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UTAH COUNTY.

Pleasant Grove—Weather warm the past week and everything advancing rapidly; corn and potatoes about all planted; lucern soon ready to cut; radish ready for table use; strawberries ripe and peas in bloom.

Lehi—Past week generally fine but dry; all kinds of work progressing; lucern cutting about to commence irrigation for beets soon needed.

Mapleton—All farm work moving along nicely. Beets mostly thinned; strawberries coming on; wheat and oats exceptionally fine; fruit crop very promising. Dry land grain crops not very good. Irrigation in full blast.

Payson—Fine growing weather; water is being freely used; ground very dry; peas in bloom; small fruit looking fine; plenty of garden stuff on the market; hay crop nearly ready to cut; beet weeding in progress.

Lake Shore—Past week very warm. Fall wheat and barley in the boot, lucern in blossom; spring grain is growing well; early potatoes doing nicely; currants and gooseberries bushes well filled with fruit.

Salem—Slight frost night of 28th. Dry land lucern is being cut and is reasonably heavy crop; spraying commenced; fall wheat heading out.

American Fork—Crops looking well; lucern soon ready to cut; small grain is being watered.

Santaquin—Weather warm and dry. Everything in the field and orchard looking fine except dry grain; lucern ready to cut; garden truck looking well; green peas and new potatoes soon ready for use.

WASATCH COUNTY.

Heber—Good growing weather past week; lucern a foot high; pastures and meadows growing nicely; gardens not so healthy looking; radish and lettuce in the market this week; Thursday a cold north wind with some fear of frost; thermometer indicated 50 degrees at dusk with a clear sky, but at midnight an east wind blew up and the fruit is all O. K. so far.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

St. George—New potatoes accompanying green peas; strawberries not as plentiful as in past years, from some cause; wheat and barley headed out finely.

Leeds—Weather warm, with light winds; farmers cutting lucern; fruit growing nicely; plenty of early vegetables.

Pinto—Fine growing weather past week; farmers busy putting in potatoes; corn about all in and some coming up.

Toquerville—Fine summer weather past week; cane nearly all planted; cherries ripe; lucern heavy; tomatoes blooming.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Grover—Heavy hailstorm on 19th, doing much damage to lucern; warm and pleasant since 19th; crops improving; creeks high; plenty of water.

Teasdale—Weather favorable to crops; lucern in blossom; grain crops looking well; plums and cherries good size.

Lyman—Excellent growing weather; crops look fine.

WEBER COUNTY.

Huntsville—Fine growing weather, but very dry; irrigation not generally commenced yet; potato planting nearly over.

Uintah—On account of unusually dry weather most of the grain planted this spring has not germinated; fall wheat is a failure, being only about eight inches high at present. Strawberries are getting ripe, but they will be of a poor quality.

Plain City—Weather hot and dry; lucern coming in bloom.

Roy—Crops growing nicely; weather hot; some land very dry; fall wheat heading out; lucern blooming.

CONFERENCE AT ST. JOHNS.

ST. JOHNS, Arizona,
May 29, 1897.

The quarterly conference of the St. Johns Stake of Zion convened here on the 23rd and 24th of this month. The Primary associations and Relief societies held their semi-annual conference on the 22nd. The conferences were very well attended and a good spirit prevailed. The presidency and some of the other leading brethren of the Stake spoke to the Saints. The blessings of the Lord to His people in this part of His vineyard was the general topic.

The Saints here certainly are being blessed. In a spiritual way we are progressing. We are at the present time raising funds to complete the Stake academy, and aim, as soon as practicable, to have a school where the youth of this Stake can be taught spiritual things.

In a temporal way we also are blessed. The fruit trees are loaded with choice fruit; the fields are green with growing grain and hay (to such an extent as we have never before witnessed here), and there is plenty of water in store for this year's use, with prospects for all we want in the future.

The sheepmen, in fact everybody, seem to be prospering. Such was the feeling, and such were the remarks, of many of the Saints at our last conference; and we feel to praise God for His blessings to us, and to try in the future to live nearer to Him and keep His commandments more fully.

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ABOUT THE BOOK OF MORMON.

The following is taken from the Cleveland, Ohio, Recorder of May 18th, in its editorial correspondence:

I was greatly surprised to see in the World of Sunday a long article on the Mormons, in which the old and long since exploded theory that Solomon Spaulding wrote the Book of Mormon is again exploited. The theory was put forth by E. H. Howe, of Painesville, many years ago, in a book which was called "Mormonism Unveiled." The book was a lie from beginning to end, and it is now pretty certain that Howe knew that it was a lie when he published it. At any rate he had in his possession at the time, Spaulding's silly story in manuscript, and yet told

a gauzy yarn about that manuscript having been lost in a printing office in Pittsburgh. Howe's book stood as the history of the subject for many years. But about a decade ago, President Fairchild, of Oberlin College, while in Hawaii, discovered among the papers left to the daughter of Howe, who lives there, the original document. Knowing its great historic importance, President Fairchild brought it home with him, and it is now in the library at Oberlin College.

The Mormons, in collaboration with President Fairchild, have published the "Manuscript Found." There is not the least resemblance between that and the Book of Mormon. There is not a line or expression in the one book that is even similar to the other. All this is well known to anyone who has examined the subject and who has enough information in regard to the matter to make anything that he writes worth a moment's attention. The World was evidently imposed upon, by some careless penny-a-liner.

Of course this discovery of Solomon Spaulding's stupid book does not explain how the Book of Mormon did originate. It simply demonstrates beyond question that it did not originate in the way Howe and all who have followed him have asserted that it did. The Mormons have made a great deal of the discovery, and well they may. They assert that it was clearly an interposition of providence to protect their sacred book from its vilifiers. They regard it much in the same way as they do the fact that the temple at Kirtland, during the almost half century that it stood without an occupant, did not receive a crack in the walls or a bit of damage from frost or weather except that the shingles rotted away.

FILMORE NEWS.

FILMORE CITY, Utah, June 4, 1897.—An adjourned session of the Fifth judicial district court (Judge E. V. Higgins presiding) commenced here yesterday, June 3rd. The docket is a light one. There are several probate cases of little public interest. Besides our local lawyers there are present Attorneys Foster and Knox from Beaver, and D. D. Houtz and S. A. King from Provo.

Nellie A. Tomlin, upon the grounds of desertion and failure to provide, obtained a divorce from John E. Tomlin.

Reuben M. Keen obtained a divorce from his wife Ida A. Keen, upon the ground of desertion. This is a case of a mother deserting her husband and two small children.

All parties to the above named divorce suits are somewhat recent arrivals to Millard county.

Amanda Carling was today granted a divorce from Frank Carling, upon the grounds of conviction of felony. The young fellow is now serving five years' sentence in the penitentiary for attempting to poison one William Goutier.

No jury trials will be had this term of court and the county commissioners appropriate Judge Higgins' assistance in helping keep down expenses.

Mrs. Holbrook, the wife of the mayor of Provo city, is on a visit to