

which was a good match for his, said, "I'll bet my horse against yours;" the holder of the dollar said, "No, I don't want to lose this animal." "Well, then, I'll bet my horse against your dollar," but the equestrian would not take it. This incident, I think, shows an appreciation of silver that should be encouraging to the West.

I have since learned that some of the stranger's horses are in "doak" for expenses. Our Relief Society is good and will see that they do not suffer.

A. BIRD.

#### ABOUT THE POULTRY SHOW.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,  
Dec. 16, 1895.

The Utah Poultry association will hold its ninth annual exhibition in Salt Lake City January 7 to 11, 1896. Mr. W. W. Browning, of Ogden, Utah, will score the birds and place the prizes where they properly belong. It has been said by a certain class of people that the association is in very bad circumstances. To all such people we are not sure about this matter I wish to say that never since its formation has the Utah Poultry association been in as good shape as it is today. This association is paying better premiums than ever before, and it has the cash to pay them with. We have gold and silver medals and many other special premiums outside the regular cash prizes. Last year the association had one of the finest shows ever held in the west; this year we expect twice as many birds, as we have promises from Kansas, Colorado and several other western states.

Hundreds of dollars has gone east from Utah this year for fancy poultry and yet we have to say we have not seen anything to equal Utah bred birds yet. The purpose of this association is to foster and encourage the breeding of poultry in Utah and to educate our own people to a realization of the importance of the poultry industry. Few people are aware that in actual dollars and cents the poultry and egg business of the United States outclasses all other products, with possibly three exceptions. The effects of this association in the past two or three years have resulted in a largely increased home production and consequent decrease in the importation. Each succeeding annual poultry exhibition given by this association increases the interest and adds new recruits to the ranks of poultry breeders and thus increases the home production to the exclusion of foreign poultry and eggs. Every breeder of poultry in Utah either of fancy or market stock should become a member of this association and assist to that which tends to their own pecuniary advancement. Every loyal citizen of Utah who believes in the circulation of our own money among our own people and who enjoys a fresh egg or fowl in preference to a stale one should assist us all they can.

There will be several varieties that have never been exhibited in Utah before. The pigeon and pet stock breeders have promised us one of the finest collections ever seen in Utah. The officers and membership of this association extend a most cordial invitation to poultry raisers everywhere and especially to those of our own State, to come to Salt Lake January 7th to 11th; bring your birds and come

prepared to enjoy a rare good time visiting, getting acquainted, and talking chickens. Come and be one of us. Nowhere this winter in this state or elsewhere will you find assembled a more considerable lot of men and women than at the Utah show. Come and spend a day or two; if you have no chickens to show, come and show yourself, and when you return home you will be proud of the business you are interested in.

All entries for competition must be in the hands of the secretary not later than Saturday evening, January 4, 1896, or they will be rejected from competition, but may be scored by paying the regular entry fees. We have a fine premium list which will be mailed to any one applying for it to the secretary, J. W. HARRIS, 544 west, Third North, Salt Lake City, Utah.

EDWARD JONES,  
Association Secretary.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL UNION.

The officers and teachers of the Sunday schools of the Salt Lake Stake held their regular meeting Monday evening in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly rooms. Superintendent Thomas C. Griggs presiding. All the city schools were represented except the Second, Fourth, Twelfth, Eighteenth and Twenty-third. Representatives were also present from Farmers' Union, East Jordan, and both the schools of Big Cottonwood.

Music was rendered during the evening by the juvenile music class of Prof. E. K. Bassett, composed of children from the various wards of the city. Prayer was offered by Elder E. F. Parry.

Assistant Superintendent T. H. Woodbury, of the Seventh Ward Sunday school, made a brief address descriptive of his school, and the character of the work done therein.

Miss Edith Sampson next conducted a very interesting and well prepared review of the work done in the first intermediate department which had been studying the life of Jesus. The review on this occasion related to the "Blessing of children" by the Savior. The Second intermediate department conducted by Sister Rose Wallace, presented a sample lesson upon the Book of Mormon, as regularly given every Sabbath morning. The lesson was preceded by a short synopsis of the studies of this class during the past ten months, given by Belle McLachlan, in a well prepared essay.

The lesson was well presented, and reflected much credit upon both teachers and pupils; its subject was a portion of the "Life of the Prophet Nephi."

"The Mother's Lullaby" was very sweetly rendered by Brother Bassett's juvenile choir.

The theological department was represented by Bro. J. W. Walker, who gave a brief and interesting address upon the "Life of the Savior," a subject which the higher department has been studying for some months past with gratifying success, using as a text book, "Roberts' Ecclesiastical History," in conjunction with the Scriptures.

President Angus M. Cannon made a few encouraging remarks and admonitions, dwelling particularly upon the order of the Priesthood and the duties

all are under to heed its counsels. Referring to the practice of convening Sabbath schools during the Stake conference, he stated that many had deemed it demoralizing to the schools to have them discontinued during the quarterly conferences, it was decided three months ago to continue the schools in session, with the understanding that every Elder that can be spared as well as the members of the theological classes, be excused from attendance in school, that they may have opportunity to attend Stake conference.

Superintendent Griggs acquiesced in the suggestions made by President Cannon, and urged compliance with these regulations upon the part of all the schools of the city and those contiguous thereto. The speaker felt gratified with the earnest work done by the Sabbath school workers of this Stake, as shown by the reports received. He urged the schools to again adopt the use of the Sunday school leaflets, a new series of which were now ready for distribution to the schools of the Stake.

He announced the issuance of blanks for the annual reports, and requested the secretaries of all schools to be prompt in filling the same and forwarding to the Stake secretary of Sunday schools.

At the January meeting of the union, Dr. Karl G. Maeser will deliver a lecture upon methods of imparting religious instruction to children. To make an illustrative class, the Fourteenth ward was requested to send ten little girls, and the Twelfth ward to send ten little boys, to the next union meeting. The Fifteenth ward will furnish the music.

Adjourned for one month. Benediction was pronounced by Elder Levi W. Richards. J. H. PARRY Secretary.

#### UTAH WEATHER BUREAU.

The average temperature for the State was 32.7 degrees; highest monthly mean, 42.2 degrees at St. George; lowest, 23.4 degrees at Soldier Summit. The highest temperature recorded was 75 degrees at Fillmore on the 2nd, and the lowest 24 degrees below zero at Koosharem, on the 1st, making the monthly range for this State 99 degrees. The warmest days were the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, and the coldest, 22nd, 23rd, 24th 25th and 26th.

The average for the State was .47 inches, which is about of the normal. The greatest monthly amount, .44 inches, was recorded at Salt Lake City, and the least amount recorded was 0.40 of an inch at Loa. The average snowfall for the month was 11 inches.

Average number of of clear days, 13; partly cloudy, 7; cloudy, 10; and days on which one-hundredth of an inch or more rain fell, 5. There was 50 per cent of sunshine at Salt Lake City, and 66 per cent (estimated) at Grover, Wayne county, during the month.

Prevailing direction southwest. Total movement at Salt Lake City was 3,512 miles, and the maximum velocity, 30 miles per hour from the south on the 3rd.

Sun Dge—Levan, 24th.

Hail—Levan, 4th, 12th; Moab, 4th.

Thunderstorms—Moab, 4th.

J. H. SMITH,  
Observer, Weather Bureau.