

build themselves comfortable homes, the only requirement being that they should pay for the same at some future time when they were able to do so. They were given work at the going wages immediately on their arrival here, and have had almost continuous work since. Take it all in all, more and better opportunities have been given them than could be reasonably expected by strangers in a strange community. Mr. Stevens has been and is now living in a comfortable house near the center of town. The Glovers are camped in a tent on the same lot under a clump of trees. If this is an unendurable hardship it is an easy matter to point to the leading and most substantial men of the valley who have passed through the same experience.

Allow me just a little more of your space till I relate a gracious act of charity that the people of this community have undertaken, to aid an unfortunate young lady, a niece of J. Q. Stevens, who came to Arizona with himself and family, and then pronounce harsh judgment on the Mormons of this community if you feel disposed to do so. Even the charitable people of the grand old state of Mississippi were content to see this young lady hobble about on crutches, and had never opened their hearts and pocket books to assist in alleviating the misery of an amputated leg. It was left for strangers in a strange land. It was left for the Mormons of Mesa, now being vilified and abused by the press of Mississippi, to extend the helping hand of charity to one of Mississippi's unfortunate young ladies and raise a fund with which to procure her an artificial limb. This fund was not raised entirely but principally by the Mormon people. The names of the individuals who, in their tenderness of hearts, have interceded with Governor Stone do not adorn the subscription list, however.

Mr. Stevens and the Glover brothers deny emphatically that they wrote the tales of hardships that appear over their names in the *Clarion-Ledger*, though Daniel Glover says that he is dissatisfied with the country here, and wrote to Governor Stone soliciting aid to return to Mississippi. They say that the letter they signed was given to a certain individual here to copy and that they never saw or heard it read after it was given to him, and that many of the gross misstatements that appear over their signatures were neither authorized nor approved by them.

MORGAN STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of Morgan Stake convened Sunday and Monday, Aug. the 13th and 14th.

The conference was not so largely attended as usual, probably owing to the bad stormy weather; but a good spirit and feeling prevailed. The time was occupied by the Stake presidency and others of the local Priesthood. The instruction given was very good and timely. Honesty in the payment of our debts, strict economy in the expenditure of our means, mercy and charity toward our brethren and sisters and all mankind; these, with many principles and doctrines of the Church were ably treated by the Elders during the conference. A very timely discourse delivered by President Jos. F. Smith at Weber Stake conference, and published in the *News*, was read by the clerk, and listened to with much interest by the people. The Stake statistical report was also read and showed a large increase in numbers during the past year. A portion of a letter was read by Bishop Carter from his

son now on a mission in Alabama to the effect that, the leaders of the mob who whipped him and his partner a short time ago were arrested by the sheriff, but the governor would do nothing to have them punished and the sheriff appealed to President Cleveland and received the reply that he was to protect the Mormon missionaries as well as other citizens if it took the whole militia of the state to do it.

The conference was brought to a close at 4 p. m. Monday and adjourned for three months.

The heavy wind and rain storm of Sunday afternoon did much damage to the hay and grain crop in this county.

A. FRANCIS, Clerk.

MORGAN CITY, Aug. 15, 1893.

A TWENTY YEARS' RECORD.

George N. Salisbury in his weather report today says:

REVIEW AND COMPARISON.

July as well as June in Utah can usually be depended upon to have several summer showers. A twenty years' record at Salt Lake City shows an average of three to four appreciable showers in July and four to five in June. But this year was an exception, and for weeks after the first of June no rain fell to moisten the parched earth, revive the drooping vegetation and gladden the heart of the farmer. Water for irrigation became scanty, and the stock ranges short and dried up.

At last the prolonged drought was broken by heavy showers beginning in the south on the 19th, and continuing at intervals for several days, the rains being due to the influence of a general storm advancing from the southwest. In some localities the severe mountain storms caused washouts and canyon floods. In the extreme north the showers were only slight, and at the end of the month there was still a great deficiency of rain in Box Elder, Cache and Weber counties. During the dry spell hot winds prevailed and the weather seemed of unusual warmth; it was not so, however, as there have been several Julys which were hotter.

SUMMARY OF TEMPERATURE.

Average for the month (27 stations), 70.8 degrees. Greatest monthly mean, 80.2 at Cisco; least, 56.8 at Scofield. Maximum for the month, 110 at St. George, 18th; minimum, 24 at Scofield, 13th. Greatest monthly range, 69 at St. George; least, 47 at Salt Lake City. Generally, the 17th and 18th were the hottest days in the south; the 19th was hottest in the north. The 7th, 12th and 13th were notably cool days.

SUMMARY OF PRECIPITATION.

The average rainfall (27 stations,) was 0.79 inches. It was very unevenly distributed, being generally the heaviest in the southern and central sections. Scofield reported 4.50 inches, the greatest of any station; Cisco only a trace, the least. The bulk of the precipitation was from thunder showers occurring after the 20th.

WIND AND WEATHER.

The prevailing wind was from the southwest, and was about the average velocity for July. Farmers complain-

ed of the drying effects of the hot southerly winds.

The weather was for the most part clear and sunny, averaging but 3 cloudy days. The sunshine was about 85 deg. of the possible amount.

SOME REMARKS BY OBSERVERS.

Heber.—A heavy thunderstorm on the night of the 26th passed over the valley from west to east, following up the Provo river to the north end of the county. A beautiful rainbow at the time.

Richfield.—Drought has done some damage to crops. The rain of the 31st was beneficial, as water was becoming scarce; it is still greatly needed.

Blugietree.—In the early part of the month forest fires to the west and southwest of here. This month's precipitation was very beneficial, especially to the ranges.

Parowan.—No precipitation from 21st of May until the 19th of July. On the 23rd there was a heavy shower. No damage, except some heavy grain thrown down, much good to the parched and thirsty soil, 1.83 inches having fallen in 75 to 90 minutes.

Mt. Carmel.—There have been several floods in the creeks, caused by the thunder showers in the mountains.

St. George.—Bright aurora at midnight on the 14th. Two meteors on the 10th; one of them attended by a loud explosion.

CHARGES AGAINST W. A. STANTON.

The following is an official record of a little transaction relating to the Salt Lake fire department, under the management of its present chief:

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, January 2nd, 1891.

Salt Lake City Corporation, Fire Department, to W. A. Stanton, Dr.: 1891.

January 2, 1 horse.....	\$120 00
January 2, 3 horses.....	500 00
January 2, 1 horse.....	120 00
January 2, freight on car of horses, Logan to Salt Lake.....	30 00
January 2, expenses, chief and one man and buggy hire.....	30 00
Total.....	\$800 00

I hereby certify that the above account is correct.

Approved.

Received, Salt Lake City, U. T., Jan. 2, 1891, of Salt Lake City Corporation, eight hundred dollars (\$800) in full payment of the above account.

(Signed) W. A. STANTON, Chief.

Endorsed: \$800 Fire Department. Voucher for the ———— ending ———— 189—. Name, W. A. Stanton.

Paid by auditor's warrant No. 1517. Issued January 2nd, 1891.

The foregoing may seem all right without further light on the subject but, in view of the following affidavit, the public is desirous of knowing how it is that there is a discrepancy of \$150 between the price of three horses, as named in the second item of the bill presented, and the figure that the seller of the horses says he received for them.

TERRITORY OF UTAH } ss
County of Cache, }

Peter Christensen of lawful age being first duly sworn deposes and says; that he resides in the town of Newton in the county and Territory aforesaid; That he is well acquainted with W. A. Stanton, chief of the Salt Lake Fire department; that on or about the ——— day of January, 1891, affiant said and delivered to