

winds in the day time; light shower first of the week but only heavy enough to lay the dust; spring grain is very backward and lucern that has not been irrigated is drying up; so far, the prospects for crops is very discouraging.

## MILLARD COUNTY.

Meadow—Weather still very warm; no rain for the past twelve weeks; lucern being harvested in fine condition; fruit and all crops looking well; chinob bugs doing a little damage to wheat, on one or two farms only.

Holden—Dry, hot winds; some thunder during the week but no rain; lucern cutting in full blast; corn and potatoes up; peas ready for use; grain below the average.

Fillmore—Weather continues warm and dry; no rain since April 3rd; very windy at times, shaking fruit down; grain not doing very well; first crop of lucern, which is good, is now being cut.

## PIUTE COUNTY.

Greenwich—Past week has been favorable to all kinds of vegetation; irrigation in full blast; all kinds of grain looking fine; lucern about to bloom.

Circleville—The past week dry and hot; grain is growing nicely; lucern will soon be ready to cut; vegetables of all kinds are in good condition; the Sevier river at this point has fallen two and one-half feet and still going down, and a fear of scarcity of water is entertained by some.

## RICH COUNTY.

Meadowville—Very fine growing week; about one-eighth of an inch of rain fell on the 8th which did good; tall wheat in some fields in boat; other fields not looking so well; fruit shows good promise; winter pears all in head; spraying of trees in progress.

## SAN JUAN COUNTY.

Monticello—Weather dry; hot south winds; plenty of water; all crops looking fine; will be the largest yield ever known here; heavy frost June 4th; damaged gardens some; fruit will be ruined; peas in the pods.

## SALT LAKE COUNTY.

Halliday—Crops doing well; farmers haying; fruit growing fast; apricots half grown; cherries ripe; currants commenced to turn; everything prospering.

Miller—The past week has been good for all growing crops, which are advancing rapidly; lucern being cut, and while not heavy will be about an average yield; streams falling; plenty of water for irrigating purposes.

## SANPETE COUNTY.

Ephraim—Crops growing nicely and good yield promised. The frost appears not to have damaged fruit any and crop will no doubt be good.

Manti—Good growing weather past week. We have had no rain here, with one exception, for about three months; however, everything is in a flourishing condition, for in no instance do we depend upon irrigation from above.

Moroni—Week dry and warm. Grain looking very well; lucern about ready to cut; potatoes coming up; water getting low in ditches.

Fairview—The past week has been dry but otherwise favorable, and irrigated crops continue in a thriving

condition. Lucern is coming in bud and promises a heavy yield.

## SEVIER COUNTY.

Joseph—Week warm and crops in general looking well and growing nicely; cutting lucern just begun; river slow is going down; fruit looks well and promises good crop.

## TOOELE COUNTY.

Tooele—Dry farm wheat is a failure. Some patches will not pay for cutting. Spring wheat is heading out not over four inches high. Everything is so dry that what cannot get water will go back into the ground again. Water falling fast.

Idapah—Light showers on the 7th 8th and 9th. Fine growing weather and crops looking fine. Farmers busy irrigating and water plentiful.

## UTAH COUNTY.

Salem—The heavy rain, wind and hailstorm on 11th did much damage to garden, fruit and lucern crops.

Lakeshire—Busy cutting lucern; corn and potatoes showing up good; fall grain is heading out; spring grain doing well and sugar beets growing nicely.

American Fork—Rain on 12th made everything look fresh, but the little rain and wind together tangled the lucern considerably; a few fields of lucern cut already.

Santaquin—Thunderstorm with hail and rain on 9th at 5 p. m. Dry grain poor.

## WASATCH COUNTY.

Heber—The past week gave good growing weather; first three days gave clear sunshine; last three days about one-half sunshine which was good for the growing crops. A few sprinkles on the 11th. Irrigated crop booming.

## WAYNE COUNTY.

Teardale—Lucern beginning to bloom; haying will soon begin; range is good and cattle and sheep doing well; grain, corn, potatoes and gardens look well; we have the promise of a bountiful harvest.

Fremont—Light frost on 10th but no perceptible damage; good growing weather; there is no longer any surplus water.

## WASHINGTON COUNTY.

New Harmony—Fine growing weather; farmers cutting lucern; all crops doing well.

St. George—Vegetables plentiful; some small grain turning.

## WEBER COUNTY.

Uintah—Haying has begun in earnest; hope the heavy showers on the 8th will improve the wheat crop.

Harrisville—The week has been hot with only a light snow, which was of but little benefit. Grain crops poor, not over three-fourths of a crop; lucern partly cut with fair returns.

Liberty—Weather warm and dry with cool nights. A little frost but no damage to vegetation; watered crops growing nicely.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday schools of this State met in regular Union meeting Monday evening, June 21, 1897, in the Fourteenth ward assembly rooms, Stake Supt. T.

C. Griggs presided. Elder Thos. Butler of the Fourteenth ward led the congregational singing and Miss Gwendoline Lewis presided at the organ.

All the city schools, except the 12th and 23d were well represented by officers and teachers. The following county schools were also well represented, some having as many as ten officers and teachers present: Big Cottonwood (both schools), Brighton, Bingham, Cannon, East Mill Creek, East Jordan, Farmers, Forest Dale, Garnger, Hunter, Sugar, Sandy, Udon, Willford.

Supt. Griggs, called attention to the fact that next Sunday, June 27, was the fifty-third anniversary of the martyrdom of the Prophet Joseph Smith, an appropriate lesson should be made of the occasion.

As many of the present corps of Sunday school missionaries are from the remote parts of the county, when visiting the city schools, Supt. Griggs bespoke for them the same courtesies and kind hospitality so uniformly extended the missionaries when they visit the county wards.

As many of the department instructors were absent in teachers' convention in Logan, the department work was dispensed with except in the Theological, where all remained and were instructed in lesson work—how to prepare and present a lesson to a Sunday school class, by Elder Richard R. Lyman. To better illustrate his method and the plan of his work he formed a class of about a dozen of those who were present and conducted the work as he would in the class, and presented the following lesson, which was participated in and enjoyed by all present.

Elder Lyman first impressed upon his hearers this important fact that we learn to do by doing—hence as the students are the learners, or should be, they should do the work. Every lesson should make a lasting impression upon the students, such as they can describe, and nothing should be left indelinite.

The Lesson—Complaint about the dryness of sermons:

Why not have prepared sermons?

"It is contrary to the teachings of the Church."

How do you know that it is contrary to the teachings of the Church?

Various replies were given, as "I've read that it is." "I've heard that it is."

What have you read on the subject?

Various replies were again given, one of which was the one the teacher was looking for—"That we shall not take thought before hand what we shall say."

If a public speaker obey this commandment of the Lord in speaking, and fails to impress his hearers, where is the blame?

"The blame is with the speaker, never with the Lord."

Why is the speaker to blame? Because the commandment continues that we shall store up in our minds continually the words of life, and some of our speakers do not do so, and that is the reason they fail to interest their hearers.

Then what are these two commandments that the Lord has given?