

quality seem to be good. Potatoes from appearance appears to be good crop.

Tooele.—A whole week of very hot weather, the hottest for years at this time of the year. Good for corn, and we will soon have cooler weather for potatoes.

Snowville.—Another week of fine weather for baying and harvesting. A slight frost night of 4th, but no damage except a few squash vines.

Spring City.—Last week was favorable for harvesting operations, but the prospects for this week are not so good; crops doing well.

Lehi.—The past week has been good; much good hay gathered; threshing progressing, yield good.

Poos.—Heavy hail and rain storm on the afternoon of September 1st, since which the weather has been favorable for all kinds of crops and farm work; summer squash, cucumbers, apples and other tender truck have done well this season, which is something very unusual for this cold climate.

Levan.—The weather the past week has been favorable both for threshing and curing and stacking of lucern, corn is ripening fast, and the season's work will soon be completed; fruit is a failure in Juah county.

Newton.—Last week warm and somewhat cloudy; harvesting will be finished in about two days; threshing in full blast; grain on dry farms yield from ten to fifteen bushels per acre; irrigated not threshed yet.

St. George.—Rain began Aug. 27th, continued the night of 27th, and measured the morning of the 28th, 1.81 inches.

Cache Junction.—Last week warm with clouds and winds; warm evenings and cold mornings. Very light shower Tuesday, 8th.

Scipio.—Lucern harvest in full blast, crop good and in fine condition. Weather very threatening again. Grain hauling also on hand.

Tooele.—Very Pleasant all week; good for baying and late vegetables; the heat was very great on 3rd and 4th of September, with but very little wind.

Uintah.—Spring wheat is being hauled and stacked ready for thrashing. Corn is being cut, the crop will be very good. Late fruit is abundant, but not of a very good quality; the potato crop is very large.

New Harmony.—The past week has been favorable to crops.

Heber.—The past week has been very hot and dry. Nearly one continuous sunshine; very little wind. Harvesting nearly completed; thrashing commences tomorrow.

Pinto.—Grain mostly in the shock and an average yield may be expected.

Gunlock.—We have had fine growing weather. Commenced to rain night of August 27th, and continued all of next day. The feed on the range is better than it has been for many years; 3rd crop of lucern is ready to cut; good crops.

Joseph.—The past week has been fine and dry. Grain about all cut and some have finished cutting second crop of lucern; gardens look promising.

Rookport.—The past week has been fine for harvesting; hay is about all on the stack. The blunders are almost busy night and day. Days hot, nights

cool. Second crop of lucern almost ready to cut. There are a few fine apples, corn and cucumbers, which is something not often seen in these parts.

Brigham City.—Hot days, cool nights and partly cloudy during past week; .02 of an inch of rain Sunday evening. Corn and potatoes maturing rapidly. Pastures are good, the fields and mountains indicate that autumn is here.

Grouse Creek.—The week has been favorable for stacking grain and second crop of lucern. Quite warm during the day time but cold at nights.

Moab.—During past week we had .17 of an inch of rainfall. The highest temperature was 85 and the lowest 52.

Portage.—On the third everyone was cutting, hauling and thrashing. The last three days of the past week have been warm and generally cloudy. Grain is not turning out good; a good deal sprouted.

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### WAYNE STAKE CONFERENCE

Minutes of the Wayne Stake quarterly conference, held under the Bowery at Giler, Wayne county, Utah, Sunday and Monday, August 23 and 24, 1896, Elder Willis E. Robison, president of the Stake, presiding. There were present on the platform Elder William Paxman, president of the Jubb Stake, Elder Peter Christensen of Nephi, the Stake presidency, a few members of the High Council, Patriarch Franklin W. Young, Elder David Paxman and one or more members of the bishopric of every ward in the Stake.

At the first session of conference Elders Willis E. Robison, Hans M. Hansen and Gearsen S. Bastian of the Stake presidency addressed the Saints. Reference was made by them to the prosperous condition of the Saints living in the eastern part of the Stake. They were complimented for their perseverance and industry and were exhorted to continue to plant orchards and vineyards, to plant in abundance shade trees, and make their homes beautiful and inviting. The Lord is overruling the destiny of His Saints, the world is beginning to favor Zion, and God is hastening on the consummation of His purposes.

Elder Ole Okerlund said he had experienced all the hardships and privations of a pioneer life. He could sympathize with the settlers of Blue and Grass valleys, but comforted them with a promise that they should be honored of men and favored of God for their noble work. He related many personal experiences tending to strengthen the faith of the Saints, and bore a strong testimony to the work of the Father.

Elder David Paxman was the last speaker. He dwelt upon the manner in which the Saints of old received the Holy Ghost, the effects that the possession of this Spirit produced in their lives, and urged that the Saints of latter days contend earnestly for the faith once delivered to the Saints. One of the greatest and most important duties of all parents is to teach their children the Gospel in its purity.

At the afternoon session the Sacra-

ment was administered by Elders John Busenbark and Edward Abbott. Elder Joseph Eckersley read the statistical report of the Stake for the six months ending June 30th, 1896. The general and Stake authorities were presented by Elder Gearsen S. Bastian and were unanimously sustained by the conference.

Elder Wm. Paxman was then called to address the Saints and enjoyed a rich flow of the Holy Spirit as he discoursed upon the grandeur of the Gospel. He was pleased for the first time in his life to visit the Saints of these valleys and meet with them in conference. He was greatly surprised to behold so many beautiful homes; the fruits grown are among the choicest and best; the people are hospitable and kind, and he rejoiced greatly to be with them. The Latter-day Saints are not strangers to each other, for all have drunk at the same fount of everlasting truth and become partakers of the fruits of the true Gospel. He thought the Priesthood of the Son of God is not held so sacredly by some of the youth of Zion as it should be; treated at some length upon the virtue and power of the Holy Priesthood, and exhorted all bearing the authority of God to faithfully honor and magnify their callings. Our children should be fortified against the wiles of Lucifer by a godly education. The necessity of sustaining the authority of God should be fully understood by the Saints and the power of unity should be plainly comprehended.

Elder Peter Christensen of Nephi briefly addressed the Saints. He had never been privileged to meet a people who enjoyed a richer flow of the Spirit of God in conference than the Saints of Wayne Stake. He spoke upon the beauties of the organization of Christ's Church and rejoiced greatly in the privileges we enjoy.

Immediately after the afternoon meeting a Stake Priesthood meeting was held. Elders W. E. Robison, H. M. Hansen, G. S. Bastian and Franklin W. Young addressed the brethren upon the duties and powers of their respective callings. Special reference was made to the proper handling of and caring for the tithings of the people, and the building of suitable granaries, hay sheds and cellars that all the Lord's properties might be preserved.

The home missionaries were asked to be men of clean habits, and were requested to resign their positions if they could not refrain from the evils of drinking liquor, indulging in tobacco and taking the name of the Lord in vain.

A Sunday school meeting was held at night, presided over by Elder Joseph Eckersley. Addresses were delivered by Elders Joseph Eckersley, Wm. B. Rush, John J. Ekker and W. E. Robison. The topics treated were the necessity for parents to labor in the Sunday schools and use their influence at home to assist the Sunday school teacher in the labor of converting the youth; the interest our young men and maidens should take in the great work of the Sunday school, and the great help this organization is to the Holy Priesthood.

On Monday morning the conference was addressed by Bishops Matt. W. Mansfield, Peter J. Christensen, Walter E. Hanks and Levi C. White,