

ing July 12th, 1896. Many of the reports were mailed before the recent rains set in and therefore only show the weather and crop conditions up to about last Saturday.

**Moroni**—Week very warm and cloudy; heavy rain on the 6th amounting to .38 of an inch; the rain in the mountains has caused an increase in the water and the prospect for the late grain is better; lucern a heavy crop, most of it cut.

**Croydon**—Very hot weather during the week. Light showers the night of the 12th with more rain this morning (13th) and it looks like we will have more rain yet; much lucern is cut and but little is stacked; potatoes and corn in blossom.

**Peterson**—This week has been good for gathering the heavy crop of lucern until this morning we are having a very bad thunderstorm, laying down heavy wheat and lucern.

**Coalville**—Harvesting first crop of lucern; good growing weather; no rain and very little thunder.

**Lewiston**—The past three weeks have been very warm and watered crops are looking fine; dry farm crops burning up some; hauling lucern stopped by storms for a few days; lucern crop is heavy; green peas and new potatoes, also strawberries the order of the day.

**Heber**—Past week has been quite hot again; a slight shower on the 6th, only a trace; we had a good one on the 9th when .54 of an inch fell in about 20 minutes; Heber got a good soaking for once here in a short time; much damage to lucern; crops are booming after the soak; no frost this week.

**Tooele**—A week of excessive hot weather; dry farm harvest in full blast with a fair yield; first crop of lucern just about stacked; corn is beginning to show the want of rain, and must be watered to make anything; potatoes look fair, but a great many misses in the rows in some patches.

**Portage**—All busy cutting lucern; very hot and dry first part of week; on the 13th it rained at intervals all night from 9 p. m.; never seen such continuous lightning, one flash after another, so quick could nearly see to read.

**Lake Shore**—Lucern crop about all hauled; barley and oats ripening for want of water; wheat crop doing well; cultivating sugar beets and potatoes; small fruit is ripe; squash and corn growing well. The weather has been dry and very hot during the week; light sprinkle of rain evening of 12th.

**Santaquin**—The first five days the hottest weather we have experienced here; yesterday (12th) we had a refreshing shower; this morning another cooling shower with a great deal of thunder. First crop of hay about in; everybody pleased with condition of first crop. Peaches beginning to "turn;" good weather for corn, some tusseling out.

**Payson**—Dry and hot; crops drying up some; grain ripening rapidly; corn growing fast; potatoes in bloom; raspberries ripe; beets growing fast.

**Kaysville**—The past week has been the hottest of the year ripening the grain very fast. Haying is nearly completed; crop heavy as usual. Grain being cut, but is not quite so plump as usual. Rain on 13th; fruit crop small.

**Harrisville**—The week has been very

hot and dry, the temperature rising as high as 95 in the shade on Sunday afternoon, which tends to ripen the grain, some of which is being harvested. Heavy thunder storm with lightning, wind and rain Monday, laying much of the heavy grain, making it difficult to harvest. The rain was timely.

**Plymouth**—The past week was good for hay making with hot, drying winds. Light shower on 13th but not enough to do any good. Haying nearly all done; grain ripening very fast, needs rain to fill it out; shower on 13th did considerable good.

**Cache Junction**—Last week warm and sultry; one and one-half inches of rain night of 12th; looks like more rain.

**Newton**—Last week's weather favorable; two hours good shower on the 6th which was a great help to the grain. Lucern is being harvested fast; beets are doing well; potatoes look favorable; refreshing thundershower night of 12th did a great deal of good to dry land grain.

**Holden**—Fine growing weather for everything watered; commenced to cut grain; lucern nearly all up; second crop will be very light on account of scarcity of water; several light showers the last few days; thunder shower night of 12th.

**Levan**—The weather up to Sunday, the 12th, was generally favorable for haying, and most of the lucern crop is secured in good condition. A thunderstorm on the 12th, with heavy wind, laid some grain flat on the ground. Apiarists busy extracting honey; bees making more and better honey than they have for years; wheat turning; small fruit ripe.

**St. George**—Very dry notwithstanding the very light sprinkle of rain on 5th, 7th and night of 9th, with northward wind. Drought has caused the atmosphere to be so dry and hot that small grain has been permanently ripened to a large extent.

**Meat**—Weather continues hot and dry. Sky overcast during the week with cirrus clouds. Early peaches ripe. Water for irrigating getting scarce.

**Richfield**—Very hot and dry. No rain. New peas, beans and potatoes.

**Utah**—Hotter than ever. Harvesting has commenced. Some grain burned upon the high lands where water cannot be had. Potato crop will probably be short; all tops and no tubers.

**Brigham City**—Haying commenced; yield good. High winds have lodged heavy grain; .07 of an inch of rain on Monday, the 6th.

**Koosharem**—Atmosphere has been sultry and water scarce. Vegetation stands good. Rain on 9th helped it considerably, although only very little rain fell in town. But the mountains all around got a good rain and some places very heavy. Cutting first crop of lucern.

**Pinto**—A slight shower of rain fell on the 5th, reviving vegetation; corn and potatoes doing well where moisture is sufficient; lucern crop gathered; crop good; wild hay being cut; crop light in some fields and in others good; snows on the 7th.

**Lehi**—Part week hot and dry; haying progressing fine; everything growing fast; water holds out pretty well.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

There was a large attendance of Sunday School workers at the monthly meeting held last evening, July 20th, in the L. D. S. College building, representatives being present from all the city wards except the Ninth, Thirteenth, Fifteenth, Twentieth, Twenty-second west branch and Twenty-third. The following county wards were also well represented: Cannon, East Mill Creek, East Jordan, West Jordan, Sugar, Farmers, Mill Creek north branch, Brighton, Union, Big Cottonwood south district. Seven Sunday School missionaries were also in attendance.

The excellent singing exercises of the meeting were rendered by the East Mill Creek school choir led by Bro. J. H. Osguthorpe. Prayer was offered by Elder George Reynolds.

Stake Superintendent T. C. Griggs stated that owing to the absence from the city of some of the instructors, it had been thought best to postpone the organization of classes until the September meeting. This announcement caused considerable disappointment among those present, as they had come with the expectation of engaging in class work at this meeting. Elder Griggs referred feelingly to the death of Elder Abraham H. Cannon, who had taken a great interest in Sunday school matters. He spoke on the necessity of teachers attending closely to the details of their work; of quarterly reports being sent in; the advantages to be obtained by providing the scholars with the Sunday school hymn books which were now ready for distribution.

Elder George Reynolds said that in traveling among the stakes and visiting the Sabbath schools he had felt led to impress upon the minds of teachers the necessity of teaching the principles of the Gospel in the schools. In some places the Sabbath schools were simply a Sunday edition of the public schools. Teachers would be held accountable for the neglect of the proper training of the children. The first object of the work of the Sunday schools was to create a living faith in the minds of the children. We should build upon the revelations of God, and not cast them aside for any theory no matter how beautiful it may appear. The children should be taught to obtain the testimony in their hearts, as well as an intellectual understanding of the principles of truth.

The choir sang, *Weary Not*.

Assistant Stake Superintendent Richard Horne referred to the disappointment occasioned by not being prepared to take up the class work, and said that Brother Willard Dore would be the principal speaker at the August meeting; deprecated the practice of having contentions in theological classes; officers and teachers should send a written or verbal excuse when unable to attend; the excuses should be included in the quarterly reports; punctuality in the opening of schools was urged, and the adoption and use of the Sunday school treatise.

Superintendent Griggs spoke on the tendency of the scholars to absent themselves from school, and urged the teachers to try and remedy this tendency.

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