

Young. On April 2, 1894, was ordained a High Priest. Elder Gee also did considerable missionary work and was on a mission to Iowa when the Prophet Joseph and his brother Hyrum were assassinated.

Brother Gee came to Utah in 1849, sharing in the trials and hardships incident to the lives of the pioneer Saints. He lived six years in Salt Lake City and afterward removed to Tooele City, where he continued to reside until his death. He always took an active part in public affairs and served in many official capacities. He was a devoted worker in the Sunday schools, where for years he acted as one of the superintendents. Even after his health, which had always been the best, began to fail, his voice was raised in defense of those glorious principles, which he prized dearer than life itself.

While stricken upon his bed of sickness he bowed humbly and patiently without word of complaint to the will of his Divine Master, and now the voice that has touched many hearers and brought many to a knowledge of the truth, is hushed in silence until the Resurrection morn.

His wife, the faithful companion of forty-eight years of an eventful career, survives him. He was the father of 21 children, 17 of whom are living; 70 grandchildren and 21 great-grand children.

### GOOD WEEK FOR CROPS.

That the week ending June 25 was very favorable to the growth of crops in general all reports agree. One reporter calls it an "ideal week." It was, perhaps, too cool to be quite that, and it was certainly too showery to be perfect haying weather. Corn would have done better with warmer weather, but for small grain it was exactly right, being cool enough to make wheat and oats stool out heavy and their heads fill well when that far advanced. Unless there should come a drought or the irrigation supply fail within a month, the grain crop will be heavy.

Cutting lucern was continued last week, and the first crop has been about all saved. It varies greatly from light to quite heavy. In the southern part of Salt Lake county half the crop was spoiled by rain. Potatoes, beans, tomatoes, etc., have now generally recovered from the severe freeze of the 14th inst. In early localities new potatoes, which are quite large and fine, are on the market.

The strawberry season is nearly finished. The yield has been large, and the berries of fine quality. Raspberries are now ripe. Late fruits promise well, except in some localities, where the frost did more damage than was at first supposed. In Wasatch and Sanpete counties the apples are reported to be falling from the trees. Around Springville, Utah county, the apples look fine.

The rains in the southern counties on the 18th, 19th and 20th were of great benefit, especially to late crops and the second crop of lucern. In Wayne county lucern is just recovering from the set-back it got by the frost of the 6th inst. In Washington county the crops have made good average growth, although the weather is cool for the season. Tomatoes are in

bloom, but many are dying with blight. It is very dry, and watering has to be done frequently.

### TERRITORIAL FAIR MATTERS.

Additional special premiums for the October Territorial Fair have been offered as follows:

#### PRIZES FOR MAPS AND WRITING.

To Geo. D. Pyper, Secretary:

Dear Sir—The undersigned will give a special premium of one boy's suit for the best specimen of writing the following words: "Barton & Co., jobbers and retail dealers in men's and boys' clothing, hats, caps, and furnishing goods," by a boy not over 12 years of age; also one boy's suit for the best and most complete map of Utah Territory, to be competed for at the Territorial Fair of 1894.

Respectfully,

BARTON & CO.

#### ESSAY ON EXPERIMENT STATIONS.

LOGAN, Utah, June 27, 1894.

To Geo. D. Pyper, Secy.

Dear Sir—I hereby offer a premium of \$25 in cash for the best paper on "Our National Experiment Stations—the Object, the Eminent Practical Results of Benefit to the Farmer and Fruit Grower, and the Best Method and Line of Future Work." The conditions to be as follows:

1—Competition to be open to all; all papers submitted to be my property, though the competition to be subject to the rules and regulations of the society.

2—The judges to consist of three persons, one to be a man who has had several years experience in experiment station work, one to be a prominent and intelligent farmer, and one to be a literary person. These judges to be appointed by or under the direction of the society.

Respectfully,

A. A. MILLS,

Agricultural College and Experiment Station.

#### SHEEP-SHEARING CONTEST.

To George D. Pyper, Secretary Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society.

Dear Sir—The undersigned will give a special premium of \$25 to the winner in a competitive sheep-shearing exhibition to be competed for at the Territorial Fair of 1894.

Respectfully,

SPENCER CLAWSON & CO.

VIOLIN SOLO BY LADY.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, June 27, 1894.

To Geo. D. Pyper, Secretary.

Dear Sir—The undersigned will give a special premium of one violin with bow and box complete, value \$50, for the best rendered violin solo by a lady, to be competed for at the Territorial Fair of 1894.

Respectfully,

COALTER & SNELGROVE CO.

#### FOR THREE LOAVES OF BREAD.

To the Board of Directors of the D. A. M. Society:

Gentlemen:—The Pioneer Patent Roller Mill Co. offer as a special premium, to the lady who makes the best three loaves of bread out of their High Patent Flour, with home made yeast and baked in a cook stove, 500 pounds of their best flour.

PIONEER PATENT ROLLER MILL CO. In its place will be substituted amusements of a legitimate character, not the least of which will be a series of bicycle races the most interesting that have ever been given here. They will include races by experts, ladies, amateurs, fats, leane, and the tournament will be upon Fowlers, Victors, Columbias, Clevelandas, etc. Bicycle derby day promises to be a great event.

An effort will be made to secure the full attendance of the Utah National Guards. It this can be accomplished the military drill will be a unique and interesting feature. Nothing is more pleasing than the movements of a uniformed body of men, especially when they happen to be home defenders. At the World's Fair the cadets from West Point were an intensely interesting feature. They camped in front of the Government Building and twice each day went through their evolutions in the presence of tens of thousands of spectators. The home boys will also arouse much enthusiasm if arrangements can be made for a drill at the Fair.

The board has made ample provision for the manufacturers in the offers of gold, silver and bronze medals, diplomas and cash prizes; and a new feature of the premiums this year will be sweepstakes of cash prizes in the several home manufacturing divisions, for the best displays of goods, quality, quantity and manner of display to be considered. This will cause competition in the artistic arrangements of woollens, and will all add to the visitors' pleasure.

The new Fair directors have decided to omit the public marriage which has taken place at the Utah Exposition Building for a number of years past. It has always been an attraction, and the day of the ceremony among the greatest of Fair days; but the board felt that it was not exactly the proper thing and therefore discontinued the practice.

It is generally known that there is a herd of buffalo on Church Island? There are thousands of children and even parents who have never seen this historic animal. They have dreamed of them after hearing the pioneers recount the stories of the plains, but have never had the opportunity of seeing them. Realizing this, the society will probably make an effort to secure one or two for the October Fair. It would be a great attraction and an educational feature.

Altogether the outlook for the big Fair is very promising. Already more manufacturers have applied for space than exhibited in 1892—a splendid indication. The majority of the artists were at Paris at our last Fair—now they are all home and all working to produce pictures for October. While the mines are under a cloud, yet the society can make a better mineral exhibit than usual because it has the valuable collection made for the World's Fair. The society has also the furniture, cases and apparatus from the World's Fair.

Enough live stock has been promised to make a good show, the poultry men will engage in a sharp competition, and the dogs will bark as usual only in greater numbers.

The women's exhibit will be new and interesting including the famous World's Fair silks, and will probably have a silk reeling machine and loom at work. Many of the manufacturers promise also to have machinery in motion, and that is what educates.

Besides all this the annual membership fee has been reduced to \$1 and the admission to 25 cents—one half of what it was in 1892. With these attractions and half rates the people will, it is believed and hoped, support the Fair.