

ABNORMAL STREAK WAS WINTRY WEEK

Some Crops Were Lost, Because Of Frost and Rain Storms Also Damaged.

WEATHER MEN EXPLAIN AGAIN

Genetic Spring Is Almost Here Despite The Days Are Dark and Drear.

Weather during the week ending Monday, June 1, is described in a pamphlet issued by the local bureau as follows: Abnormally cold weather prevailed over all portions of the state during the week, the deficiency in temperature, however, was much greater over the northern than over the southern portion. Frost or freezing temperatures were general over much of the state, and caused some local damage in the northern districts. The highest temperature reported was 90 degrees at St. George, Washington county, the lowest, 26 degrees, at Scipio, Millard county.

The precipitation was much above normal amount over the northern half of the state, and was very heavy in the vicinity of Great Salt Lake, amounts in excess of one inch being recorded at stations in all adjacent counties. The amount measured at Salt Lake City was 2.43 inches. Hail and sleet occurred in a few localities. Over the southern half of the state the rainfall was generally below the normal, and none occurred in some sections of the extreme southern portion. Cloudy weather prevailed over much of the state during the week. The amount of sunshine was greatly deficient over the northern portion, but was nearly normal over the southern counties. High winds occurred over the southern part on several days of the week.

OBSERVERS' REMARKS.

Millville, Cache.—The early part of the week was cold and stormy, the latter part quite warm and pleasant. Meadowville, Rich.—Very cold weather prevailed during the week, and much damage was done by frosts and freezing weather. Snowville, Boxelder.—Good rains fell during the week in this locality. Ogden, Weber.—Cold weather prevailed during the week. A good rain fell on the 26 and 27. Morgan, Morgan.—Rain fell on four days of the week to the depth of 1.10 inches. The weather was cloudy and cool during the entire week. Marion, Summit.—Cloudy and cool weather prevailed throughout the week. Hail and sleet fell on the 26 and 27, accompanying a moderate rainfall. Salt Lake City, Salt Lake.—The mean temperature averaged 11 degrees per day below the normal for the week. Cloudy weather was general, and rain fell every day except on the 28. Modena, Iron.—The weather during the week was warm and pleasant, and the chief features of the weather for the week. Considerable snow fell in the adjacent mountains which will materially aid in the supply of water for irrigation purposes. Alpine, Utah.—The weather during the week was very cool and stormy. No frosts occurred. Lake Shore, Utah.—Rain fell continuously from the 25 to 28. A thunderstorm, accompanied by hail, occurred on the 26. The 29 was the only clear day during the week. Nephi, Juab.—Showers occurred on the 25, 26, and 27. The remaining portions of the week were warm and pleasant. Moroni, Sanpete.—Partly cloudy and warm weather prevailed during the first and last portions of the week; the middle portion was cold and stormy, the precipitation being in the form of rain, hail and sleet. Black Rock, Millard.—A light fall of rain occurred during the first part of the week. The latter part was windy and cloudy, with a good shower on the 31st. Castle Dale, Emery.—Very cold and

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ALUMNI GATHER AS BANQUETERS Loyal to Their Alma Mater, Association Members Meet At Annual Affair.

TOASTS FEATURE OF EVENT. Wit and Eulogy Claim First Place at Banner Occasion of Utah Society—O. F. Whitney Toastmaster.

The Alumni association of the U. of U. gave its annual banquet last night in Odeon hall and the occasion will rank among the most brilliant in the history of the university. The old graduates in attendance reached back from last year to the day of 1873. At 8 o'clock the dancing and reception hall began to fill with people, and an hour was spent in dancing before the banquet. This was served in two large rooms in the basement. Nearly 400 participants were seated at the tables. The decorations were chiefly in flags and pennants, combining the national and university colors. When the throng was seated the picture presented a brilliant appearance. The president of the Alumni association, John M. Young, sat at the head of a table formed in a big U, and at his right hand was the toastmaster, Mr.



THEODORE N. VAIL—TELEPHONY EXECUTIVE.

