

professor, accompanied by the U. S. consul, who was faultless in attire, stepped upon the platform before the packed hall, no one in the audience, other than the operator, could have imagined that but a few brief moments since, Dr. Talmage had been busily engaged in reducing his cranial integument to a state of artistic subjection by the aid of a railway ticket and a safety match.

It has been conclusively demonstrated that much good has been accomplished through the lectures herein described. Many of the educated, more commonly called the better classes, have been reached, and a great deal of prejudice has been removed through the truthful and able presentation of facts such as lectures by Dr. Talmage would give. It is probable that other addresses of the kind will be given in the United Kingdom in the near future, and the well deserved satisfaction at present professed by the promoters of this summer's lecture course in the British Isles, will be many fold increased if the enterprise proves to be the beginning of a permanent method of instruction in matters pertaining to our people and their home in the valleys of these western mountains. Let the truth shine forth.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

August 23, 1898.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

"U. S. Department of Agriculture, Climate and Crop Bulletin of the Weather Bureau, Utah Section, for the week ending Monday, Aug. 22."

There was a daily excess of temperature ranging from one to nine degrees last week, and the daily average excess for the week was five degrees. Each day of the present month since the 10th has been warmer than the average. There were frequent thunderstorms, but rarely did the precipitation exceed a trace. In some instances it was sufficient to lay the dust, and a good rain occurred in one instance. An oppressive and destructive wind, principally from the southeast, prevailed throughout most of the week, and continues.

Good progress was made in the harvest fields, since the character of the weather has been favorable to the rapid ripening of all grain. It is to be regretted that late sown grain crops shriveled somewhat owing to the rapid process of ripening, owing to the excessive heat, in consequence of which disappointment is felt in some sections. Many correspondents report the harvest nearly completed, and the threshers making satisfactory progress. Fall sown and early sown grain that matured before the drought, are yielding according to expectations, and the quality is superior.

Sugar beets are still doing well, there being only one unfavorable report concerning the crop; samples are being taken.

Dry weather has not appreciably affected the vegetable and melon crops, there being an abundance of all kinds in the markets. Fruits are also plentiful, though the trees and their product were somewhat damaged by the recent high winds.

The second crop of lucern has been secured in good condition, and it is expected that there will be sufficient water in many sections to mature the third crop.

Deweyville—The weather is still dry and warm. A thunderstorm occurred on the 20th, but only a sprinkle of rain fell. The second crop of lucern has been secured.

Garland—Warm and dry weather continues. There was considerable wind last week. All grain has been cut. Threshing machines are busy. There is a good yield of wheat.

Logan—A steady southwest wind with warm weather last week was bad

for the uncult grain. The potato crop will be light. Sugar beets are looking well. Third crop of lucern is six inches in height.

Newton—The weather has been good; a few days were rather windy. Farmers are completing harvest. Threshing has commenced.

Paradise—Nearly all grain has been cut and threshing has begun. The second crop of lucern is ready to cut.

Wellington—Harvest is progressing. There was too much high wind last week.

Green River—The thermometer ranged high as 102 degrees. An abundance of melons and tomatoes are ripe. An excellent crop of grain is in the stacks ready for the thresher. The third crop of lucern is looking fine. There is a plenty of water for irrigating.

Ferron—There were frequent traces of rain that did no good to anything. Harvesting and threshing continues with vigor. The honey product is below the average.

Coyote—There was very favorable weather last week. The wheat harvest is progressing with prospects good for yield. Lucern and wild hay crops are unusually good.

Tropic—Early peaches are ripe. Corn and tomatoes are abundant in the market. The second crop of lucern has been cut and there is plenty of water for irrigating the next crop of lucern.

Levan—A rain and thunderstorm mixed with hail occurred on the 15th; no damage. Corn and potatoes were benefited. Wheat is mostly in the stack.

Mt. Carmel—It has been extremely warm and dry. Hay crops have been secured in good condition.

Scipio—Most grain has been cut and hauling and thrashing commenced. Yields are good. Corn and potatoes are doing well.

