

take him to Himself. We all felt that his last hours had come and knew it was the will of the Lord that he was called back home for a greater work awaiting his coming. He was hopeful and maintained consciousness to the last.

A premonition by a dream was given him a short time before his sickness, of his end, but he took no particular notice of it.

Elder Maughan was an energetic laborer in the Lord's vineyard and did as much as lay in his power for the advancement of the cause. He laid down his life in bringing salvation to his fellowmen. He stood at his post a true hero and faithful servant of God. His reward is that of a martyr; his future hopes are great; his mission of love is now in the eternal worlds.

The remains of Elder Maughan were accompanied to Chicago from Anderson by Elders Joseph E. Cardon and W. R. Andrew, and after proper arrangements with the railroads, were accompanied to Weston, Idaho, by President Lewis A. Kelsch, leaving Chicago June 4, 1898, at 6:30 p. m.

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#### WEEKLY CROP BULLETIN.

Salt Lake City, Utah, June 6, 1898.

During the past week, ending June 6th, there was a marked change in the character of precipitation. There was a cessation of the frequent and almost continuous showers of the preceding five weeks. With exception of a snow-storm commencing on the afternoon of the 2nd and ending on the morning of the 3rd, during which .30 to .80 inches of precipitation occurred, there was practically no other precipitation. Cool weather continued with light frosts in some sections each night. On the morning of the 3rd and 4th a heavy frost occurred. The week terminates with most favorable weather conditions.

Cold and changeable weather has checked the growth of garden truck, corn and fruits, and the frosts which were general on the 3rd and 4th have done considerable damage to tender vines, peas, potatoes and possibly fruits. Peas that escaped the frosts are now in bloom, and potatoes that were not showing above ground are safe. In some sections strawberries and gooseberries are ripening rapidly. Sugar beets are doing well; they are coming up with a good stand.

There is a good prospect for apples, while plums will be scarce. Apple trees are coming into bloom. It is thought that the grain crop will come to maturity, and the berry be plump without the assistance of irrigation. On high lands the grain and grass are making a most pleasing growth. Lucern is being cut in some sections. Warmer weather is needed to bring grasses to maturity. The prospects are excellent for large crops of cereals and hay.

Garland—Wheat is still growing and looking well. The weather is still cool. The ground is wet. Lucern is very heavy. It is too cold for corn and vegetables.

Deweyville—The past week has been cold, with light showers on the 2nd and 3rd. Snow fell on the hills on the 4th. Corn and garden vegetables are not growing much. Grain and lucern are doing well. Haying will soon commence.

Greenville—Everything is growing well. Potato planting is nearly over.

Cache Junction—The weather was very changeable last week, cold but no frost. Light shower thunder storm and hail on Friday night.

Newton—Spring wheat is covering

the ground. Lucern will soon be ready for cutting. Sugar beets are up. Gardens are backward.

Paradise—We have had one frost that slightly injured currants. Grain grass and lucern are growing nicely. Potatoes are planted and corn nearly so. Good prospects for apples. Plums are nearly a failure.

Logan—A cold cloudy week, no frost. Dry farm wheat looks well. Lucern is doing well and will be ready to cut in about ten days.

Hyde Park—Work on the beets was retarded by rain. Corn has rotted in the ground. Crops look fine on upper lands and yellow on low lands.

Benson—Grain and grasses are making good progress. Lucern will soon be ready to cut. The weather has been very changeable.

Woods Cross—Grain and grass are doing well; lucern is badly lodged. The weather has been very damaging to watermelons, cantelopes, cucumbers, oyster plans and peppers, all of which are mostly a failure.

Greenville—Strawberries are ripening rapidly. Lucern has commenced in earnest. The hay crop will be large.

Asa—The wind last week was somewhat damaging to grain. June 3rd water froze in ponds.

Tropic—The past week was favorable to all crops; strawberries are ripe; there is plenty of water and farmers expect a good crop of fruit; spraying is in progress.

Coyote—The weather has been fair for growing crops; we will have some plums and a few apples, currants and gooseberries if we do not get a late frost.

Parowan—Crops are growing nicely; early peas are beginning to bloom; potato planting is finished; plenty of water for irrigation.