The Vail party, including Theodore N. Vail, president, Edward J. Hall, vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, members of their families and others of Boston who are making a western tour, arrived in this city today. Mr. Vail is one of the original telephony men of this country. With Alexander Graham Bell and Gardiner G. Hubbard he formed the first Bell company at Washington in 1878. This was known as the Bell Telephone company. He became its general manager. Later he was prominent in organizing successively the National Bell Telephone company, the American Bell Telephone company and the American Telephone and Telegraph company, of which he was the first president. He retired from the presidency after serving two or three years, to engage in foreign enterprises, and became president of the company again May 1, 1907. At present he is also president of the New York Telephone company and of the Western Telephone and Telegraph company. After getting the first organizations

of the industry in good running order, he left active participation in the business for several years, although he always retained his interests. For about 10 years after 1889 he handled many large enterprises, chiefly electrical, in Europe and South America. He established the electric street railway system of Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, and developed power transmission in that neighborhood. Foreign interests, chiefly British, had large holdings in these enterprises and Mr. Vail disposed of his interests to them about a year ago. He is about 63 years old, a native of Ohio, a son of a farmer and is of old colonial stock. He taught school, studied medicine two years and learned telegraphy when a young man, working a year or two as an operator for the Western Union company. Just after the Civil war he was appointed to the railway mail service and had a run from Omaha to Ogden for six years, making his home at Omaha. He assisted in the reorganization of the railway mail service, which took him to Washington, where he met Bell and Hubbard and joined them in developing the telephone business. Mr. Vail owns a ranch of more than

3,000 acres at Lyndon, Vermont, where he makes experiments in scientific culture, dairying, etc., and raises thoroughbred stock. He has more than 500 head of stock on the place. The American telephone and Telegraph company, of which the Rocky Mountain Bell is one, had property—real estate and plant (franchises are not appraised by Bell companies)—that appraised \$48,396,000, figuring copper at 15 cents, Jan. 1, 1908. This is not book value, but engineers' figures on actual, existing property. The figures show an increase of 768,340 for the year. The average number of conversations daily is 18,624,000, making 5,997,000,000 annually. The system has 163,218 miles of pole lines, carrying 1,664,081 miles of long distance wires. There are more than 5,000 exchanges in the system, with 3,883,051 miles of underground wire, 3,067,138 miles of aerial wire and 6,222 miles of submarine cable. In 1907, \$3,921,400 was spent for construction and \$36,626,667 for maintenance.

No Pie for Breakfast

A bill prohibiting the planting of corn in any month except November. Making it a felony to reap wheat with any instrument other than a sickle. Forbidding all persons engaged in agricultural pursuits to eat pie for breakfast, and compelling such persons to dine at 7 P. M., in evening dress.

Such a bill, says Brand Whitlock, Mayor of Toledo, is no more absurd than much of the legislation that the cities are getting at the hands of the country members. The Free City, by Brand Whitlock, in this week's SATURDAY EVENING POST, is so sane and so chock-full of horse-sense, and so free from claptrap and buncombe, that we advise every thoughtful citizen to read it.

windy weather prevailed throughout the week. Frisco, Beaver.—Moderately cool weather prevailed throughout the week. No precipitation occurred. Loa, Wayne.—Weather during the week has been windy and cold. Parowan, Iron.—Cold and windy weather prevailed during the week. A good shower occurred on the 26. Modena, Iron.—The weather was fair and unseasonably cool, the temperature averaging 5 degrees per day below the normal. Killing frosts occurred on the 27. Tropic, Garfield.—High winds and cold nights have been the general features of the weather for the week. Some snow fell in the mountains. Pinto, Washington.—Cloudy and cold weather were the prevailing conditions during the week.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES. Taylorville Public Schools Gather to The Ward Meetinghouse. About 500 people were present at the commencement exercises of the Taylorville public schools which were held last night at the Taylorville ward house. The address to the graduates was made by J. E. Mauss and Miss Winnie Wallace, school days. The following program was rendered: Invocation, Mahoni Spencer; class chorus, graduates; instrumental, Burdett Benson; recitation, Edith Curtis; duet, Glenn and June Bennion; class history, Stella Richards; recitation, Daisy MacKay; school days, Marvin Bennion; song, Verda and Eileen Parker; class poem, Florence Bringham; valedictory, Winnie Wallace; address to graduates, J. E. Mauss. The following is the list of graduates: Amy Slade, Adella Player, Armas Lilly, Myrtle Bennion, Marvin Bennion, Mayma Edmond, Edith Curtis, Winnie Wallace, Ray Elsmore, Johnson Fox, John Rupp, Ella Denbold, Stella Richards, Florence Bringham, Burdett Benson.

FUNERAL OF JOS. W. COTTLE. Profusion of Flowers at St. Mark's Cathedral Yesterday Afternoon. The funeral of Joseph W. Cottle, late superintendent of the county infirmary, was held at St. Mark's cathedral yesterday afternoon. About 250 personal and political friends of the deceased assembled to pay their last tribute. There was a profusion of flowers, including dozens of floral emblems. Dean Brewster read the Episcopal burial service. Special music, furnished by the Graham quartet and Mrs. Edward

Moore, was among the features. The pallbearers were chosen from officials who were personal friends of Mr. Cottle. They were Judge George G. Armstrong, Secretary of State Charles E. Tingey, County Surveyor Joseph Swenson, County Treasurer John A. Groesbeck, Sheriff C. Frank Emery and Assistant District Attorney William McRea. Burial was made in Mount Olive. Those who attended the funeral from out of the city were: Ella Cottle, a daughter, of El Paso, Tex.; Mrs. A. C. Reese, a sister of Mrs. Cottle, of Portland; and Mr. and Mrs. George Cottle of Hooper, Utah.