Hinckley—Harvest is well advanced. Some late crops suffered for want of water.

Peterson—The blinders are busy. Grain is ripening rapidly. On bench lands grain has shrunk. The second crop of lucern will not be more than half crop. Very oppressive dry winds last week.

Circleville—The weather was slightly cooler than usual last week, frequent slight downfalls of rain. Crops have made marked progress. Harvesting is proceeding in earnest. Second crop of lucern is being cut. There is sufficient water for irrigation purposes.

Woodruff—Heavy showers on the 16th materially benefited the crops. Fall wheat is mostly in the stack. Spring wheat and late oats are being harvested. Haying is practically done.

Halliday—The weather is warm, which is good for corn and ripening fruit. The long drought is being felt; pastures and springs are drying.

Mill Creek—All grain is yielding well; the quality is above the average. Vegetation is suffering for water.

Miller—Very warm weather. Water is scarce. Threshing is going on. Small late grain is considerably shrunk and not turning out according to expectations.

Taylorville—Threshing is progressing with good results. Potatoes and corn are doing well. The water supply is short.

Gale—Harvesting is nearly finished and threshing has begun. Some of the grain shrunk owing to excessive heat causing it to ripen too rapidly. Prospects are good for a third crop of lucern; sugar beets are doing well. Apples were blown off the trees by the heavy wind. There is a fair prospect for peaches.

Chester—We had a good rain on the 19th.

Plateau—Haying is well progressed; yields are good.

Sigurd—Harvesting is nearly over and crops of grain are very heavy. Alfalfa is being cut for the second time.

Coalville—Wind has blown many apples from the trees, and blown the hay badly.

Payson—Heavy winds blew down corn and grain. Melons and peaches are ripe.

Mapleton—Threshing is nearing completion. The beet crop is looking well; sampling has commenced.

Kaysville—Threshing continues and will not be completed within two weeks. The yields are the largest for many years. Our beet crop is a failure owing to the drought.

Salem—Some of the late crops have suffered owing to the dry weather. Nearly all grain has been threshed; it turned out good yields.

American Fork—Threshing is going on. Heavy winds last week shook much fruit from the trees.

Lake Shore—Threshing has commenced in earnest. Considerable grain is shrunk, caused by the drought.

Charleston—Nearly all grain has been cut. Water is getting low.

Heber—The weather has been warm and dry. A good rain would still be a blessing.

Loa—We have had some thunderstorms with very little rain. Gardens are looking well.

Lyman—Grain is ripening rapidly. Harvest will soon commence.

Harrisville—The weather has been warm and dry to the damage of late crops.

Uintah—It was quite showery last week, but the precipitation was not sufficient at any time to lay the dust. High winds have spoiled much fruit; the apple crop will be short. Harvesting is going on all over the county.

Price—It has rained frequently in the mountains which has resulted in increasing the water supply. Harvesting is going on. Crops are good considering the scarcity of water.

White Rocks—We have plenty of water. Second crop of lucern is secure. Grain harvest is progressing. Good showers occurred on the 16th and 18th.

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IDAHO WEATHER REPORT.

The weather of the week ending Monday, August 22, 1898, was generally clear and warm, with frequent high afternoon winds. A few light showers were reported in scattered localities, but they were not sufficient in amount to relieve the prevailing drought. Harvesting of fall grain is now nearing completion and threshing is well under way. Fall grain is yielding above the average, and the later sown, much of which is already ripe, will yield nearly as well. Potatoes and garden truck are doing well, as is also fruit. The ranges are very dry and in poorer condition than at any other time this season; stock, however, is doing well generally.

The United States steamers Iroquois, Vigilant and Active are now manned by officers and enlisted men from the navy, and the members of the naval reserve, who have recently had charge private life. Lieut. Turner of the Iroquois will resume command of the navy of those vessels, will soon return al battalion, while Lieut. Shaw and Gunn of the Active and Vigilant will take their former duties on the steamer Marion. The members of the Chicago naval reserve, who came as far as Mare Island, Cal., on their way to join Admiral Dewey's fleet, are to be sent home and mustered out of the service.