STATE NEWS.

Payson Header: At the fruit-growers' meeting at Springville, Dec. 1 William M. Rydalens, A. M. Woodward, William T. Fullmer, Alex Robertson and Richard Thorn Sr. were chosen as a committee to gather information pertaining to the bee industry, and to try and interest capitalists in building a factory at Springville.

Moab Moonshiner: Mr. H. S. Kerr, superintendent of the Sanrete Valley ranch, left last Friday morning for visit to his home in Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays. Before leaving Salt Lake on his journey he received the sad intelligence of the death of his brother, Arthur Dickinson Kerr, who resides in Washington. Mr. Kerr's many friends in this city deeply sympathize with him in the sad affliction.

Logan Nation: The home of O. M. Anderson at Paradise was burned Friday night at about 12 o'clock. The fire originated in the main chimney in the attic floor. The family was asleep, and were awakened by the smoke. Mr. Anderson sprang up and on attempting to enter the attic was met by a volume of smoke and flame, seeing that it was useless to try to save the building he turned his attention to getting his family to a place of safety, which was readily accomplished. In the meantime some of the neighbors had been aroused and with their assistance some furniture was rescued from the angry flames. The loss is about $500 partially covered by insurance. Mr. Anderson is a poor man and will feel the loss very severely.

Brigham Bugler: Saturday about 4 a. m. and early Tuesday morning two more distinct earthquake shocks were felt by people living in different parts of Brigham City. Citizens were awakened from sound slumbers by the tremor, the rattle of window sashes, loose pans and dishes. These shocks are becoming so common that some people hardly notice them any more, yet nearly every one must have a subdued secret dread that all these ominous tremors may be the sinister signs of some regular old bruiser of a quake.....Last Saturday, Yates and Freeman, cattle dealers of Callaway, drove a fine bunch of about 100 steers to the Salt Lake market. These cattle were in excellent condition and no doubt brought a good round price. The Willard Agricultural society of Willard, two miles south of Brigham City, was organized a few days ago. They were sold to Wallace Carpenter of Omaha. The society have taken more of good beet than they expect to take on the Omaha market in the near future, it is satisfactory price cannot be realized at home.

Brigham City Bugler: This week J. C. Cutler came in from Bear River valley, just west of Promontory. He says there are probably 20,000 sheep in that valley and still they come. The thousands of acres of range land in the western part of Box Elder county are being fast covered with numerous flocks of sheep, which will already aggregate probably near 100,000 head. So far there were only about two inches of snow on the ground and the sheep are doing well. The greatest trouble the sheepmen have to contend with is the packs of hungry coyotes, which are back as unknown on a moon. The herders are in stick by their flocks continually. But the coyotes are more terrible destructive at tempting time in every spring. Last year in the vicinity of Blue Creek it is estimated that they destroyed no fewer than 2,000 head, representing several thousand dollars' worth of property. The herders shoot a few coyotes; they poison more, but by the latter means they frequently lose valuable dogs. In view of these facts, the sheepmen are naturally very a bounty placed on coyotes, probably 50 cents. They are willing to contribute liberally to such a fund. A concerted effort will be made in the near future to induce the new county court to grant the request.

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How Remedy.

Seeing a farmer near me building a new henhouse the other day, I took occasion to give him a new idea. He was putting in his nests in the old fashioned way, one tiering above the other on an incline of about 40 degrees. In this way the fowls are but to attempt to get upon the highest roost, and as it gets full, the weak ones are crowded off and fall to the ground. They begin again to climb up, only to repeat again the same performance, until it gets so dark that they stop climbing, leaving roosts upon the lower roost, or even upon the ground under the roost. In the morning the fowls will not go down as they went up, from one roost to another, but fly from the roost to the ground. In this way and by falling from the roost to the ground at night heavy fowls, especially when very fat or full of eggs, are often crippled in the legs or otherwise injured. Nearly every hen I have seen completely spoiled in this way. I right then I should build the nests all the same height and no more than 24 feet from the floor, putting them about 10 inches apart. Before I left I had the satisfaction of seeing him commence to make the work he had done and to build his roosts as I suggested and, of hearing an old farmer who was present declare his intention of taking out his roosts, which were of the "ladder" style, and putting in new ones, level and lower.—Farmers' Voice.

Light and Eggs.

Light influences the laying on the part of the hens. Put a hen in a dimly lighted poultry house, and no matter how comfortable it may be fowls will cluster together in some corner outside and leave all the shares that may come in preference to remaining in a dark and cheerless abode. Chickens also prefer light and will remain outside of the hen house and become chilled rather than go under the roost where it is warm but dark. All birds have an instinctive dread of darkness. As soon as the sun begins to set they seek a safe retreat before darkness comes, and bright and early in the morning they go where it is light. The poultry house should have large windows. There are those who affirm that too much glass radiates the heat, but it also admits heat and light as well as rendering the interior of the house cheerful and inviting. As the hens will be more contented they will also be more thrifty, more better appetites, be less liable to disease and will produce more eggs during the winter.

Looking For the Stocks.

Ducks become weak in the legs and die when fed too much grain and they cannot be fed the same food as the hens without liability of loss, yet farmers will feed all kinds of poultry together and on the same food. A cock's egg is very large, and, as ducks lay nearly every day after they begin, the tax on them in egg production is a severe one. What they require most is animal food and bulky material, such as lean meat or ground meat and cut clover, scalded, though bran and ground oats, moistened, should also be allowed. Just as soon as the ducks indicate lameness it is a sure sign that too much grain is being fed and the nitrogenous food insufficient.

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