THE FIRST TASTE Learned to Drink Coffee When a Baby. If parents realized the fact that coffee contains a drug—caffeine—which is especially harmful to children, they would doubtless hesitate before giving their babies coffee to drink. "When I was a child in my mother's arms and first began to nibble things at the table, mother used to give me sips of coffee. As my parents used to affect my parents that they tried roasting wheat and barley, then ground it in the coffee-mill, as a substitute for coffee. "And so I contracted the coffee habit early. I remember when quite young, the continual use of coffee so affected my parents that they tried roasting wheat and barley, then ground it in the coffee-mill, as a substitute for coffee. "But it did not taste right and they went back to coffee again. That was long before Postum was ever heard of. I continued to use coffee until I was 27, and when I got into office work, I began to have nervous spells. Especially after breakfast I was so nervously I could scarcely attend to my correspondence. "At night, after having coffee for supper, I could hardly sleep, and on rising in the morning would feel weak and nervous. "A friend persuaded me to try Postum. My wife and I did not like it at first, but later when boiled good and strong it was fine. Now we would not give our Postum for the best coffee we ever tasted. "I can now get good sleep, am free from nervousness and headaches. I recommend Postum to all coffee drinkers. "There's a Reason." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Read "The Road to Wellville," in pks.

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of human interest.

O. F. Whitney, while to his right sat Prest. Kingsbury and members of the university faculty were seated at various tables. President J. M. Young made the opening address. He emphasized the importance of university training. All are better citizens who go out equipped with its influence and ideals, he said, and no more worthy work can be done by the graduates than the work of preaching the good of education. The idea of poverty and limitation in regard to the university must be stricken down, he asserted. There cannot be too much expended for the institution. It has many needs and it should be the pride and duty of all citizens to make it complete in all its equipment. To the graduates he said that the love of education follows them throughout life, and their interests will always be its own. He closed with the introduction of the toastmaster, O. F. Whitney, who responded with a speech which evoked rounds of laughter and applause.

THE TOASTMASTER'S REIGN. Mr. Whitney referred to the fact of the death of Miss Lucy Van Cott, in leaving him no alternative of accepting the present position by convincing him that he was the one unanimous choice of the committee, and his speech was a play of keen wit upon his qualifications for the position. Mr. Frank Holman, winner of the Rhodes scholarship, responded to the toast, "Our University of Today," with a clever eulogy upon the institution, but urging it to go on, as there were fields before it still for conquest. He spoke of the aims of California to establish a great western law school, but believed such an institution rightfully belonged in Utah—an Intermountain location being much more appropriate for a great western law center, and responded with a great western law school, but believed such an institution rightfully belonged in Utah—an Intermountain location being much more appropriate for a great western law center, and responded with a great western law school, but believed such an institution rightfully belonged in Utah—an Intermountain location being much more appropriate for a great western law center.

Mr. Harold Goff of Rexburg, Ida., had for his toast, "An Ounce of Taffy is worth a pound of epiphany," and responded with the original poem in which he reviewed phases of the topic in which the passion for both taffy and epiphany were illustrated—the final lines summing up the moral of his clever poem.

