

A CRITICISM.

Editor Deseret News:

With all deference to the doughty Frank G. Carpenter, permit me to enter my protest against the spirit of his article in your issue of last Saturday entitled "Organized Celestial Crime." It sounds as if the great correspondent had so far transgressed his usual desire for fair play as to lend himself, at the least, to misrepresentation. In looking through his article, one has but to read "Mormon" in the place of "Chinese" to make himself believe he is reading an old time article from the anti-Mormon organ; as for instance, "The people east of the Rocky Mountains do not understand the Chinese question as it exists here;" and again, "They (the Chinese) have no respect for American laws and they do as their Chinese rulers dictate." That last is as familiar as darkness. Here is another: "Were I to tell you that the Six Companies have sentenced not one but twenty men to death, and that the sentence in every case has been executed, I would tell you only what such men as C. B. Harton, a newspaper reporter who has made work among the Chinese a specialty for ten years, has time and again published over his own signature."

How often have we read that sentiment expressed against the Latter-day Saints and wondered if the readers could not see that if it were true, the lives of their defamers must have been marvelously preserved through the years! Without, however, extending this notice, I enter a criticism against the article for this, that it bears on its face the stamp of unfairness, and has the appearance of an intention to justify persecution.

LYCURGUS.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Observer Salisbury makes the following report on Utah weather and crops for the past week:

The past week, on the whole, could not be considered a good one for growth—it was much colder than the average or this season of the year. Several severe frosts occurred, doing damage in many localities to fruit and tender vegetables. Lucern is also reported as having been injured. There was no damage to grain except to hinder its growth, and it still looks healthy and strong. Potatoes are coming up well.

A heavy rain on the 25th was general over Northern Utah, averaging about an inch in amount. Hail and snow fell in some localities. The rainfall is regarded as having done much good. A heavy win storm on the evening of the 29th did much injury to the trees.

Sugar beets are growing finely in Utah county, and are now being weeded. Strawberries are ripe at Moab, and they have new potatoes and green peas.

Extracts from Correspondents' Reports.

BOX ELDER COUNTY.

Grouse Creek—There were several frosts; that of the 25th was most severe on fruit, lucern and grain.

Snowville—It froze $\frac{1}{2}$ inch on the 26th, but it did no damage that I could learn of from the farmers. It

snowed about 1 inch on the morning of 25th.

Cache Junction—Cold and windy week. Frost on the 26th.

Box Elder—Weather until Saturday unusually cold for the season. A slow rain, mixed with snow, on Wednesday night. Light frosts, but no damage.

Bear River City—A very cold rain on the 25th, improving the appearance of all cereals. Fore part of week cold, hindering growth.

CACHE COUNTY.

Newton (1)—After two days' showers the ground was well watered and grain has grown fast.

(2)—Fall wheat looking better, lucern doing fine, spring wheat and oats doing fairly well.

Richmond—The crops do not seem to grow much, on account of cold weather; ground very dry until a heavy fall of rain on the 25th.

Minville—Early beans have been damaged, but do not think the frost was severe enough to injure the fruit.

HIGH COUNTY.

Randolph—The crops are rather backward on account of the cold weather, but we hope a change has come for the better.

WEBER COUNTY.

Harrisville—Rain of the 25th had a very beneficial tendency to brighten farm prospects.

Hooper—Fine heavy rain on 25th and cleared off beautifully, with little or no frost to hurt anything. Crops look fine.

Huntsville—A cold week, everything growing slowly, rivers low. Apple blossoms not yet out.

MORGAN COUNTY.

Peterson—Altogether the week has been a fair one; grain in general looks very promising and healthy.

DAVIS COUNTY.

Layton—All kinds of crops are looking well. Frosts 24th and 25th.

SALT LAKE COUNTY.

Taylorville—The past week has been cold. On Thursday, 25th, there was a fine rain which did much good. The close of the week was favorable.

Mill Creek—Grain doing well, potatoes suffering injury, strawberries doing well, partial loss.

Sandy—First three days of the week were cold, but the latter part much warmer. Lucern and grain do not grow much, and some grain is looking yellow.

SUMMIT COUNTY.

Upton—Last part of week warm and beneficial to crops. Some lucern injured by frost, but fruit trees not advanced enough to be hurt.

WASATCH COUNTY.

Charleston—Winter has lingered, and the week has been unfavorable to the growth of crops. The wind dries out the ground fast. Irrigation has begun. Frosts do not appear to have injured fruits as yet.

Heber—Cold and chilly week; heavy frost with ice $\frac{1}{2}$ inch thick on the 26th. It injured garden truck and killed strawberry blossoms. Apples are in full bloom. The wind blew a hurricane on the 29th.

UTAH COUNTY.

Lehi—The week on the whole has been discouraging. Tender crops suf-

fered from winds and frosts, making the season still later than it was already. But all small grain looks well steered out and healthy.

Springville—On the 25th there was

rain and on the bench lands snow. Frost slightly injured tender vegetables. Sugar beets are growing finely; both old and young are engaged in weeding them.

JUAB COUNTY.

Little Salt Creek—Fore part of week very unfavorable; snowstorm on 26th; frost did some damage to fruit and vegetables.

Levan—Rain, sleet and snow on 25th; thin ice morning of 26th, also 27th. No apparent damage to fruit or vegetables. Grain is backward.

SANPETE COUNTY.

Moroni (1)—Windy every day, causing ground to dry fast. Early potatoes are commencing to come up.

(2)—Hard frost night of 25th and 26th doing some damage to fruit and lucern. Crops looking well; some being irrigated.

Spring City—Another cool week, hindering the growth of crops and causing them to turn yellow and look sickly.

Wales—Frost very near every night; cannot tell yet if it has killed the fruit crop, which was just in bloom. All grain looking well.

MILLARD COUNTY.

Scipio—Frost every morning except the 25th. Afraid the fruit is all gone. Grain is healthy; lucern is frost-bitten.

Oak City—Beans and other tender plants slightly injured by frosts. Crops growing slowly.

Kanosh—A changeable week: sunshine, rain, pleasant. No irrigation thus far of wheat and small grain; in past seasons grain has been irrigated once before this time of the year.

SEVIER COUNTY.

Plateau—Two or three days pleasant; latter part of week too cold for good growth of grass and grain.

EMERY COUNTY.

Green River—Conditions last week very favorable to crops, which are now doing well.

GRAND COUNTY.

Richardson—The entire week cool and windy most of the time; peas in bloom; new potatoes forming; fair growing weather; grain and grass doing well; corn nearly all planted.

Moab—Ripe strawberries are plentiful. On the 26th frost killed some garden vegetables and grape vines in a few localities hereabouts.

PIUTE COUNTY.

Koosharem—Week very cold; only a small amount of sunshine; the continued night frosts have damaged all crops more or less.

Teasdale—High drying winds have prevailed, which are very detrimental, as they uncover the roots of young wheat and lucern. Considering the adverse weather, crops are doing well.

BEAVER COUNTY.

Minersville—(1) Cold, with slight frosts every night, causing slow growth of vegetation. There is still a fair prospect for fruit, and a good prospect for grain though late. (2) Slight frosts the past six nights, but no damage.