

kinds. All varieties of fruit are not a sure crop, though the hardest kinds, such as apples and plums, are. Early warm weather causes the buds to come out and they are caught by the late frosts, but this year it seems the Lord has just more than blessed the people.

Of course things are new to us, but we believe we are going to like it, pretty well. Flies are very numerous, but we have no mosquitoes, fleas or bugs. The evenings are cool; you can just sit out doors and enjoy solid comfort, that is if you get time. Everybody is so busy now. Haying is just commencing, weeds are growing, there are gardens and fields to water, and besides this we are building an addition to our academy.

The people of Safford are putting up a \$10,000 brick school house. The trustees here fear they will have to lay a special tax and build several more rooms, there is such an increase in the school population. There were nine children blessed in Thatcher alone last Fast day.

This is a warm climate, you know, and things grow rapidly. Last year a stalk of corn grew over sixteen feet high and a sweet potatoe weighed thirty-six pounds right here in Thatcher. I have a Kimball cousin, a girl, who stands 5 feet 6 inches and weighs 150 pounds and she is only 13 years old. I thought I was large but I am not a circumstance to some of the Arizona girls.

There is a creamery and an ice plant across the road from us. Those who can afford it and have the time to make it, eat ice cream most every day. The people are about such as we are accustomed to in the north, but I notice one thing they are very sociable and kindhearted; equally as progressive, and I presume, as good Saints.

Last night a little boy brought a three-quart pail to us full of strawberries, and we had strawberries, sugar and cream for supper. Yesterday some friends came to see us and they brought a large bouquet of flowers. It was composed mostly of roses and yellow honeysuckles. The roses are just beautiful, some are so lovely that I can hardly believe they are natural.

Respectfully,

CLARA KIMBALL.

WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Salt Lake City, Utah,

May 17th, 1898.

The weather during the week ending May 16th, was generally cloudy, moderately warm, and exceptionally favorable to the growth of vegetation. Hail fell on the 12th and 13th, doing some slight damage to foliage and vegetation in portions of Salt Lake, Morgan, Cache and Boxelder counties. The fine thunder showers during the latter part of the week were of great benefit to the growing crops which are in excellent condition and making satisfactory advancement.

Reports of correspondents indicate that crops throughout the State are very promising and never looked better at this time of the season. The dry farm grain and lucern made marked improvement since the rains of the past two weeks, and large crops are practically assured. The lucern and hay crops look well, and fall wheat is unusually fine in all sections. Spring grain is showing up nicely, and sugar beets are doing fine. Planting corn and potatoes is being pushed, the soil being in fine condition for the work; some of the early planted is up and growing fast. The outlook for an abundance of fruit, except peaches, continues good.

Fielding—Past week was cloudy and warm, with a few light thunder show-

ers; crops looking fine; spring seeding progressing.

Deweyville—Heavy thunder showers on the 12th, accompanied by hail, which did some damage to fruit; crops continue doing well.

Garland—Winter wheat is in boot; planting about done.

Benson—First part of the week was very favorable, but the latter part was stormy; on Thursday there was a hail storm that caused some damage to fruit trees and crops.

Lewiston—Lucern is about ten inches high; sugar beets are not coming up in some localities, owing to crusted ground.

Newton—Grain and gardens are in good condition; early fall grain about a foot high; spring grain all up.

Smithfield—The weather is fine for growing crops. Wheat is growing well; lucern and grass also doing well; corn is mostly planted; more rain is indicated.

Paradise—A fine week for growing crops; all small grain is in the ground and the rains have kept the ground moist; fruit trees are in full bloom; no damage from frost.

Price—The weather of the past week was fine; crops are growing nicely; fruit trees are nearly all in full bloom.

Lawrence—The weather has been favorable for farm work and every one feels hopeful for the future. With judicious management there will be plenty of water. The rain of the previous week formed a crust on the soil which, it is feared, young, tender sprouts cannot penetrate.

Coyote—The late sown crop is coming up; potato planting is the order of the day.

Tropic—Wheat and oats are looking well; had a good rain; the first corn planted is up; fruit trees and strawberries are doing well.

Mt. Carmel—There was a frost on the night of the 13th; lucern is looking sick.

Peterson—Grain and other crops have made great progress during the past week; potato planting is going on, seed potatoes are scarce; heavy hail storm occurred on the 13th, doing no damage in particular.

