawberries are beginning to ripen. The temperature of April 1st, being 16 degrees, killed about 75 per cent of the buds and blossoms.

Levan—The warm weather so much needed has come at last, and vegetation has taken a fresh start. This has been the coldest and latest spring known since this place was settled in 1869. The frost has done much damage to fruit. Small grain, although backward, is all right. Potatoes are coming up; corn planting going on.

Holden—Fine growing weather the last week; things are coming along fine if the warm weather continues with no set backs.

Payson—Warmer days and brighter sun. Crops and everything advancing rapidly. High water in streams; farmers making good use of it while it lasts.

Gunlock—The weather is much warmer than it has been; vegetation is growing much faster. Small grain looking well; water getting scarce but holding out well considering the dry weather. No rain.

Kanab—Yesterday (20th) was the first day to indicate that summer was coming but today the old conditions exist, viz., cold dry winds; no rain or snow. Gardens and field crops very backward.

Harrisville—The fore part of the week somewhat stormy; latter part has been good growing weather and all nature seems to have put on her beautiful attire. Farm work has taken an impetus with favorable prospects. Irrigating just commencing.

Portage—19th, rained all night; snowed up to noon and then cleared off; 20th, bright and warm; finest day we have had during past three weeks. Frost last night which nipped the lucerns.

Newton—Last week's weather very favorable. Rain on 19th. Good growing weather last four days of week. Grain doing well; lucern about 6 inches high; trees blooming, bees not doing well, many stands dying out; a few potatoes planted.

Cache Junction—Last week's weather fair; rain on 19th nearly all day; showers in evening nearly every day. Grain growing good; lucern 8 inches high.

Lewiston—Past week has been quite favorable for crops. Wheat and crops in general, on sand loam, looking fine; on heavy soil does not look so well. The hard frost last week has damaged peas and onions, turning the tops yellow.

Deweyville—The fore part of the week was stormy and cold, but since the 20th the weather has got warmer and vegetation of all kinds is starting to grow. Farmers are busy planting potatoes and corn yet.

Brigham City—Fine growing weather all the week with occasional light, warm showers, ending cloudy with prospects of more rain—warm and spring-like.

Pleasant Grove—Changeable weather during past week; very cold nights. Some fruit killed but we will have plenty if we do not have any more heavy frost. Lucern is about 8 to 12 inches high; grain is fair; strawberries about three weeks later than last year.

Coalville—Cold at beginning of week but warm growing weather the last

three days. Wheat is growing nicely and the grass on the hills is yet so that stock can live on it.

Uintah—A notable change in the weather took place on the 20th; the temperature turned decidedly warmer and everything commenced to grow. Judging from the blossoms on the trees, there will be a very large crop of apples. Potatoes and corn are at last showing above ground; lucern and grain crops never looked better.

Tooele—Spring is picking up; we have had a few days of fair weather and everything is on the jump that was left alive. A week of good growing weather will do wonders.

Spring City—The past week has been dry and hot with a little wind. Potatoes are being planted; fruit trees in bloom; all vegetation doing well.

Herriman—It has been warmer the past week. Crops are growing nicely; potatoes and corn about all planted.

Heber—First three days cold and windy. Ice formed thickness of window glass; last three days spring in all its glory. Trees leafing out in a hurry; bees and butterflies sporting around; and all nature is smiling. Potato planting will be in full operation the coming week. Grain begins to grow now; lucern backward, stock has kept it cut off until the last few days, only now about two to three inches high; first crop will be behind one month last year's cutting.

Richfield—Crops are growing nicely since the weather turned warmer. Water is limited for irrigation, and fruit frozen badly in the early spring; only about half the amount of grain sown this season.

Lake Shore—The weather the past week has been more favorable for crops; stone fruit killed with the frost; small fruit and apples think will come out all right.

Moroni—Week dry; last three days warm; vegetation backward. Water getting scarce and the prospects are that some grain must die for want of water. It has been too cold to irrigate and now when it is getting warmer we have little water. Potatoes nearly all planted.

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STAR VALLEY STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Star Valley Stake of Zion convened in the Afton meeting house, May 16th and 17th, 1896. President George Osmond stated the cause of the non-attendance of the brethren of the Seventies who were expected from Salt Lake City; showed how the Church had taken another step forward by the admittance of Utah to Statehood; counseled the Saints to watch and pray always; said no doubt all were disappointed in not seeing brethren from Salt Lake City, still it was our privilege to have a good conference, for the Lord has said where we met together in His name He will be there to bless us with His Holy Spirit. Bishops Osborn, Low, Freedom, H. J. Hennert, Glencoe,