UTAH WEATHER AND CROPS.

Outlook for Fruit Discouraging as Much of It has Been Killed.

Staple Crops in Good Condition—All Vegetation at Least One Month Behind Former Years.

The weather during the week ending Monday, May 18, 1896, was cold and stormy with rain, hail and snow throughout the central and northern sections during the forepart of the week. Damaging frosts occurred from the 12th to the 15th, doing much damage to the fruit and vegetable crops of the northern portion of the State. Light frost occurred at St. George, Washington county, on the morning of the 12th.

The outlook for fruit this season is not very encouraging as a great deal of it has already been killed, especially apricots, peaches, cherries, plums and strawberries. In the extreme northern counties potatoes above ground were frozen, and Jasmin nipped, on the 15th and 16th. The staple crops are reported as looking well and in a satisfactory condition, but the prevailing cold weather has retarded growth in all sections. Everything is at a standstill, and vegetation is at least one month backward.

REMARKS OF CORRESPONDENTS.

Helper—Fine weather the last week, but cold and windy every day with frost every night, which has retarded the growth of vegetation. Planting about all done. The cold weather is keeping our water back in the mountains.

New Harmony—May 9th and 10th cold and stormy; 11th and 12th windy and cold; 13th, 14th and 15th, warm and pleasant.

Pine—Sleet and snow on the night of 7th, does a great deal of good to the range and crops; snow and rain on the 8th and 10th at intervals; crops making slow progress; some of the grain very thin on account of so much wind and dry weather.

Sevier—Cold days and frosty nights. Fruit all killed. The rain good for grain, but good weather needed; prospects for grain some better.

St. George—Frost on very early morning of 12th; very light touch of frost in a few places early morning of 12th.

Cleveland—Cold and stormy all the week. Worst growing season; thousands and other things freeze; grass improving.

Harrisville—The week has been stormy and cold with frost four nights in succession, damaging berries and tender plants. Farm work much impeded. All crops are greatly in need of warmer weather.

Plymouth—The week ending on May 17th was some better for the growth of crops than the one previous, snow on the 10th; crops growing very slow.

Cache Junction—The last week very stormy; rain, hail and snow every night; wheat growing only.

Newton—Stormy and cold as winter the past week; frost nearly every night; showers of rain and hail frequent; no work going on; potatoes planted; stems trees leafing out; fruit buds swelling, but we are afraid that the hard frost will kill them. Everything growing very slow; gardens not in yet.

Portage — A cold and generally stormy week with heavy frost on the 13th, 14th, 15th and 16th.

Payson—Cold, rainy, cold; too cold for anything to grow; very cloudy and wintry; not seldom saleen.

Pleasant Grove—The cold weather has done lots of damage to apricots and early truck. Hats and snow first of week and it froze the ice at night. Lucerne and grain backward.

Tooele—The unseasonable weather is more like a change of climate than anything I know of. Some patches of oats that just started to come up have been frozen back into the ground again as they do not look as well by 50 per cent as they did before the storm of a week ago.

Lake Shore—Warm weather is needed for growth of crops; sugar beets are doing well; some replanting again; irrigating canals; peas, beans, onions and other garden truck growing good.

Heber—Another cold disagreeable week. Vegetation stands at a standstill; seeding almost completed. Very cold winds from the west about all week. One inch of snow morning of the 14th; snowed again today, Monday the 17th. Fruit trees have not advanced any since last week when cold days were in bloom at this date last year.

Duchesne—Five more days of rain and no work; frost on 12th; killing frost and ice the 13th and 14th; strawberries all killed; sweet corn rotted in the ground; potatoes above ground killed; peach trees damaged; lucern nipped. Nothing doing in farming but work in the mountains. Vegetation little more than a month behind.

Kanosh—The past week has been cold and stormy; rain five part of week and snow and hail on 14th and 15th. Frost every night, very severe on 12th and 13th. It is feared that fruit trees have suffered from frost, especially peaches. Crops are not growing much. It is too cold and wet for corn planting; potatoes that have been planted have not come up yet.

Koosharem—Weather continues cold, windy and disagreeable. Very few potatoes planted yet; hardly any garden planting yet.

Lehi—The past week has been cold and windy—but little progress in growth of crops. We have crops that that do not mind the cold.

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