

labors, and we, as Elders acknowledge His hand in all things.

Your correspondent noticed an article in yours of the 10th inst. which gave notice of the opening of the Latter-day Saints' College. Let me offer a few words of advice to the young men in Zion. I was a student of the Brigham Young academy for three years, and the valuable information gained while attending that institution has proved a world of good to me; therefore I would advise every young man in Zion that possibly can, to attend either the Latter-day Saints' College or the B. Y. Academy, and give especial attention to theology. O that our young men only knew what they had to go through when they come on missions. If they did they would take advantage of all such opportunities.

The News is a welcome visitor and is read with interest by Elders, Saints and friends.

Our conference will convene on the 19th and 20th of October, and we anticipate an enjoyable time.

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BRUTES AND MANIACS.

The horrors laid bare to the public gaze by the testimony before the commissioners investigating the management of the Dunning insane asylum only show the result of the criminal practice of placing brutes in charge of maniacs. It appears that several of the unfortunate human beings were simply murdered—how many is as yet a secret—because their keepers reasoned that brutal force was all that was needed in the treatment of the patients, the more the better. The consequence was that insane persons were beaten to death, if the paroxysm did not cease sooner.

Nor is this all. Patients were allowed to quarrel and fight with all the revolting scenes incident to a contest between beings deprived of their reason. The keepers, or some of them, the testimony shows, stood by idle, evidently enjoying the unutterable sight, although the mere recital of the circumstances almost froze the blood in the veins of the bravest actor. If these keepers are not themselves insane, they are criminals of the lowest type.

It is to be hoped that the insane asylum mentioned enjoys the distinction of being the only one in this country in which such atrocities are possible. But it would do no harm, now the matter has been published, if those whose duty it is to superintend institutions of that kind would look into their management with a view to ascertaining what is going on. It is only once in a while that acts of cruelty perpetrated in insane asylums and penal establishments reach the public ear, but this happens often enough to prove that inspection is needed by those in authority.

As a general rule it requires certain qualifications not possessed by everybody to handle insane persons and the criminal classes. Not everybody could make a success at taming wild beasts, and much less at conquering demons. But the fact is but too often overlooked in the appointment of attendants at places where supreme kindness, coupled

with a strong will and a keen insight into human nature, are indispensable. In the case at Dunning, as in similar instances, those are much to blame who employed brutes to take care of madmen and kept them in such a position.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

U. S. department of agriculture, weather bureau, weather-crop bulletin of the Utah weather service, for week ending Monday, August 19th, 1895.

Weather—During the past seven days the weather has been hot and dry, the temperature averaging about two degrees above the normal with an abundance of sunshine. Showers occurred on the 13th, 14th and 18th, in widely separated districts throughout the northern portion of the Territory, and where the rainfall was moderately heavy the crops were greatly benefited by the needed moisture. The counties favored with rain of a measurable quantity were Plute, Juab, Utah, Sanpete, Millard and Salt Lake. The heaviest rainfall was in the vicinity of Levan, Juab county, where 0.90 of an inch fell on the 13th.

Crops—The droughty conditions during the past week have had a detrimental effect upon the growing crops, especially corn, potatoes and late sown grain which are looking poorly in many sections on account of the late frost, prevailing dryness and scarcity of water for irrigating purposes. In the southern part reports indicate that the water is holding out well, but in the northern it is getting scarce and will be insufficient for the maturing of crops. Harvesting is general in all districts, and in many localities the grain has been cut and stacked, and a great deal of it threshed. The opinion of the majority of correspondents is that the yield of the grain crops will be about the average, except in a few of the most northern counties where adverse weather conditions have made a shortage. The outlook for fruit is very good, although some of it has prematurely ripened and dropped from the trees.

Harrisville—Week hot and dry; water scarce; thrashing in full blast with poor returns.

Santaquin—Last Tuesday heaviest rain of the season; everything looks green again; farmers who planted dry corn expect a good yield. One man here, from 30 acres dry wheat expects about 1,000 bushels. Fruit ripening fast.

Vernal—Harvesting grain in progress; corn promising; potatoes good; apples and plums plentiful, and all free of worms; tomatoes and melons will be ripe in a few days; water falling.

Heber—Grain cutting in full blast; good crop so far. Hot, dry week; rain in the hills on the 12th.

Kanab—Crops all doing well; most of the grain in stack; sugar cane headed out; peaches, pears, plums ripe; water holding out good.

Kuonsharem—Weather very favorable for all crops. Our fruit (berries) mostly all harvested, a good crop.

Grover—We look for a good harvest though it will be a little below average. Lucern hay has not cured well, much is sprouting in the stack.

Drewville—The weather continues hot and dry and the country begins to

look drought-stricken. Threshing machines are all at work. Corn field on dry farms are suffering with drought, and lucern seed will be almost a total failure on account of grasshoppers and dry weather; on a number of farms the lucern will never come up again after the first cutting.

Levan—A heavy thunderstorm with 0.90 of an inch of rain on the 13th, lodged grain unharvested and washing out roads and bridges. Heat oppressive. Hauling and threshing grain the order of the day.

Oasis—Weather during the week dry and warm; water holding out good; grain mostly out; second crop of lucern better than it has been for years.

Scipio—Fine growing week. Grain and lucern harvest in full blast. Crops good; lucern one-third to one-half heavier than first crop; water holding out; corn looking well.

Peterson—Very hot and dry; water getting scarce; second crop of lucern being cut; in some localities not worth cutting; harvesting of wheat, oats and barley in progress; potatoes and vegetables pretty well scorched up with drought and the late frost of past week.

Randolph—The past week has been warm. Most of the wheat was badly damaged by the frost of the 9th, and some is being cut for feed. Harvesting has begun; some winter wheat and barley has been cut.

Gale—The past week exceedingly hot and dry; water for irrigating purposes getting scarce. Harvesting is nearly over and threshing has begun; the fruit crop is pretty good considering the disadvantages it has had; corn and potatoes are doing well; green corn ready for use. Light sprinkle on 13th, but not enough to do any good.

Bigard—Very warm and dry weather; water getting very scarce; harvesting well along, over half cut; average crop. Potatoes very backward, but few large enough to eat yet; corn very late; do not think any will ripen.

Spring City—Grain ripening very fast; some spring wheat cut; corn crop fair; garden peas ripe; tomatoes and beans looking well; small fruit gone; good crop.

Wales—Haying about done; second cutting of lucern in progress; grain ripening fast with good crops where water was sufficient for irrigation.

Moroni—Week warm, cloudy at times. Rain on 13th and 14th amounting to 0.52 of an inch. Wild hay nearly all stacked; second crop of lucern being cut; cutting of spring grain commenced and will be general after 18th. The rain on 14th, in the mountains, increased the water in our irrigation ditcher, which was very much needed.

Pecos—Clear, warm weather past week. First crop of lucern has been put up, and wild hay is now being placed in the stack; grain looking well but much of it in want of water. Hay is being put up in excellent condition owing to the dry, warm weather.

Coalville—Wheat harvesting in progress; oats not ready yet; the wheat is the best for many years. No rain the past week.

Tooele—A dry, hot week, wherein we have lost ground, as the water is so scarce that we cannot keep up with the drought, and everything is drying up.