

favorable to crops, being too dry and windy. First crop of lucern about all hauled and stacked, and most of the headed out. Grain and vegetables growing very slowly; light rain on the 2nd.

Box Elder—Weather conditions favorable to growing crops. Refreshing showers on second benefitted spring wheat, corn, potatoes, meadows and the second crop of lucern. First crop of alfalfa nearly all harvested; crop fair; grain heading out, but short in some localities. The rain of past week came too late to be of much benefit to dry farm grain.

Cache—Crops in general were much benefited by the rains during the week. Considerable lucern cut and not hauled damaged by the rain. Much spring wheat on dry farms beyond redemption; cherries ripe and plenty of them; most of the first crop of lucern cut; fruit doing nicely. Crops in general indicate less than usual yield.

Carbon—Past week has been warm and pleasant, and generally favorable to the growing crops, which are doing well. Green peas, plentiful; strawberries, all gone; currants, ripening fast.

Davis—The week has been favorable for growing crops, and everything looks refreshed after the good soaking rains. Winter wheat nearly ripe and some of it not worth cutting; watered crops looking well considering the unfavorable spring and extremes of temperature; currants and raspberries ripe and a fair crop; nearly all of first crop of lucern cut; splendid rain of Friday wet a good deal of hay and lodged heavy grain; harvesting wheat will commence next week.

Emery—The past week unusually favorable to the farmers who are busy harvesting the first crop of lucern which is a good crop; high winds and threatening storm on the 2nd but no rain fell, and no damage resulted from the gale.

Garfield—Week favorable to crops which are looking well and growing nicely; harvesting lucern in progress; crops tight in some localities; grain crop doing well.

Grand—No rain for three weeks; water for irrigation getting scarce; some crops suffering from the effects of hot dry winds; apricots ripe and all kinds of fruit in abundance.

Iron—The week warm and dry; crops looking well; first crop of lucern nearly all saved in fine condition; currants getting ripe; potatoes coming in blossom and looking nicely; water holding out well.

Joab—Another favorable week for haylog; first crop of lucern is now secured, most of it in good condition. Clinch bugs have made their appearance in the vicinity of Levan, in quite alarming numbers, doing some damage to wheat.

Kane—Weather dry and windy; tomatoes turning yellow and dying; gardens not doing as well as expected; all large fruit looking well; first crop of lucern about all cut.

Millard—Grain heading out and generally growing nicely; clinch bugs doing much damage; lucern harvest in full blast; hay in fine condition; much grain will be lost unless rain comes soon; prospects for fruit good.

Morgan—Thunder storms accom-

panied by rain and hail did considerable damage to hay, garden and field crops; spring grain poor; potatoes backward in growth; hay averages good over the county; wheat heading out.

Plute—Weather during week generally favorable to crops, which are growing nicely. Haying in full blast; vegetables doing well, new potatoes and green peas ready for use; meadows looking fine and promise a good crop of hay.

Rich—Past week very favorable for growth and crops made satisfactory advancement towards maturity. Squirrels doing considerable damage to grain and gardens.

Saopete—A week of good growing weather, nice showers on 2nd did a great deal of good to corn, potatoes and crops in general. First crop of lucern nearly all in the stack in good condition. Fruit and grain looking well; spring grain commencing to head out and winter rye will soon be ready to harvest.

Salt Lake—Heavy rain on the 2nd damaged an immense amount of lucern cut and down in the fields. Weather splendid for growth of crops, which are doing nicely. Fall wheat turning; corn and potatoes doing well. First crop of lucern nearly all out and stacked.

Summit—Farmers commencing to cut lucern; wheat about twelve inches high and looks very favorable; oats good; potatoes up and looking fine; strawberries getting ripe; the heavy rain on the 2nd did a great deal of good to crops in general.

Tooele—Good refreshing showers on the 2nd broke the protracted drought and invigorated crops generally; haying is general with something like an average crop; worms and insects are damaging gardens and field crops; in some localities the range and everything not irrigated are showing the effects of the drought and the wind.

Uintab—High winds and light showers prevailed during past week; the first cutting of lucern about completed; wheat and oats are looking well.

Utah—Fall wheat and barley commencing to ripen; spring grain doing well; lucern about all cut and stacked and a good crop; second crop of lucern growing fast; beets fairly good; cherries, raspberries and strawberries in abundance; apricots backward; harvesters getting ready for the wheat crop.

Wasatch—The past week has been favorable to the growing crops. Fruits and vegetables not very promising; first crop of lucern is being cut; grain looking well since the rain of 2nd. Rainfall on 2nd was .30 of an inch.

Wayne—Weather during past week generally favorable for growth of vegetation. Rain latter part of week did much good to vegetation in general. Haying going on; potatoes commencing to bloom. Corn somewhat backward; cherries ripening; grain looking fairly good; worms quite numerous and doing some damage to garden and field crops; small fruit fairly good.

Washington—Wheat harvest in operation; first crop of figs ripe; second cutting of lucern progressing; drying apricots; very large crop of June peaches, apricots, and early peaches; early

potatoes fine this year. General conditions A 1.

Weber—Good growing week with heavy and general precipitation giving great vitality to growing crops; also doing some damage to unharmed hay. Potatoes and corn look fine; all crops growing nicely.

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CORRECTIONS AND THANKS.

EDITOR NEWS—In my article "The Pioneers" there are two errors. One is typographical and makes me say this valley was as barren in 1847 "as were the shores of Massachusetts Bay in 1860." It should read "1620."

The other is my blunder. I say "Utah has half a million farms." The error was due to carelessness. In an article written for an eastern paper I gave industrial statistics showing Utah's progress. The acres under cultivation are in round numbers half a million. The farms in round numbers are twenty thousand. In my article for the NEWS I carelessly reversed this order and did not discover the mistake until too late to correct it. It should read "Utah has twenty thousand farms," etc.

Accept my thanks for your generous welcome and for the correction of that infamous story stated by an eastern drummer who deliberately personated me and attempted to win prestige among strangers by denouncing the Mormon people. It caused me no end of annoyance and I am glad to have it cleared up.

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MALAD STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Malad Sunday school conference was held Saturday and Sunday, June 26 and 27, 1897, Stake Superintendent J. W. Dudley presiding. There were present Supt. T. C. Griggs and Secretary J. M. Whittaker of the general board, the superintendent of the stake, presidency of the stake, several Bishops and leading men, with a large gathering of the young, especially on Sunday.

Supt. T. C. Griggs said he was pleased to meet with the conference in Malad, as this was his first visit here, and wished all present a happy and enjoyable time and gave some good instructions regarding Sunday school work.

Reports were given by the superintendents of the various schools.

Secretary J. M. Whittaker addressed the conference, relating to the children a story of Samuel the Prophet, which was listened to with great interest; also during the conference he sang the song In Our Lovely Deseret. There were several other exercises by the various schools. Supt. Griggs said he was pleased with the reports of the various schools; said he feared that we had not concert work enough in our schools; asked how many of the schools could recite the Articles of Faith, the Ten Commandments and the Lord's Prayer; told the parents to teach their children to pray.

Secretary J. M. Whittaker spoke of a model Sunday School, and gave instructions in general in regard to Sunday school work.

Elder O. C. Hoskins said he was