"And the aim of this doggeral is to teach That most of us want quite a little of each." One of the hits of the evening was made by Miss Irene Young who had for her toast, "Last Year." She said: "Our grand old poet, Longfellow, says, 'For the structure that we raise, Time is with materials piled; Our todays and yesterdays Are the blocks with which we build.' And so during the past year, we each have used our 365 blocks. Some of them have been so light and airy that we have easily tossed them into place, while others have been so heavy, that we strained all our strength to even move them. Some have been just right. But one by one we fitted in our blocks made 'last year.' To those whom we welcome tonight as Alumni for the first time, last year marked the completion of the foundation of the structure, they are raising. Now they are ready and no doubt anxiously waiting for the to-morrows to become to-day's that they may prove the worth of these yesterdays. For some of us, that is for those who graduated one year ago, the materials given us last year, put our growth in a case. The performances we have found wherein those blocks have so easily fitted to make indeed a poor base upon which to place the heavier one of real life. To the other alumni last year may not have been so important. It was just one more layer nearer the completion or roof of their mansions. And whether last year's blocks be near the ground or the sky, may they all be firm and solid and able to stand the weight of future ones. And when those future ones come on, when next year and each year's making becomes in turn last year's, and when our tasks are completed, may our Alma Mater be proud to say that her children were the builders. John D. Spencer's toast was "U. A. S. A. S. A. S. A." and he commenced with a reminiscence of Toastmaster Whitney as an actor back in the remote days when he posed as an Indian who shoots a waterfall in a canyon. The performance was in Gibbs' barn, and the waterfall was a board balanced from the loft above to the ground floor. Before the cue for the Indian's entrance a storm arose outside of the barn, and the barn brought in his cow, which had been obligingly removed for the performance, and tied it to the waterfall. When Mr. Whitney appeared at the top of the balcony, the cow broke loose with the waterfall and ran with it and the Indian through the audience, scattering terror and confusion and breaking up the play, a narration that brought down the house. From this Mr. Spencer went into a more serious vein, taking the students as actors in the wings of life waiting for the cue to their entrance on the real drama of life. He said a good name for this play was "Saints and Sinners," and he sketched varieties of both kinds, men and women, and showed that there are other aims in life than to make names and places in the front ranks, the daily life with its possibilities of heroic action was the real test, and while one might even go down to defeat, this is not a defeat if the fight has been nobly fought. The speech was an admirable one and had a great round of applause. The exercises closed with a short address by the toastmaster, which dismissed the throng in laughter with its humorous allusions. He bade the graduates "Godspeed" and the affair ended, the banner event of the association. An orchestra strung in a corner furnished a program of delightful music throughout the banquet. Great credit reflects upon the president and various committees of the alumni who arranged the program and banquet, and especially to the former and to Miss Van Cott, dean of the women, to whose energy and tact tributes were paid by the various speakers during the evening. Among the guests of the evening were Judge Straup and Atty.-Gen. Breen.

NO MISSIONARIES EATEN. Conditions in Africa Are Rapidly Changing, Says Rev. Dr. Nye.

Rev. Dr. Nye, an African missionary, lectured last night in the Central Christian church. He said that since Stanley's time no missionaries had been eaten by African cannibals, but that scores of men who had gone to the dark continent on other errands had suffered a gustatory fate. One Bolenge chief, who was both a cannibal and a polygamist, fought Christianity as hard as he could, breaking up meetings with a tom-tom. But finally gave up and became a convert. Another chief whose wife had embraced the Christian faith tied her to a pole in the glare of the sun, telling her she could stay there until the new God she worshipped descended from heaven to release her. The chief died of pneumonia in two days and the wife was rescued without injury. The lecturer is endeavoring to raise \$250,000 with which to send 50 missionaries to Africa. He showed that while this country spends annually \$1,100,000 for chewing gum, only \$7,500,000 is contributed for missionary work. For missionary \$30,000,000 is expended each year, \$178,000,000 for candy, \$700,000,000 for jewelry, \$750,000,000 for tobacco, and \$2,000,000,000 for strong drink. Dr. Nye will lecture again this evening with stereoscopic illustrations.

PASSENGERS AVERT ACCIDENT. Conductor Signals "Go Ahead" When Freight Train is Approaching.

According to the stories told by passengers on street car No. 416, going to the Rio Grande Western depot at 5:30 yesterday afternoon, a most serious accident was narrowly averted by the presence of mind of passengers riding on the front platform. They claim that when the car reached The West street, the conductor neglected to leave the car to see if any trains were coming, and that he gave the motorman the signal to go ahead. The car started on the fact that a freight train was backing down the track. The car would have gone directly in front of the train but for the interference of the passengers on the platform. The car was stopped just in time to avoid a collision. One child was knocked down, and trampled upon, and two women were frightened into hysterics. The car was in the hands of conductor No. 263 and motorman No. 484.

CHORUS ON STRIKE. Surprise Sprung on Harold Orlow at Seventeenth Ward Amusement Hall.

There was an impromptu number at the Seventeenth ward amusement hall last night which was not down on the program during the rehearsal of "The Merry Grangers." After the first act had been negotiated the company, consisting of 25 well known amateurs, apparently went on strike and left the hall, leaving Mr. and Mrs. Harold Orlow, Miss Edna Evans, Hugh Dougal and some of the principals wondering what had been done to hurt any feelings. While they were still cogitating, the chorus returned, bearing mysterious packages, cases of soda water and a large and assorted commissary. The chorus started in at the hall, singing a parody on one of the songs of the opera "Mr. Newhouse," substituting "Mr. Orlow" for the chorus refrain. From that time on the company decided to make merry. Volun-

teers took turns at the piano and dancing and refreshments were in order. The occasion for the break in discipline was the birthday of the director, Mr. Orlow, who in a speech later stated that it was the first birthday anniversary he had spent in his home town for seven years.

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