

two to twenty-five bushels to the acre. The crop prospect this season is the best since the settlement was established.

These fortunate and well-cared-for people are members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and have some of the organizations connected with it—notably a young people's Mutual Improvement association and a Sabbath school, which are well attended and are the means of developing the youth of the little community.

There is a district school, which is intelligently conducted, and the colored students, as a rule, are quite apt in learning, and exhibit special ability in penmanship. Some of the youngsters had evidently sauntered into the school room after the institution had closed for vacation, as some of the blackboards were covered with sentences in excellent hand-writing. The construction was, in some instances, however, a considerable distance from being faultless. Among them were the following:

"Columbus found this world." "I like white man dance." "White man good to dance with." "This schoolhouse the books like schoolhouse." "George Washington he good American." "Panaka Indian no good dance."

This settlement was established and is conducted under the auspices of the Church authorities. It was prompted by a noble philanthropic and religious sentiment. Such men as Bishop Ward, who are laboring devotedly in practically developing such a godly work as the elevation of the ignorant and downtrodden, are genuine benefactors. Doubtless many hearts will echo the sentiment of your correspondent in a fervent desire that God may bless them in their beneficent labors.

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WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 14, 1898.

A decided change occurred in the temperature during the past week, causing it to be the warmest of the present season. A temperature of 80 degrees or more occurred as the maximum of each day. The warmth was uniformly distributed throughout the State, causing the night temperatures to rise safely above the danger point for frost, consequently no frost was reported. A few scattering showers attended in some instances by hail characterized the precipitation. Frosts of the previous week that were reported as "killing" to vines, lucern, potatoes and fruits have proved much less damaging than was first thought.

Fall grain is either in the boot or head; its progress is more noticeable on upper land since the wet May delayed growth on low lands.

Lucern is being cut in every section of the State under favorable weather conditions for curing. Other grasses and small grains are making good progress since the ushering in of warmer weather, and more abundant sunshine.

The prevailing impression is that all grain and grass crops will exceed the average. Potatoes where partly injured by the frost of the previous week, have since recovered, however, many potatoes also corn, squash and melon seeds have been replanted, the former due to injury from frost, and the latter from failure to germinate in the cold wet soil. Progress in these crops are delayed. Most favorable reports have been received concerning sugar beets which are now being thinned and weeded.

Strawberries are being shipped from every portion of the State. Other small fruits are abundant. All large fruits have been injured somewhat by frost. In most sections the injury is slight. Apples and plums give promise of an

abundance, while peaches, apricots and pears will have a doubtful yield.

Irrigation has commenced in some localities, though it is the impression that many crops will mature without its assistance.

Brigham City—The weather is warm and favorable. The first of lucern is being cut. Garden truck is in the market. Strawberry picking is on.

Garland—The weather has been warm. All kinds of crops are growing nicely. Some have commenced to cut lucern.

Fielding—Fall wheat is looking well, half of it is in the head and the remainder is in the boot. Irrigation has commenced. Alfalfa is in bloom.

Minersville—Wheat and oats look well. Small seeds have not come up well owing to the cold ground.

Cache Junction—Light showers occurred on Monday and Tuesday; the weather continued warm the remainder of the week; dew formed every night. Fall grain is heading; spring grain is growing rapidly.

Lewiston—Wheat is in the boot and promises a large field. There has been a little too much rain for the crops on the low lands. Beet crops are looking fine. Lucern is being cut. Many potatoes will have to be replanted.

Benson—A fine growing week, closing with light thunder showers.

Logan—The weather of the past week was warm and favorable to all growing crops. Wheat and oats are about 6 inches in height; corn and potatoes are coming up. Some lucern is being cut.

Mendon—The past was a favorable week for the growth of grain. Light occasional showers occurred. Prospects are excellent for an abundant grain harvest. Sugar beets are doing well.

Smithfield—Weather has been favorable for crops; all kinds of grain are growing well. The first crop of lucern is being cut. All kinds of fruit are doing well.

Hyde Park—The weather being warm, is fine for the crops. There were a few showers. Lucern is being cut.

Kaysville—The past week has been warm and dry. Fall grain promises a large yield and will mature even if no more rain comes. Hay cutting is in progress with a prospect of the yield being above the average.

