

on the 12th of October, 1895, and was, on his arrival in Liverpool, assigned to the London conference, where he has labored all the time. He arrived in this city Sunday morning, Oct. 11, having been released on account of sickness. He enjoyed his labors very much, he says, and met with fair success in the field.

AN INTERESTING REVIEW.

The winter of 1895-6 was moderately mild, the mean temperature being 32 degrees, which is about the normal. The snowfall was much lighter than usual, being greatly deficient throughout the southern half of the State. During the cold periods of winter the grass and grain was amply protected by snow, and wintered well in all sections. During the first half of March the weather was generally cold and stormy; the latter part was generally fair and very favorable for farm work in all districts.

April was remarkable for cold and wet spells from the beginning to the end of the month. A severe frost on the 1st killed about all the peaches, cherries, apricots and plums throughout the southern portion of the state, besides doing considerable damage to gardens, lucern and early grain. A heavy storm passed over the state about the middle of the month, accompanied by snow, which fell to the depth of four inches in the central and northern sections. This was followed by a severe cold wave which greatly damaged fruit buds and tender vegetation. Upon the whole, the weather conditions were rather unfavorable to agricultural operations. Plowing and seeding progressed whenever the weather permitted, and the month closed with the principal part of the crops in the ground, and in the extreme southern counties some of the grain was aboveground and growing nicely.

The month of May was more or less stormy and cold until the 25th, when the weather became much warmer and more settled. Damaging frosts occurred from the 12th to the 18th, doing much damage to fruit and vegetables throughout the northern portion of the state. Generally the weather conditions during the month were unfavorable and crops made but very little progress in growth. Good soaking rains occurred on the 19th and 30th over the greater part of the State, breaking the drought in the southern counties and improving the condition of crops all over the State.

June was a very favorable month for the farmer and crops made rapid advancement in all sections. Planting corn and potatoes about finished the fifteenth, and the cutting of the first crop of lucern commenced in the southern sections. Some damage to crops during the first week of the month by floods. Severe frosts in elevated districts did considerable damage to the vegetable crops and fruit trees. Peas in blossom and strawberries getting ripe at the close of the month.

July was remarkable for the destructive floods which occurred in the southern part of the state, where an incalculable amount of damage was done to the hay and grain crops, many of which were entirely destroyed by

rain and mud. San Pete, Juab, Summit, Millard and Sevier counties suffered the greatest loss. Cutting lucern was in full blast the first week of the month, and in some districts the reapers were in operation. The warm weather and frequent showers were beneficial to crops which made rapid advancement toward maturity during the month. The ranges which had been rather poor for sometime past showed signs of great improvement at the end of the month. Dry land crops were also very much benefited by moisture and looked promising when the month closed.

The first half of August was all that the farmer could desire for haying, harvesting grain, threshing, and the growth of crop; the last half was windy and showery with destructive floods in the southern half of the State, which caused considerable damage to lucern, grain, canals, ditches, etc. Harvesting was quite general during the month, and threshing was well under way in a great many districts. The weather conditions during the month were very favorable to the general crops which made good progress under the influence of showers and sunshine. September was exceptionally fine for harvesting operations until the 18th, when a heavy wind storm passed over the central and northern sections of the State, causing great damage to hay, grain and lucern stacks, fruit orchards, shade trees, houses, fences, etc. Hundreds of tons of hay and grain were scattered over the fields in such a manner that it could not be regathered, and proved a total loss. The pear and apple crop was almost destroyed, and the seed crop of lucern entirely ruined. The loss to the farmers has been very great; in some counties it is estimated at \$30,000. The counties that sustained the greatest damage were, Utah, Salt Lake, Davis, Morgan, Weber, Cache and Box Elder. The first killing frost of the season occurred on the 10th, and destroyed everything of a tender nature throughout the central and northern sections of the State.

The month closes with the crops about harvested and principal part of the grain threshed. In view of the many drawbacks during the season such as the late, cold spring, severe frosts, floods, drought and high winds, the general crops have turned out much better than was expected, and the farmers, generally, are well satisfied with the results of their labor during the past season.

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Lehi Banner: Nowhere in this part of our glorious State can better grapes be produced than on the warm, sloping hillside north of Lehi. A number of vineyards and orchards have been planted there of late years and are now bearing some splendid fruit. The vineyards of Messrs. Christensen, Smith and Beck are this year loaded down with the most delicious grapes which must be sampled to be appreciated. Mr. Beck has eleven varieties growing to perfection on his place. Those not being sold are being made into wine.

WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

An Alameda, Cal., street car killed a hairless dog the other day, and now the owner is suing the railway company for \$10,000 damages.

At San Rafael, Cal., on Monday evening, Mrs. Colte and Miss Bassett were driving a spirited horse which took fright and ran the buggy into a post, seriously injuring both women.

Mrs. Watts and her daughters Ella and May and a lad named Fred Azeter, were in a carriage at Oakland, Cal., Monday evening, when the horses took fright, ran away, and overturned the vehicle, throwing all the occupants out in a manner that all were seriously injured, Mrs. Watts being in the most precarious condition.

A Chinaman was shot and fatally wounded by Chinatown, San Jose, Cal., in a fight Tuesday. The shooting was the result of a gambling debt. Ung Wei, the victim, won 85 cents last night from Ung Gong. He met Gong on the street and asked him to pay the money he owed. Gong responded by drawing a revolver and shooting Wei in the abdomen.

Wednesday night a delivery team, being driven by J. H. Holmes, at Pocatello, Idaho, became frightened and ran away, throwing Mr. and Mrs. Holmes and baby violently to the ground. Mr. Holmes was bruised about the face. The baby escaped with a slight cut on the back of the head. Mrs. Holmes had her collar bone broken and received internal injuries, from which she died.

Four thousand and four young men, natives of California, will cast their first vote in San Francisco this year. This accounts for nearly every one of the increased number of votes registered over the last election. At that time there were 68,548 voters, now there are 72,700. There were when registration closed 72,992 voters on the list, but 110 of these were dropped by the commissioners, and 182 registrations were cancelled by removal to other counties, death, mental inability and criminal conviction. The voting strength of the city was therefore increased but 148 by accessions from abroad.

Mrs. Virginia R. Driguez killed a man named Manuel Monjarro at San Bernardino, Cal., Wednesday. The woman gave the alarm herself, and the police were quickly on the premises. They found Monjarro's body lying in a pool of blood with his skull crushed. The woman admitted that she had done the killing, but declared that it was in defense of her honor. She claims that after she had retired the man came to the back door of her house and demanded that it be opened, or he would break it down. Finally she opened the door, and was confronted by Monjarro with a razor in his hand. She pushed him over, seized an ax and crushed his skull. The story of the woman is not believed in certain quarters, and the officers are investigating.

Two weeks ago, says the Cheyenne, Wyoming, Sun, Harry Hampton who lived with his brother on a ranch near Dixon, left the ranch on horseback. He did not say where he was going or how long he intended being absent, but as he was in the habit of taking