

Mapleton—Past week has been marked with general advancement in all kinds of farm work. The rain of the 18th and 19th did a great deal of good, and the slight frost that followed did no damage to fruits. Wheat and oats are up and are in a healthy condition; some beets have made their appearance above ground; everything promising.

American Fork—Past week very changeable; last Sunday and Monday very warm; Tuesday and Wednesday very stormy; Thursday and Friday very fine but cold north winds. Apricots out in full bloom; farmers busy; spring wheat is looking well.

UINTAH COUNTY.

Whiterocks—Past week has been favorable to all kinds of farm work; grass starting nicely; range is in splendid condition; some gardens have been planted and fifty per cent of the small grain is now in the ground. Have had several days of very heavy winds the past week which have dried out the wet land very much.

WASATCH COUNTY.

Wallsburg—Past week has been cold with a little snow each day since the 19th. Some wheat planted but the greater part is yet to be done; gardening is going on slowly but planting of all kinds will be pushed as soon as warm weather sets in.

WAYNE COUNTY.

Lyman—Forepart of week stormy with one-half inch of snow on night of 20th. Farmers busy putting in grain; no grain in sight yet above ground.

Fremont—Weather warm and favorable for crops; seeding progressing nicely; no winds or bad storms; probably one-half of seeding done.

Loa—Forepart of week cold and stormy with frost on night of 20th. Cold northerly winds latter part of week; farmers sowing and watering wheat.

WEBER COUNTY.

Uintah—The cold spell has stopped the present danger from high water. Spring wheat and early potatoes are being sown; lucern patches are getting green; peach trees show that most of the buds have been frost killed.

Plain City—Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday stormy; balance of week favorable for putting in crops. Radish, lettuce and some peas are up and doing well; no fall wheat to amount to anything in this section lucern growing fast.

Roy—Rain 21st and 22nd, was beneficial to all vegetation and our sandy land needed it. Since the rain, crops look fine; wheat and lucern fields can be seen for miles; some fruit tree blooming.

Marriotts—Wet and cold all week. Lucern and wheat have done well but gardens are backward. Snow and slight freeze night of 22nd. Fruit is held back and is uninjured. Ground is full of moisture and a few warm days will make everything grow.

Huntville—Just as the old snow of winter was gone a storm of rain and snow came upon us lasting three days. As soon as the ground dries up a little the farmers will begin spring work.

Harrisville—Greater part of the week stormy with rain, hail and snow, which retarded plowing, seeding and planting of crops, but was good for

high lands causing vegetation to spring up like mushrooms.

JUAB COUNTY.

Levan—Weather fine up to 20th, when a storm with rain, hail and snow set in followed by a cold north wind which has been blowing since then. Ice six-tenths of an inch morning of 23rd. Fruit not far enough advanced to hurt much.

Note—Correspondents whose reports do not appear in the bulletin will understand that their card was received after Monday which is too late for publication.

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ELDER JOSEPH HORNE DEAD.

The death occurred Tuesday, April 27 of Elder Joseph Horne, one of Utah's Pioneers, an one who has been numbered among the hardest workers in the State for the building up of this part of the country. The following brief sketch of his life, written by himself, tells a most interesting story of his career:

I am the son of Joseph Horne and Maria Maidens. Was born January 17th, 1812, in the city of London, England. My parents moved or emigrated to America when I was 6 years old, and lived several years in the city of Toronto, Upper Canada; then moved to a farm eight miles distant, in Scarboro county.

I was married to Mary Isabella Hales on the 9th day of May, 1836. There has been born to us fifteen children, six sons and nine daughters. Shortly after we were married Elder Orson Pratt preached the first Mormon sermon we heard, and we embraced the Gospel as taught by the Latter-day Saints, being baptized by Elder Orson Hyde in the July following.

The next spring I was introduced to the Prophet Joseph Smith. He, Sidney Rigdon and Thomas B. Marsh stayed with us several days. I took them with my team to Hamilton to visit Wm. Law, John Scott and others. They also visited the parents of H. W. Lawrence.

In the year 1838 I moved with my family to Far West, Caldwell county, Missouri. I purchased property there and passed through the persecutions with the Saints in that year. Under orders of Governor L. W. Boggs I, with others, was required to lay down my arms, and sign away my property ostensibly to pay the expenses of the mob war.

In the spring of 1839 we moved to Quincy, Ill.; lived there three years. The Prophet Joseph stayed with us two days and nights.

Early in 1842 we moved to Nauvoo, Ill., where I engaged in the mercantile business, in which I continued until February, 1846; when, by counsel of Pres. B. Young—I left that city with my family, consisting of my wife and three sons. We crossed the river in a boat and camped on Sugar creek six weeks; when the weather was cold enough to freeze the river over so that the Saints who followed crossed on the ice.

We traveled in the first company of Saints going west to find a home beyond the Rocky Mountains. President B. Young was the leader of the company. When we reached the

Missouri river we made our Winter Quarters. While there my wife and son Richard were sorely afflicted with scurvy.

In June, 1847, we started with the second company of Saints to cross the plains with ox teams, arriving in the Salt Lake valley Oct. 6th, 1847. Salt Lake City has been my home ever since.

Provisions were scarce in those early days. To help out our scanty supply an effort was made to catch fish. I brought the first cotton yarn into the valley, from which my wife and others, directed by Brother Wade-worth, made a seine; Brother W. made a boat, and in 1848 a small party of us went to Utah Lake, launched the boat and tried to catch fish, but were not very successful. When Elder John Taylor called for volunteers to go down the Jordan river Brother Bartel Covington and I responded, and rowed our boat down the river, being the first to navigate that stream, and bringing our seine along with us.

In 1850 I was called by President B. Young as one of a party of four to explore Sanpete valley. While on this trip I, with three others, ascended Mount Nebo. We also located Mantia as the place for a settlement, and while on the spur of the mountain, the Mantia temple now stands, we dedicated Sanpete valley as a home—a resting place for the Saints.

In November, 1850, I was called to go with Elder P. P. Pratt on an exploring expedition to explore the country between Utah lake and the Rio Virgen river; returned from this trip in February, 1851: In the fall of the same year I was called to accompany Elder Geo. A. Smith and others and commence the Parowan settlement. Thus it came about that I built the first cabin in Iron county; returned to Salt Lake City in the following summer.

In the spring of 1852 I was appointed superintendent of public works in the Temple block; was a member of the City Council at the same time. These positions I held until 1858, when I was called by President Brigham Young to take charge of a company of men and teams, go to the Rio Virgen river and try to establish a cotton farm; was thus engaged two years.

In November, 1856, I married Mary Park Shepherd, as my second wife. To us were born ten children, six sons and four daughters.

In the spring of 1861 I was called to take charge of a company of men and teams and go to the Missouri river to bring in a company of immigrating Saints. This was repeated the following year.

In 1878 I was elected justice of the peace of the Second precinct, Salt Lake City, which office I held for six years.

My first office in the Priesthood was that of a Deacon, then an Elder. I was ordained a Seventy, placed in the Fourth quorum, and soon after made a president of the Twenty-eighth quorum of Seventies, which office I held for several years.

In 1852 I was chosen to be a counselor to Bishop Abraham Hoagland in the Fourteenth ward; was also a school trustee and superintendent of Sunday school in that ward for several years.

In May, 1873, I was ordained a