Scipio—A fine growing week; grain gardens and orchards doing well; good prospects.

Kingston—Highest temperature, 82 degrees; lowest, 39 degrees. On the 8th and 9th there was 100 per cent of sunshine; weather became cloudy on 10th and 11th, followed by rain on 12th; also lightning and thunder. Crops are growing nicely. Lucern is a foot high, potato planting has begun; everything looks very promising.

Miller—The fruit trees have cast their blossoms and spraying will soon be in order; late potatoes are being planted.

Mill Creek—The weather has been as good as could be desired.

Manti—Fruit is promising well; also small grain and hay.

Spring City—All crops are in good condition; good prospects for a bounteous harvest.

Hoytsville—A good growing week; garden truck is growing rapidly. Lucern is six inches high.

Plateau—The weather has been cool, no rain or snow; seeding not yet finished; grass is coming on fairly well.

Segurd—Most potatoes and corn are planted. Alfalfa is making a good growth. Currants and gooseberries promise good crops.

Meadowville—Past week's weather was favorable to all grain. Winter wheat is six inches high and stooling fine; spring grain is coming up. Lucern is six inches high. Farmers are busy with potato planting.

Calliston—Prospects are good for lots of fruit. Gardens and crops doing well.

Payson—Very changeable weather,

two very warm days, remainder of the week cool; crops not growing well. Lucern will soon be ready for the first cutting. Gardens and spring grain look well.

Santaquin—Some of the fall wheat is in the boot; corn and potato planting is about finished; lucern is 22 inches high; the hay crop never looked better. Good prospects for an abundance of fruit.

American Fork—Weather generally cloudy; vegetation looks well; we are busy planting potatoes.

Lehi—Highest temperature last week was 81 degrees, lowest 43 degrees. The weather has been good for growth, everything looks well, good prospects.

Salem—On account of recent rains the dry land grain and lucern will be unusually heavy.

Pleasant Grove—Corn and potato planting is in full blast. A good crop of all kinds of fruit except peaches is expected.

Lake Shore—Irrigating the grain crop; fall wheat doing well, so is the spring wheat since the rain, planting corn and potatoes.

Heber—The indications are for a full crop. Meadows and pastures are excellent.

Leeds—Good growing weather. The last storm insured to the farmers a good supply of water.

Lyman—Grain looks fair, small grain is mostly in.

Harrisonville—Irrigating is in full blast for gardens and cereals. Cutting lucern will begin this week.

Huntsville—Fruit trees and strawberries are in bloom.

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GEORGE G BYWATER.

The funeral ceremonies held over the remains of Elder Geo. G. Bywater Friday afternoon at the Assembly Hall were very impressive and interesting. Of the general authorities of the Church there were present Joseph F. Smith, of the First Presidency, Lorenzo Snow, John Henry Smith, Geo. Teasdale, Heber J. Grant, Mathias F. Cowley and A. O. Woodruff, of the Apostles; C. D. Fieldsted, J. G. Kimball and Geo. Reynolds, of the First Council of Seventies, and Wm. B. Preston and John R. Winder, of the presiding Bishopric. Also President Angus M. Cannon, Charles W. Penrose, Bishop Walter J. Beattie, Elder David L. Davis, the six surviving presidents of the Third quorum of Seventies, and ex-Governor Arthur L. Thomas.

The exercises were opened by the Temple choir singing, "We have met dear friends and brethren," and prayer was offered by Bishop Wm. B. Preston, after which the choir sang:

"Let us go where Saints are going."

The large congregation was then addressed by the following brethren in the order given: Bishop Walter J. Beattie, Elder Aurelius Miner, ex-Gov. Arthur L. Thomas, Elders Chas. W. Penrose and David L. Davis, Apostles John Henry Smith and Lorenzo Snow and Presidents Joseph F. Smith and Angus M. Cannon. All the speakers referred in very appropriate and sympathetic terms to the sterling qualities and most excellent character of the deceased, who, through his exemplary life and noble disposition, had endeared himself to all who had associated with him through life. Elder Bywater had made a splendid record as a Christian and as a citizen. Being far above the average of man in intelligence and general ability he had succeeded in making impressions for good upon all who had had the honor of his acquaintance. In the humbler capacity of a Teacher in the ward, in which he resided, as a president of a