

A reporter attended one of the meetings and the next day published a long piece ridiculing us. That very piece did its share in drawing a large crowd the following Sunday.

At the close of a meeting a man came forward and announced himself as Rev. Daleen. After getting permission of Elder Hanson to ask a few questions, he very earnestly stated that he did not believe Mormonism, because it was a false doctrine founded on a stolen novel, that revelation now was contrary to the Scriptures; that the Mormons in Utah were terribly immoral and still practiced polygamy. We modestly contradicted his statements and asked for some proofs. He said he had some letters from Utah that he had left at home. He would bring them, though, to our next meeting.

Elder Hanson then began reading some passages of Scripture that promise revelation in our day, but Mr. Daleen suddenly left us.

We have a kind friend in Salt Lake who labors zealously to keep up the people's interest in Mormonism by sending free numbers to people here of a little sheet in which the statements made regarding the Saints are so startling that they cause many people, who would otherwise be indifferent, to come and hear us.

This spring the editor of the sheet published a pitiful letter in the Malmo papers, praying for financial aid and stating that twenty thousand countrymen in Utah were suffering for the want of spiritual food, and he only had one pastor to assist him in relieving this terrible famine.

FROM NORWAY.

Fredrikstad, Norway, May 1, 1898.

Conference is a very important epoch in the life of the missionary. He anticipates it with a feeling of pleasure and looks upon it as a time of rejoicing, for at conference he has the opportunity of meeting in religious worship with those who cherish the same belief as himself, with those who understand the Scriptures as he does. And above all of coming in contact with those who are led by the same Supreme Spirit, in whose hearts fondly are cherished the same dear hopes and divine expectations, as his own. At conference the missionary receives a general upbuilding in his faith, he partakes of a spiritual feast.

Our conference was held in Christiania April 9th and 10th. The opening meeting was held Saturday evening, Elder D. K. Brown presiding. The choir sang a hymn and the moment the first beautiful strain of the heavenly music flowed from the choir in the balcony, a calm, peaceful and comforting spirit seemed to sweep, like a gentle summer zephyr, over the assembled worshippers, and the Divine Spirit was retained during the entire conference. At the conclusion of the opening exercises, Elder Brown spoke a few appropriate words of welcome. Next the missionaries made their reports, and each one stated that all is well. There is very little persecution, and the people seem willing to hear and investigate.

Sunday, 10 a.m.—After the usual exercises, the missionaries continued with their reports, after which Elder Brown was released and Brother C. W. Petersen appointed to succeed him. Remarks were then made by Chas. Thompson and John Petersen.

2 p.m.—After opening exercises, Elder Enoch Jorgensen of Copenhagen conference and C. N. Lund, president of the Scandinavian mission, addressed the meeting and admonished the Saints to faithfulness and diligence in the Gospel.

8 p.m.—After the usual exercises, Elder Brown spoke on revelation and

its necessity, Elder Petersen followed with a discourse on the authenticity of the Book of Mormon. Elder Lund closed with an address on the Gospel in general. Conference then adjourned.

On Monday a Priesthood meeting was held, in which we received much counsel, advice and good instruction from our presidents.

After talking over old times, and general handshaking, the Elders gradually "paired off" and left for their respective fields with renewed energy, hope and courage, and with a firm resolve to good unto our fellow men.

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WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 24, 1898.

The weather conditions during the week ending May 23rd were not altogether favorable to agricultural interest in Utah. The week was characterized by low temperatures, abnormal cloudiness and excessive precipitation. During the early part of the week considerable snow fell in portions of Summit, Sanpete, Juab, Garfield and Wayne counties. On the 20th and 21st a moderately severe cold wave passed over the State, causing freezing temperatures and heavy frosts in many localities which did some damage to gardens, fruit buds and other tender vegetation.

The copious rains of the past two weeks, while beneficial to vegetation in general, were somewhat detrimental to the low land grain, which is beginning to turn yellow in some districts on account of the saturated condition of the soil.

The planting of corn and potatoes is not yet finished. The stormy weather having interfered with the work. The sugar beets are up with a good stand, growing nicely, and are reported as looking very promising. The first crop of lucern is beginning to blossom, and from present appearances the yield will be unusually heavy throughout the State. In the southern portion of the State strawberries are ripe, and garden vegetables are ready for market.

