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EXCURSION TO THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

On September 7th the farmers of the northern part of the state will have an opportunity to see Utah's great industrial school, the grounds, farm, livestock, conservatories, etc. A special excursion train will leave Salt Lake about 7 o'clock a. m. on September 7th, and as this is Labor day, a legal holiday, it is expected that a large crowd will be in attendance. The excursion cannot help but be a most instructive one. The train will pass through some of the finest orchards and most fruitful fields, Davis, Weber, Box Elder, and Cache counties. The Cache Commercial Club will take the visitors in charge, and free transportation will be given to the College. At the College the excursionists will be taken in charge by the officials, and a free luncheon will be served. The party will be shown around the grounds, buildings, etc., and a "boosters" meeting will

be held in the Logan tabernacle, and Cache county will show her appreciation of the great State Institution located within her borders, on this occasion. The fare for the round trip from Salt Lake City will only be \$2.25, and there will be no other expense. Everybody should accompany the excursionists to the Agricultural College on September 7th.

A VISIT OF INSPECTION.

The writer of this article has just completed a tour of inspection of some of the state arid farms in company with Dr. E. D. Ball, Director of the Utah Experiment Station, Dr. L. J. Briggs and Prof. W. M. Jardine of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The parties spent a day on the state farm at Nephi, another day on the farm belonging to the Utah Arid Farm Company in Dog Valley, another day on the Tooele county experimental farm, one day in Salt Lake county, several days in Sevier county, and some time in Cache county. Everywhere the prospects of dry farming are most encouraging, a number of new companies have been formed, large tracts of land are being brought under cultivation, and the outlook is most hopeful. Probably the best field of wheat seen during the entire trip was that of Grace Brothers at Nephi, where an average yield of probably 37 bushels to the acre on the 300-acre yield, will be secured. Dr. Briggs was very much gratified with the conditions found here and with the development that has been made.

IN SEVIER COUNTY.

The writer has just returned from a trip to Sevier county where he went to inspect the State Experimental farms located some twenty miles southeast of Richfield. This farm is at an elevation of some seven thousand feet. At the time of the visit the wheat had not yet matured, but there was sufficient moisture in the ground to insure its perfect development. A number of the plants gave promise of yielding at least 18 bushels per acre. It would be a splendid thing if the farmers of Sevier county could be brought to realize that a yield of this kind is equivalent to 45 to 50 bushels of wheat on irrigated land. Especially gratifying,

however, on this farm was the condition of the grasses. Of these tests Bromus Inermis gives the best promise. The grass seeded under the writer's direction there five years ago, stands knee high, covers the ground well, and Mr. Fairbanks, the foreman in charge reports that this grass is most desired of all by live stock. The farm is kept in a splendid condition by Mr. J. W. Fairbanks, the efficient foreman, and the results already secured show beyond any question of doubt that the desert lands of Sevier and Wayne counties will be ultimately reclaimed.

BRIGHAM CITY PEACH DAY.

Since our last issue, plans have been crystalizing looking to the erection of stands and booths on the square north of the court house. Mr. Funk was over the grounds last Tuesday estimating the amount of space we can utilize to advantage there with a view to providing suitable quarters for exhibitions of fruits and novelty stands, etc. We shall be in position very soon to receive applications for space.

We most sincerely believe that every man, woman and child will take such an interest in this celebration that everything we have planned shall pan out entirely satisfactory.

Show everybody the cheerful face and extend the glad hand. Send out your invitations, everybody, everywhere, so that all may know. Then when our friends come let us see to it that every mother's son of them and daughter, too, gets some of the very best peaches we can produce.

Before very long, the special boxes for Peach Day will be ready for distribution among the multitude of growers 'round about. Each grower will take a delight in filling the boxes with good peaches that will fit snug. This year there will be no such thing as one person getting credit for the good work or the good fruit put up by another, but each will receive his proper credit. A neat card will accompany every box upon which the contributor will sign his or her name. Thus each person who receives a box will know just where it came from and where to look when good peaches are wanted hereafter, either this year or next.

September 16th is the day, and

don't be backward about giving out the good word.

Dr. Ball of the Agricultural College at Logan was visiting the State Experiment Farm in the Washington field the latter part of last week. He was here on Pioneer Day and was out collecting bugs in the evening when he was caught in the heavy storm and got a good bath.—Washington County News.

It will be a matter of much congratulation to Dr. Ball's many friends to know that he survived the bath alright.—Ed.

DRY FARMING.

Kenarra to the Front.

Last Tuesday Wm. C. Reeves of Kanarra came into the office and brought with him samples of wheat that he has raised without water.

He said he had read several articles in the Record about arid farming and the success some were having in the raising of wheat without water and decided to bring a few samples to show the Cedar people that Kanarra was not behind her sister town.

The samples Mr. Reeves brought were taken at random in his field and are beauties. One sample of common Touse that is raised usually only with water will go about 20 bushels to the acre. A sample of Red Chaff was also brought in that Mr. Reeves says will easily go 25 bushels to the acre.

It has been thought by a number of people in Cedar that this place was the only one in which was to be found men who had faith in arid farming, but from the remarks of Mr. Reeves, Kanarra is away ahead of Cedar or any other town in Iron County. Not in the matter of producing more to the acre but the amount of land under cultivation. Kanarraites will go more extensively into the business next year and the readers of the Record need not be surprised if the citizens of Kanarra lead them in arid farming by long odds.—Iron County Record.

WHY HE DIDN'T SEE HER.

She—"I saw you in the street car the other evening, Mr. Saxby."

He—"Did you? Why, I didn't see you."

She—"I suppose not. I was standing up."—Exchange.