

The stream divided itself into several bodies, materially lessening its power for evil, but scattering the drift-wood and boulders it had brought down over acres and acres of land between the mouth of the canyon and the town, encroaching on the town and leaving desolation where there had been well cultivated gardens and beautiful flowers. A large body of water went west, entirely out of the proper channels and using an old ravine as a channel, working a sad havoc through all the south part of town and even passing the barrier of the railroad grade and doing much damage to the lucern and other growing crops.

Had the water not taken this course it would no doubt have followed the north ditch above the north side of town, destroying property there and probably doing very much more damage to crops of the fields of grain being but a little way from where the flood left the canyon; and the slope of the land would have turned it, from the incompetent ditch, upon the inhabitants of that part of town, with no old ravine to guide, and partly control its course. After the part of the stream spoken of entered town it first filled the cellar to the nice new building recently put up by Thomas P. Lund, and not yet completed. From there it ran in a muddy torrent through the old mill belonging to Mary Thore, and from there to the Planing mill of Mr. Uckerman.

But it was able to do very little damage here, as the proprietor had taken the timely advice of a friend and cut his dam, giving the water a free passage. The race was filled with mud, but will only make him a little work.

The home and shop of F. Y. Jensen suffered very much, and his bees were swept away, and quite a lot of lumber and wood following, moved off the place.

Several rods of tight board fence had been sprung along this block by the weight of the water behind it until the water could find egress beneath it. C. Carlson was visited and washed in mud and otherwise damaged, and also the premises of C. P. Jensen presented a sad spectacle; J. P. Jensen's out buildings were so badly damaged that some of them will have to be torn down, not being considered safe.

Neils Jensen, the carpenter, fared pretty badly, the wash conducting the water directly into his premises. He had a thousand pounds of flour in his cellar that was completely destroyed, besides other provisions. The wash is very deep just at the back of his house and in it was constructed the outbuildings, which held his pigs, calves, chickens, etc. His wife is something of an invalid, but prompted by humanity she attempted to assist in rescuing the live stock from being drowned, but the place filled so fast and the current came so strong that the lady was in great danger of losing her life. A step ladder was hastily procured, and with that and some boards several men succeeded in rescuing her.

The block on the south end of

Main Street, where Niels Thompson is building one of the finest residences in Sanpete County, is a regular swamp at the lower end, and the water flowed around the new building, defacing it somewhat. At the extreme southwest corner of town there are acres of ground overflowed, and the well of H. P. Peterson had seventeen feet of mud in it when the storm was over. A Rosquist was almost drowned out by the water backed up by S. P. V. grade, while on the other side of the street the grade saved several places from inundation. Driving north along Railroad Street, the place of M. Rasmussen was seen to be much damaged, but the flood did not get his bees this year as it did last.

Bishop Anderson on the extreme north edge of town—which received the other part of the divided stream,—lost fully four tons of lucern, and the marks on the fences indicate that the water stood in the enclosures of Jens Clawson and Niels Christenson fully six feet, which could not fail of working much disaster. It also came through Ole Christensen's place, leaving it looking a perfect wreck. A little son of Mrs. Schults, seven or eight years old got into the water and would have drowned but for the prompt aid extended by those present.

The flood at Ephraim is greatly to be deplored, and many places have been damaged, and many persons are out of pocket that would be but vain reiteration to name; but the people of Utah are proverbial for finding something to be thankful for; so they are thankful that it is no worse; that it did not come in the night, that no lives were lost, and that the loss, estimated at \$2000, although very great; is mostly represented in labor, and can be replaced with very little cash outlay.

SPRING CITY.

There was quite a flood at Spring City on the 19th that, besides flooding grain fields and lucern patches, filled a small carp pond full of mud. The waters covered several fields of grain and some grain that was in the "shock," that is, water to the depth of four feet. The damages are variously estimated at \$1000 to \$1500.

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would no doubt have suffered much from the high water from Spring City and Mt. Pleasant but for a timely warning. All the sluice-ways were opened, and a "time pass" given it to the Sanpitch.

MT. PLEASANT

is reported as having escaped being flooded, though she had part of the storm and plenty of high water.

ESTIMATED LOSS.

Manti, \$10,000; Ephraim, \$2000; Spring City, \$1500, and other points, \$500, making in all about \$14,000. The losses are not more than this amount, and many place them at much less.

VIENNA, Aug. 9.—The western and central portions of Bohemia have been visited by a severe storm. The damage was great, and the crops are ruined.

NOTES.

THE rush for Africa goes on, and the European nations who participate in the investment can congratulate themselves that they have almost nothing to pay. The conquest of the Congo, which his majesty of Belgium has taken eleven years in carrying out, has been effected at the expense of only fifty-six lives, less than are often sacrificed in the construction of a railway.

THE office of superintendent of foreign mails in the Postoffice Department has been vacant for more than a year. The place pays \$3000 a year, there are over a dozen applications on file, but none of them seem to fill the bill in the estimation of the Postmaster-General. He wants some one who speaks a dozen or more foreign languages, and so far has been unable to find one combining this knowledge and also a knowledge of the duties of the office. Here's a chance for some enterprising linguist.

AN entire congregation was glued fast to the seats of a Fort Dodge (Iowa) church last Sunday, because the varnish of the seats had not sufficiently dried. The destruction of wearing apparel was appalling, and it is safe to say that the good effects of the sermon were counteracted by the accident. As there was no special collection at last Sunday's service there is probably no ground for the dark suspicion that the varnish was intended to keep the Fort Dodge congregation indoors until after the collection plates had passed around.

THE most remarkable city in this country, according to the new census, is West Superior, Wis. Since the last census it has increased in population 14,200 per cent, which is the highest rate of increase shown by any place. This marvelous rate of growth is explained by the fact that there were not any people there in 1880, and its site was a howling wilderness. The census officials do not hesitate to say, however, that, if it continues to maintain the same rate of growth for ten years more, it will be the largest city in the world, with a population of something over 200,000,000.

A NEW law is now in force in Iowa that is sure to create some surprise. Heretofore a chronic thief could go on preying upon a community at will so long as he kept within the bounds of petty larceny. The new law makes a second conviction of petty larceny a felony, so that the theft of any trifling article will send a man to the penitentiary the same as though he had stolen a horse, provided he had been convicted previously of petty larceny. The new law has merit, for it will do away with the petty larcenies which have been so discouragingly prevalent.

THE bicyclists have been everywhere, but it has been reserved for a New England bicyclist to accomplish a feat that has not been attempted before, and that is the descent of Mt. Washington by the