

and in some places fences were washed away and the water entered the houses; rain on the 3rd, 4th, 6th and 7th, did considerable damage to hay which was down; grain looking well; barley is fine, potatoes are late owing to the damage done by frost in July; worms are destroying small fruit and cabbage worms are doing great damage to the cabbage; the grain crop will average with other seasons.

Tooele—Weather very warm, with warmer nights than usual; grain growing fairly well, though some is being injured by a scarcity of water; second crop of lucern doing nicely; potatoes in some instances all fair, but the crop will be short from all appearances; worms are destroying the tomatoe vines, attacking the roots.

Utah—The week has been cloudy and warm, with scattered showers, which were good for growth of corn, squash, melons, lucern, etc.; farmers busy cutting lucern, and grain, irrigating sugar beets, beans, potatoes and corn; high winds blowed considerable fruit off the trees last two days of week.

Wasatch—Some early patches of spring wheat ready to cut; lucern not doing well on account of the drought; water getting scarce; crops generally lighter than usual on account of late frosts and droughty condition during the season.

Wayne—Past week has been warm and generally favorable for the growing and maturing of crops; grain crops doing well; potatoe crop light; second crop of lucern in bloom; grazing fine; cattle and sheep doing well.

Washington—The weather of past week has alternated between hot, sultry days and thunder and rain. Crops growing nicely; early grain will soon be ready to cut; potatoes doing nicely; grapes are ripening, but they are badly mildewed this year; fair crop of apples and plums promised.

Weber—Harvesting well on the way, wild rather light returns; second crop of lucern is being cut and is as good as the first crop. High winds have blown considerable fruit from the trees; peach crop short; apple crop good; peas moderate; plums half a crop; water getting scarce, although nothing suffering; haying about over; timothy made a heavy crop.

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NEWS NOTES.

Thomas Watson, a veteran member of the G. A. R., aged 64, committed suicide on Monday, at Seattle, Washington, by taking morphine. Despondency due to sickness and poverty caused him to take his life.

Edward B. Rambo, Pacific coast manager for the Winchester arms company, died suddenly on Monday, at his office in San Francisco, the specific cause being valvular disease of the heart. He was 53 years of age and a widower.

William Bell, a longshoreman at Port Blakely, Washington, stabbed and mortally wounded his wife on Saturday, and Sunday night committed suicide by hanging himself to a bedpost in his cabin. The bodies were found Monday morning.

At Long Beach, Cal. on Monday, a

negro named George Waters, employed in the Braebury building in Los Angeles, shot his wife in the head and then turned the pistol on himself. He died in a few minutes, but the woman may recover. Jealousy of another negro named Joe Minton was the cause of the tragedy.

K. G. Korn, president of the American Sugar Machinery company, and Fred W. Bulzental, secretary and treasurer of the same company, are in Stockton, Cal., looking over the ground and discussing a beet-sugar factory with Stockton parties. Monday morning, in company with the latter, they inspected the proposed site on the Boggs tract of land along the Stockton channel. The site comprises 100 acres.

Omaha World-Herald: The movement of the thousands and thousands of sheep from the great western camps to Omaha and Chicago has begun and the roads are sending their double-deck sheep cars as rapidly as possible. The freightmen and stockmen do not pretend to make even a rough estimate of the number of sheep that are in the west and along the Pacific coast, but are only thinking of getting cars there for their transportation east. The Union Pacific agents in Nevada and California and intermediate states report thousands of sheep and say there will be several special trains. The Burlington has several trains from the west and Billings and intermediate points. The drive to Casper and other sheep centers along the Elkhorn will be heavy. The bulk of these big sheep shipments will be into the South Omaha yards, but a number of trains will go through to the Chicago yards. The Missouri river roads have their stockmen now on the west and every one reports that there will be unusually big shipments.

A three-year-old child belonging to Captain Croshy, who lives near Livermore, Cal., is the victim of a remarkable accident. The little girl with a number of playmates was making merry Friday in the shade of a large tree. One of the boys had climbed into the tree and too far out upon a limb that would not sustain his weight. With a crash the lad tumbled to the ground, a distance of ten feet. His fall was unbroken, and the full force of his weight struck the little girl upon the right leg, breaking it just above the knee joint.

The fortification work on the Puget Sound is at a standstill. The laborers employed on the works have instituted a strike against the contractors, owing to differences regarding wages. The men were getting \$1.65 a day and were allowed to board themselves, but the contractors have issued orders that the men employed on the works must pay the contractors \$4.50 a week for their board. The men refused to work unless they are paid \$2 per day or eight hours, and employment agencies will not or cannot supply the laborers for less than \$2 a day.

John H. Stewart, an old soldier, who mysteriously left his home in Mission valley, near San Diego, Cal., on the evening of July 21st, in a demoralized condition, was found Monday night in a haystack at Linda Vista, only two miles from his home. The privations that the old man had undergone had so changed him that he was

not recognized. As he lay in the haystack, he looked up at the rancher and asked for something to eat. He was plainly starving to death, and when he told his name, the rancher hastened to the house for food, returning with a good supply. Stewart ate ravenously and between mouthfuls told his acquaintance that he had had nothing to eat for a week. Stewart's clothes were in rags, and his face showed terrible privation, but his mind seemed to be clear. He had forgotten, however, the manner in which he had left home, or what had transpired since, except that he had walked a great deal and was thoroughly exhausted. The old man was taken by the rancher to Stewart's home, but Mr. Stewart was so shocked at his appearance that he was afraid to be left alone with him until, by his conversation, he became convinced that he was again in possession of his right mind. The little children, themselves gaunt with the hunger and poverty caused, shrank from their father in fear, but his entreaties soon brought them to embrace him.

The weather of the week ending Monday, Aug. 17, 1897, was fairly favorable for irrigated crops, warm and dry with abundance of sunshine. High winds were of frequent occurrence over the southern half of the state and did much toward drying up crops on unirrigated land. The precipitation of the week was confined principally to a few scattered showers.

All grain has ripened fast, and harvesting is becoming general over the state; threshing has begun in parts of the northern and western section, where the yield is variable but for the most part vegetables of all kinds are plentiful. The second crop of alfalfa is in satisfactory condition and yielding a good crop. The fruit crop is doing well.

PITTSBURG, Pa., August 18.—The indications are that the camp about DeArmitt's mines will be abandoned and there will be no more marching. Uriah Bellingham reached Plum Creek about noon and calling the men together told them of the adverse decision of the court. He told them there would be no further use in remaining in camp, as no more food would be furnished.

"You had better go home to your families," he said, "and find work where you can."

There was considerable murmuring among the men, but shortly after about 250 started for their homes and others soon followed. Bellingham, Kelly, and Tomlinson, who was in charge at Plum creek, then took the train for Pittsburg, abandoning the camp and demonstrations against DeArmitt's mine.

The mine managers expect that all the men will be at work tomorrow.

FAIRMOUNT, W. Va., Aug. 18.—Public sympathy runs high in favor of the miners. Business men are attending meetings, petitions are being signed and today there is more likelihood of a general laying down of tools than at any time since the strike began. At present only two big mines are uncrimped. The operators claimed 89 men were at work at Montana today against 122 yesterday.