Moab—The first crop of lucern is being harvested. American Wonder peas received from the department of agriculture, on the table on the 5th.

Pangutch—Lucern was nipped but not seriously injured by the frosts on the 3rd, 7th, 8th and 9th. Grain is growing nicely. There is as good a prospect for an abundant crop of grain as we ever knew at this time of the year.

Coyote—The grain was somewhat injured by the frosts of the previous week. Lucern shows no injury to speak of. The river is full of water.

Asays—The weather has been moderate. A hailstorm occurred on the 10th. Crops are doing well.

Tropic—The weather has been favorable for all of the crops. Frosts of the previous week did no damage.

Levan—An ideal growing week with warm sunny days. Wheat is at the best. Vegetables are plentiful. Lucern will soon be in bloom.

Ranch—Some frost occurred the beginning of the week doing much damage. Last part of the week was warm and good for all the crops.

Deseret—The 4th, 5th and 6th were frosty mornings, damaging to fruits and tender vegetables. It was a fair growing week for grains.

Scipio—Heavy frost occurred on the 4th; fruit all gone. Gardens and lucern are badly injured.

Holden—Frost on the morning of the 4th did some damage to potatoes and beans. The ground has been wet and cold; corn and squash had to be re-

planted. Lucern is being cut it is an extra heavy crop.

Meadowville—The past week has been very favorable for all crops.

Kingston—Frost on the 3rd, 4th 5th and 6th. Killed early cucumbers and squash; fruit was slightly injured. Crops are growing slowly.

Spring City—Crops are looking well. Farmers are plowing corn and potatoes; garden crops never were better. Lucern is blooming.

Mill Creek—Strawberries are ripening. Some hay has been cut. All crops look well.

Holliday—Considerable lucern is being cut. Grain looks well. Strawberry picking quite brisk. Cherries are beginning to turn. Gardens look well. Apricots are scarce. Peaches, currants and gooseberries are plentiful.

Lehi—Beet thinning is about done. Crop prospects are generally good.

Salem—Farmers are beginning to irrigate. Lucern cutting has commenced.

Lake Shore—Farmers have commenced irrigating. Grain on the low lands look sickly. Sugar beets are being thinned. Potatoes and corn are coming up.

Santaquin—First crop of lucern is being cut, it will go 3 to 4 tons to the acre. It is the best crop I ever saw. Small grains and potatoes are growing well. There are plenty of plums and berries.

Payson—Too little sunshine for corn and beets. Haying has commenced.

Liberty—All crops are in good condition.

Huntsville—The frost of the previous week and some damage to grain and vines but the sun has done his best to repair the damage.

Roy—Lucern is now being cut, an excellent crop is in sight.

Uintah—Lucern cutting has commenced. Crops are very heavy.

Heber—Good prospects for fruit. Frost cut off about one half of the pear crop.

Pinto—Grains are looking well. Irrigating has commenced. Corn and potatoes are all in.

Tooele—Garden and field crops are in fair condition. All kinds of fruit are in abundance.

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LETTER FROM ENSIGN PEARSON.

The "News" publishes another letter today from Ensign Pearson, written his family from Manila Bay twelve days after the great American victory. With the letter came an excellently drawn map, showing the course followed by Admiral Dewey and men on entering the harbor and during the terrible fire they were under from the Spanish forts and fleet as the battle progressed. It is probably the most accurate map that has been published in the United States or elsewhere of the great contest and is of particular interest to Utah people who have such an interest in Ensign Pearson by whom it was drawn and sent. The letter with which it came is as follows:

"Since my last letter about the fight, little has occurred. The telegraph or cable from Manila to Hongkong and the outside world was cut some time ago, so we can get no telegrams away from here. Of course, there are no steamers running now, everything is at a standstill. So to get the news to Washington we send one of our ships to Hongkong to dispatch the telegrams from here. She left here on May 5th and got back in five days, or on May 10th. Since we had heard no news for two weeks we anxiously awaited her return. She had no particular news, but brought word that several thousand soldiers were coming here from San Francisco, and that the fleet in the Atlantic had not yet met the Spanish