

for the first cutting; the ranges never looked better. Fruit is coming on well, except where affected by frosts early in the week; a few complaints of prunes and plums dropping; strawberries are ripening and will soon be on the market.

Cool nights have caused a gradual melting of snow, and streams are nearly stationary or rising slowly; high water is still causing some sort of anxiety in places where there is much liability to injury; the damage so far has been confined principally to bridges and roads. Teton river is overflowing its banks; the north and south forks of the Snake river are bank full and on the rise; the Upper Snake is beyond its bank in many places but still (at Idaho Falls) about five feet below the high water mark of 1894; high water still prevails in Wood river, and 350 yards of railroad track have been washed away in the vicinity of Gimlet, Blaine county; the Boise river remains high, and much damage has been done; in Washington county a considerable acreage of grain is under water, and rivers are still rising rapidly.

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Section Director.

### ST. GEORGE STAKE CONFERENCE.

On Saturday, 18th June, the meeting of the Priesthood of the Stake convened in St. George tabernacle, preliminary to the public assembly of quarterly conference appointed to be held Sunday and Monday, 14th and 15th June.

At the Priesthood meeting, as also at the subsequent meetings, President McArthur, assisted by his counselors, David H. Cannon and Erastus B. Snow, presided.

We have not been favored with the presence of any of our brethren who are general authorities of the Church, but we have had a very good attendance of the officers and members of our own Stake. We were blessed with the presence and faithful ministry of three of our sisters from Salt Lake City—Cornelia C. R. Wells, sent by the general presidency of the Relief Society; Mary B. Freeze, delegated by the general presidency of the Young Ladies; M. I. A. and Sister Louisa L. G. Richards, aside to the general presidency of the Primary Associations. The humble, divinely directed labors of these devoted sisters in their respective spheres are most cordially appreciated, not only by the organizations to whom they were specially sent, but by all others who were present at the meetings which they addressed, during the five days they have been in St. George. Their program is to visit and minister at other places in this Stake, going from here to Washington, Leeds, Toquerville, Virgin City and Rockville, then leaving this Stake and going to Kanab Stake.

The instructions, admonitions and encouragement given by the speakers at our conference were pertinent to the occasion, and were dispensed in the following order: President McArthur, returned missionaries, John M. Allen and Ira Bradshaw; Bishops Jeter, Snow and Robert Knell, Sunday morning; returned missionary Elder Neagle, Counselor David H. Cannon and James G. Bleak on Sunday afternoon; on Monday morning the speakers were,

Counselor Erastus B. Snow and our old-time fellow laborer, Anthony W. Irvine, now president of the Mexican mission; after these the general authorities of the Church as presented at the last General Conference and the Stake authorities were presented and sustained without dissent. The concluding session of our conference, held Monday afternoon, was addressed by father Edward Bunker, Bishop James Andrus, Elder Thomas Judd and Bishop Edward Bunker Jr., and Brigham Y. McMullin. The concluding speaker was President McArthur.

On Sunday evening there was a joint conference of the Sunday school officers and of the mutual improvement associations of the Stake. A striking characteristic of the teaching of this entire quarterly conference was the direct practical nature of the addresses on the times we live in and of the duties incumbent upon officers and people, toward God and man.

JAMES G. BLEAK, Clerk.

