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"CONFERENCE RAINS"

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There is a popular notion to the effect that it usually rains on the Fourth of July and on circus day. In Utah rain is supposed to fall during the weeks beginning April 6 and October 6, when assemblies of the Mormons are held at Salt Lake City. The showers expected at these times are called "conference rains". Weather statistics show, as might be expected, that rain is no more likely to occur at Salt Lake City during the weeks mentioned than during most other weeks throughout the year. Since, however, on an average each year, rain falls there on 9 days in April and on 6 days in October, the occurrence of showers during these months happens often enough to perpetuate the belief in "conference rains" as a definite event of the weather calendar.

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