The grain crops are said to look remarkably promising, but making slow progress on account of the cold weather and absence of sunshine. Warmer weather during the coming week, which is very likely, will improve the condition of crops very materially.

Greenville—The weather has been very stormy, its equal has never been known at this time of the season. Four inches of snow fell here on the night of 15th. Some frost without damage. Everything is wet enough to grow in any kind of soil.

Snowville—Rainfall 1.75 inches since Sunday night. Grain is doing well and farmers are jubilant.

Garland—The ground is perfectly soaked. Frost on the night of the 19th cut down garden truck such as beans, potatoes and corn.

Deweyville—Rain fell on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th. Frost on the 20th. Crops are in excellent condition.

Benson—Finest rain this week we have had for years; everything is doing well.

Newton—Last week's weather will prove of great value to the farmers; nice growing weather.

Meadow—The past week has not been very favorable for the growth of grains and vegetation owing to the rain being cold, still everything is looking well. Fall grain is nearly in the boot.

Logan—All crops are in good condition; we have had plenty of rain for the present.

Hyde Park—Rained four days the past week; light frost on the 20th; never saw crops look better.

Kaysville—Dry land wheat will now mature. The prospects are good for a sugar beet crop; thinning has commenced. If no damaging frost occurs the fruit crop will be normal.

Green River—The past week has been very favorable for crops. Small varieties of vegetables are ready for use. Lucern is in bloom.

Lawrence—Plenty of rain in Castle Valley. The thermometer went down to freezing but no damaging frosts occurred until the morning of the 21st when a heavy white frost occurred; damage not yet known.

Moab—On the 17th the frost injured grape vines and strawberry foliage.

Tropic—The rain continued all the week. Wheat, oats, corn and potatoes look well.

Coyote—The snow and the rain has made everything look fresh; our crops are growing nicely. Snow in the mountains is doing great damage to sheepmen.

Panguitch—Crops of wheat, oats and barley are planted and growing nicely. Beginning with Monday the season has been the finest for many years.

Levan—It is now thought that there will be sufficient water for irrigation to mature the crops. Lucern is a foot high; no damage by frost.

Ranch—Good weather for grass and up-land grain.

Mt. Carmel—All crops are looking well.

Peterson—Grain on bottom land need sunshine. Frost injured potatoes, corn and beans.

Scipio—All kinds of crops are doing well, prospects are good.

Holden—Everything is well soaked; when it grows warm crops will make progress; no frost yet.

Hinckley—Prospects are good for a heavy crop; grain is looking well.

Monticello—Alfalfa looks fairly well but the frost nipped in places.

Mill Creek—Potatoes and corn planting delayed owing to stormy weather; crops look well.

Chester—All grain is looking well. Frost Friday night and ice formed thick as window glass.

Spring City—Rain and snow the whole week; crops looking well.

Manti—There has been an unusual downpour of rain. There were light frosts. A bountiful harvest is assured; fruit is promising.

Hoysville—Potato planting is now in order. Small fruits are in full bloom. Frost did considerable damage to garden truck.

Peoa—The past week has been very wet but of great benefit to crops; six inches of snow fell on the 17th. Frost on the 21st did some damage to tender plants.

Lake Shore—We have stopped irrigating on account of plenty of water from the rain. The rain could not have come in a better time.

Pleasant Grove—Vegetation is growing and looks well after the rain.

Payson—Beets are growing nicely, corn is up and grain and hay never were better.

Lehi—Highest temperature during the week, 66 degrees; lowest, 40. Beets are growing rapidly and lucern prospects are good.

American Fork—Rain and snow aided crops on bench lands; alkali in bottom lands is turning crops yellow.

Santaquin—All nature looks glorious in radiant verdure. This rain has done great good.

Salem—Crops are growing on account of cold rains. Farmers are nearly through putting in crops.

Loa—Wheat and grass are looking green.

Lyman—The ground is well watered; crops are looking fair.

Huntsville—A killing frost occurred Friday and Saturday mornings. Grain looks well. Lucern is 8 inches high.