

tree. The text in the procession was Truman Leonard and outfit, representing the early settlers, Pioneers, hard times, some dried meat hanging around the rude wagon and outfit; women in sun bonnets, men rough and ready, drawing quite a contrast between the Sunday School and Young Ladies' and Young Men's Mutual Improvement associations, which were in decorated wagons neatly fitted up for the occasion. But the grandest of all the outfits was that of the Goddess of Liberty, who stood in the midst of her suite, holding the staff of the flag of liberty. Flags with the red, white and blue were lavishly floating in the breeze, marking the line of procession which paraded the town, followed by numerous carriages, one of which was ornamented with sacks of silk cocoons by Lucy A. Clark. The large platform wagon representing woman's rights and suffrage was very conspicuous, taking a prominent part in the procession. Upon the whole, it was a grand display and a great credit to Farmington.

After the display and a continuous stream of music by the brass band all proceeded to Smith's grove where a stand had been erected for the occasion. Order was called, and after music and singing, prayer was offered by the chaplain, E. T. Clark, when a fitting program was rendered. An address of welcome by the mayor was first, then orations, toasts, music and singing filled up the time. "The singing of the Declaration of Independence" was feelingly rendered, and also the reading of the Declaration, Utah as the 45th star, shall not dim the constellation with which it will be numbered. Some very appropriate sentiments were expressed, a few of which were—"Woman suffrage; may she cool the fevered heats of political strife;" "The Bees of Desert are swarming, (Utah's best crop), look out for plenty of honey."

Utah was well represented on this occasion, and mostly by Farmington growth, and it was very creditably done. After benediction, parties spent the afternoon in feasting in groups under the shade of the commodious grove and in singing, music, games, etc. Surrounding this grove is meadow, some of which will turn out three tons of timothy and red clover per acre; six acres has just been sold for \$1,000.

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### A PLEA FOR THE BIRDS.

Mr. Oliver Hodgson, who has recently returned from a mission to England, brought with him a pair of English skylarks which he proposes to liberate in or around Salt Lake City. Mr. Hodgson has also arranged to have several pairs of the same kind of birds sent to Utah early next spring. These will also be liberated. The thoughtfulness indicated by this arrangement cannot be too highly commended. Our highest appreciation of it cannot be better expressed than to begin to create a public sentiment which will insist on these birds and other birds being protected. To our shame it must be said that boys and young men are the worst enemies with which our songbirds have to contend. All of this wanton destruction must cease, or we will inflict irreparable in-

jury upon ourselves. Already insects are committing fearful ravages on our fruit and shade trees. Nature's check to the undue increase of insects is found in the birds, and whenever people are so shortsighted as to destroy this check, they have to pay the penalty which nature always exacts from those who fail to comply with her requirements. Why can we not have a "bird day" as well as an "arbor day?" Church and school unite to make the latter a success and great good comes from so doing. Might we not, with moral and material profit to ourselves, devote one day in the year to a careful consideration of the value of birds and of the best means of properly protecting them? Probably no other state in the Union has her sons so widely scattered over the world as has Utah. It is not at all improbable that many of these men would cheerfully bring birds home with them and liberate them if the birds were protected as they should be. Could this be done, we might eventually have a wonderful assortment of birds in our groves and fields. These would not only be a blessing to us, but they would gradually radiate from here to other parts of our land. Will not all lovers of nature give this subject consideration? Let us see if we can not devise means whereby we may work together for the general good of all. Respectfully,

C. A. WHITING.

### WEATHER AND CROPS.

The weather during the past week was of a seasonable character and very favorable to the general crops. Showers occurred during the latter part of the week in Tooele, Utah, Sanpete, Millard, Wasatch, Sevier, Box Elder, Weber, Salt Lake, Uintah, Summit, Grand, Garfield and Juab counties. Thunderstorms occurred on the 28th and 29th, in the central and northern sections. The temperature has averaged slightly above the normal and the sunshine has been abundant.

The weather during the past week was generally favorable for farm operations and the growth of crops. Corn, potatoes and other tender crops which were greatly damaged by the late frosts are rapidly recovering and have made good headway toward maturity during the week. Haying operations have been delayed by showers, which have done some damage to cut hay lying in the fields. Wheat is turning color and shows signs of ripening. Apricots are ripe and corn is tasseling in southern sections. Cut worms and grasshoppers are doing considerable damage to fruit, gardens and alfalfa in Uintah and Juab counties. In portions of Wasatch county most of the vegetable crops will be a failure on account of the late frosts; the season being too short for replanting. The outlook for an average crop of fruit continues promising. In the northern sections the ranges are in good condition, but in the southern sections they are rather poor on account of the prevailing dry weather.

Uintah—The great heat of this week has promoted the growth of a kind of crops. Potatoes, corn and other tender vegetation which was so greatly injured by the frost are now rapidly getting over it. Hay has all

been gathered up. Wheat looks splendid and shows signs of ripening.

Deweyville—The first outcrop of lucern is nearly finished. The full extent of the wheat crop by the late frost can't be told yet. A good bower of rain would be of benefit.

Center—Very favorable weather during the week. Haying has commenced; grain looks well and potatoes and corn are coming along all right.

Huntsville—it was thought that small grain was not injured by the late frost, but it is now too late to have been damaged in some places. Potatoes are coming along all right.

Yost—The weather this week has been dry and windy and very hot.

Moab—Apricots are ripe. A pleasant shower on the 28th.

Cannonville—Weather very hot and sultry; everything growing fine; crops doing well; some corn tasseling out. No rain.

Harrieville—The week has been dry with some heavy winds lodging lucern and heavy grain, making it hard to harvest. Tender vines are recovering from the effects of the late frosts, increasing the prospects for a good crop of all vegetation. Water getting scarce.

Monroe—Splendid growing week for all kinds of crops. Cold weather during the last month has cut the lucern crop short.

Ricefield—Good week for crops and procuring hay.

Holmen—Warm growing weather. Crops in general look well. Frost has not injured fruit; rye beginning to change color.

Scipio—Crops growing well. Haying commenced. Cut worms on lucern and chinch bugs on grain, doing some damage.

Heber—The outlook for potatoes is quite slim. I think one-half of the vines are killed to the root; the rest are recovering very slowly. Corn, beans, cucumbers, etc., about an entire failure, being too late to replant for our short seasons. Lucern cutting has commenced.

Moroni—Hauling of lucern has commenced to head; some lucern only one-third of a crop compared with last year, frost and worms being the cause.

New Harmony—The past week has been favorable to crops in general. Light rain on the 27th and 28th. The rain storms on the 28th and 29th stopped lucern hauling for two or three days. Grain is being watered for the last time. Potatoes, corn and beans getting over the hard frosts. The weather has been very favorable for crops the past week.

Payson—Crops doing well. New potatoes and green peas are here. Weather fine as could be for farmers; though some water is needed.

Tooele—All crops doing well. Lucern cutting in full blast, but short crop in some places on account of scarcity of water.

Snowville—Irrigation in full blast. Range is dying up; grain and lucern getting over the effects of the frost.

Meadow—Weather fine and warm; everything looking well; lucern nearly all saved but not quite as heavy as expected. New potatoes and peas plentiful; small fruit ready to pick.

Levan—A fine growing week, with a couple of nice showers on the 29th.