Levan—Another cold rain and snow-storm on the 2nd made the thermometer fall to the freezing point; corn will have to be replanted; potatoes are coming up; tender vegetables have been nipped by frost.

Ranch—The weather has been very good for small grain; recent heavy winds have dried the ground rapidly.

Scipio—Tender vegetables have been nipped by the frost on the morning of the 3rd, but are looking well.

Holden—A light frost occurred on the morning of the 3rd, which failed to injure anything.

Henckley—Frost injured tender vines Friday night.

Peterson—Grain on uplands is looking well; lucern is making a rapid growth.

Kingston—Everything is growing nicely; Friday night a heavy frost damaged potatoes, garden truck and fruit.

Koosharem—High winds every day and frost every night; some damage has been done to lucern.

Meadowville—All crops look well; snow fell in the mountains on the 3rd.

Spring City—Small grain and grass are doing nicely; lucern is beginning to bud; frost night of 3rd killed potatoes, beans and squash, also injured corn and fruit.

Chester—Grain and hay look well; prospects are favorable for a large crop; a hard frost damaged almost everything on the morning of the 4th.

Manti—On the morning of the 4th, frost cut the potato tops.

Fountain Green—Frost damaged fruit and gardens.

Monticello—Hot south winds are warming and drying the ground; ground is in good condition; the alfalfa crop will be heavy.

Sigurd—Frost has nipped potato vines, corn and tender garden stuff; grain and grasses are doing well.

Plateau—Frost occurred nearly every night. Grass is doing well and grain that is up is doing well.

American Fork—Cold rains have retarded planting. Lucern is wanting sunshine to bring the blossoms out.

Lake Shore—Lucern is commencing to blossom; sugar beets look well and have a good stand. Garden truck doing well.

Salem—Prospects are good for excellent crop of small grain and lucern. Too much wet for the low land. Some will plant potatoes and corn over, the seed having rotted.

Santaquin—Some of the corn is up and some will have to be replanted.

Lehi—The highest temperature was 77 deg., lowest 41. Weather rather cold and windy.

Uintah—Strawberries and gooseberries are now in the market and being shipped in large quantities.

Huntsville—Grain on low lands looks sickly. Potato planting that was delayed on account of the storm is now about finished.

Harrisville—Weather is still unsettled, delaying the cutting of lucern, which is fully ripe. Grain will be plump and good without any irrigation.

Heber—Frost occurred every night; injured potatoes and tender vines, very few peas are left. Pretty fair crops of apples and plums.

Pinto—Grain looks well. The ground is drying rapidly now.

Peca—Snow fell on the afternoon of the 2nd and morning of 3rd, weighting down shrub bushes to the ground. Some garden seeds have settled. Apple trees are in bloom and potatoes are up; strawberries are loaded with blossoms.

Payson—Heavy frost occurred Thursday and Friday nights, doing damage to beans, corn, potatoes and tender vines. Some will have to be replanted. Lucern is ready to cut for hay.

J. H. SMITH,  
Section Director.

Per S. M. BLANDFORD.

#### IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Charlestown, May 21, 1898.

Our last conference was held in the city of Baltimore, one of the large cities of the Union, and it was very poorly attended. We were instructed by our worthy president, Elder A. P. Kesler, to go out on the streets, which we did, and held four open air meetings in one evening so no doubt there were many more that heard the sound of the Gospel, than would if the hall where we held conference had been crowded.

After conference closed which was on the 1st of May, we were assigned to labor in our different fields for the coming season. I was to meet a new companion in Washington which I did on the third of May, it being Elder George F. Ashley from Paris, Idaho. We, with some other Elders on the same errand, stopped there for two days and had the pleasure of shaking hands with President McKinley and visiting some of the public buildings which were very interesting. But what was most gratifying and pleased us most while in Washington was our meeting with four of our sisters from Zion, who were attending the Mothers' Congress, which was in session at that time.

After leaving Washington we started for our field of labor, Jefferson county, West Virginia, where we arrived on the 5th. We went into Charlestown, the county seat, tried to get the court house and a number of the churches, but were refused, so we went on the street and held a meeting and gave out notice that we would hold another the next night, which we did. There were a number of questions asked at the close of the services which were answered satisfactorily. The few days we have been here we have found the people very kind and hospitable as a rule and the prospects are very good for the near future, for a great work