### AN IMPORTANT OPINION.

The liability of a railroad company for the death of tralumen because of mistake of telegraph operators who fail to transmit important messages through negligence, was discussed at great length in two opinions handed down by the United States Court of Appeals in San Francisco Monday. The case in point was the Oregon Short Line and Utah Northern vs Frost. Judges Gilbert and Ross handed down a majority opinion reversing the lower court in awarding Mrs. Hattie Frost damages for the death of her husband, James Frost, who was an engineer in the employ of the Short Line, and who was killed in a collision between Ogden and Butte through the negligence of the operator at Dillon failing to notify him that there was a wild train ahead. Judge Gilbert, tendering the majority opinion, held that the main question involved was whether the telegraph operator was a fellow servant of the company with the engineer and conductor of the train. It was argued that he was, and that the responsibility of the company was at an end when its dispatcher notified the operator at Dillon that a wild train was on the track, and that Frost's train should sidetrack there until it had passed. In support of this opinion, the decisions of many courts were quoted. Judge Hawley rendered a dissenting opinion, in which he held to the views which Justice Field holds. He said that "the question turns rather on the character of the act than the relation of employees to each other. If the act was one done in the discharge of some positive duty of the master to the servant, then negligence in the act is the negligence of the master." Judge Hawley held that "the general rule that those who entered into the service of a common master become thereby engaged in common service and are fellow-servants, and that the common master is not liable for the negligence of one of his servants which has resulted in injury to his fellow-servant," does not furnish the ground upon which the Supreme court recently reversed the noted case of the Northern Pacific v. Charles, in which similar questions are involved. It is his opinion that this case is not affected by that deci-

sion, and he quotes many opinions and cases to show that the just view is that the operator's responsibility entails equal responsibility on the company.

### REVIEW OF MAY WEATHER.

The average temperature for the State was 51 degrees; highest monthly mean, 64 degrees, at Gilie; lowest monthly mean, 38 degrees, at Park City and Tooele. The highest temperature was 104 degrees, at St. George on the 28th, and the lowest, 12 degrees, at Soldier Summit, on the 14th and 15th; range of temperature for the State, 92 degrees.

The warmest days were the 25th, 26th, 27th and 28th, and the coldest, the 14th, 15th and 16th.

The average precipitation for the State was 1.52 inches; greatest amount recorded was 4.22 inches at Park City, and the least amount a trace at Cisco. There was an average of 5 days during the month on which one-hundredth of an inch or more of rain or melted snow fell.

The average number of clear days was 12; partly cloudy, 12; and cloudy, 7. There was 53 per cent of sunshine at Salt Lake City and 56 per cent (estimated) at Grover, Wayne county, during the month.

The prevailing wind was southwest. Total movement of the wind at Salt Lake City was 4,933 miles, and the maximum velocity, 48 miles per hour on the 1st, from the west.

Thunderstorms—Levan, 29th, 30th; St. George, 29th; Parowan, 29th; Heber, 29th, 30th; Fort Duchesne, 29th, 30th; Vernal, 29th, 30th, 31st; Snowville, 18th; Solpico, 29th; Grover, 13th, 15th, 28th, 29th; Mammoth, 29th; Moab, 29th; Gilie, 11th, 15th, 29th; Thistle, 30th; Pabrah, 19th; Salt Lake City, 30th; Koosharem, 29th.

Sandstorm—Koosharem, 6th; Grover, 5th; Parowan, 28th.

Hail—Tooele, 19th; Koosharem, 10th, 15th; St. George, 29th; Levan, 5th, 10th, 11th, 29th.

Solar Halo—Gilie, 11th.

Killing Frost—General throughout the State on 15th.

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### THE DEAD.

Peaceful be their Rest.

HOLT—At St. George, Washington Co., June 9th, 1896, Jacob Leroy, beloved son of Franklin O. and Emma M. Holt, aged 2 years, 9 months and 9 days.

PARSONS.—In this city, June 22, 1896, of pneumonia, Martha M. Parsons, wife of Geo. O. Parsons; born August 8, 1837, at Lefield, Whitney, Oxford, England.

PARRATT.—In the Nineteenth ward, June 22nd, of paralysis, in his eighty-fourth year, George Ferris Parratt. The date of the funeral has not yet been decided upon.

HURST.—In this city, June 17, 1896, of consumption, Elizabeth Hurst, wife of James Hurst, and daughter of William and Ruth Edwards. She was born in the Fourth ward, this city, in 1809. She leaves a husband, four children and other relatives and many friends to mourn her loss.

SHEPHERD.—Ellen Inches Shepherd, wife of John Shepherd, June 15th, 1896, of pneumonia, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Archibald, at Granite, Little Cottonwood. Deceased was born March 28, 1837, in Fifehire, Scotland. She was the daughter of James and Agnes Inches.

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