IMPROVEMENT NEEDED.

Utah Farming Land Can be Made to Yield a Larger Crop.

SOME POSSIBILITIES WITHIN REACH.

Average Yield of Utah as Compared With Other Parts of the United States, Canada, England and France.

To the Editor:

The Scripture say that the poor will not be always with you, but they will not work if they can help it. The Scripture also says that by the sweat of the brow shall man earn his bread, and the agricultural bulletins, farm talk, and the reports of crops, show that, not only are we not doing it, but we are not even doing it well. It was not long since, on the College farm at Logan, on land which six years ago yielded every year, as I said was so far from the truth, forty bushels of wheat to the acre, which are now yielding only twenty-five bushels. Another was raised from the average of six years of grains and fodder that had yielded for the state, on the same land, in less than three years, to the tune of 50 per cent, and land in good condition for three and one-half months out of every twelve, which, if properly cultivated, would be more, on the thin brown loam in some of the valleys of Utah, yielding one-half as much as land will support, is now in good condition for four to five months. Now, I will not argue that those who are within the reach of all who will become students of these matters.

I will call attention to a few points which this improvement might be attained, and which, if adopted, would make a marvelous difference in the yield of the second crop, in the order of this report.

In conversation with a former friend some time ago he said: "I know all about farming, I have been at it all my life, but there are a few things which I might learn." It may be, and I am free to admit that there are a few things which I might learn, and I am free to admit that I have not the knowledge of the new ideas which the following pages may contain, but I believe, in the new ideas which the following pages may contain, but I believe, in the new ideas which the following pages may contain, but I believe, in