

that will yield thirty bushels of apple this year and they have a growth of wood of three to four feet. Now it is a great expense to have all these limbs to cut back.

I do my pruning in the winter, commence as soon as the leaves are off and I have the leaves plowed under.

I would like to ask a few questions through the NEWS of some of our horticulturists: What is the best fertilizer for trees? How often should it be applied? What is the best paying crop? How is the best way to market fruit?

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### SPRINGDALE ON THE VIRGEN.

SPRINGDALE, Sept. 8, 1895.

As Springdale has not been represented in your valuable paper for many long years, perhaps it would be interesting to some of its readers to read something of our situation and prosperity. Our ward, which is presided over by Oliver D. Gifford as Bishop, and Thornton Hepworth and Isaac H. Langston as counselors, commences at the forks of the Rio Virgen two miles above Rockville, a little place called Northop which contains four families; the name Northop was given by a brother of Captain Dan Jones, who was widely known by the Navaho Saints. It then extends two miles up the north fork to the meeting house, then continuing two miles further up the river to Oak creek, or as President McAllister named it, Crawfordsburn. This is the end of the county road, as no other settlement can be reached by traveling up the river.

Springdale ward consists of 25 families, or 138 souls. We have a Relief Society, presided over by Ursula C. Gifford, who is nearly seventy years of age. We have a Sunday school that is well attended considering the distance that some of the children have to travel.

Well, now for something else. We have had an unusually dry, scorching summer and fall, and the fall, though a little cooler, so far has given us no moisture. During the summer we had one quite destructive wind, and a more destructive waterspout or cloud burst. I believe we had the hottest August, take it all through, that I ever witnessed. Frequent rains through the summer in the tops of the mountains gave us a considerable annoyance with our clothes and bad water.

Yet with all these drawbacks we feel that we are blessed and have no cause to complain. Our crops have mostly been good, excepting tree fruit, some of which was cut off by the spring frosts, some by winds and some by worms. Yet some have an abundance of stone fruit. The best of all in general good health, though at present we have one quite a bad case. Our Sunday meetings are well attended and the people as a general thing are full of the pure testimony of the Gospel. There is but little drinking, smoking or bad language used. Our children are free from the contaminating influences of the world. For all of these things we are thankful. This little place has one missionary on his way to a field of labor and two more will start this fall. There are more that should go, but we are neither stock men, sheep men, merchants nor bankers, and but very

small farmers, and no market and consequently no money. We have the promise of a visit by Apostle Lyman Tuesday evening next.

One more circumstance and then I will close. On the night of the 3rd and 4th inst, the dwelling house of Squire Hepworth took fire and was discovered by a 10-year-old daughter who was sleeping up stairs with a sister of the same age. They hurried down stairs, the first having missed the steps, fell and was somewhat bruised but not badly; but she informed the father who was sleeping out of doors with the rest of the family. The father saved the boy, but the house with all its contents was consumed.

NAMUEL H. GIFFORD.

### WESTERN NEWS ITEMS.

John McLeod, an employe in the Hastings mill, near Victoria, B. C., was struck in the groin Tuesday morning by a splinter thrown from a saw and died a few hours later in the hospital.

W. T. Peet, cashier of the First National Bank, at Corvallis, Ore., feeling unwell, entered a drug store Tuesday morning, took an ounce of acetone and died two hours later. He thought he was taking blackberry brandy.

The British Columbia salmon pack for the season just closed is estimated at 512,197 cases. The total pack last year was 494,371 cases. Something like \$600,000 to \$700,000 has been paid out by the canneries to the fishermen.

The Lebanon (Ore.) paper mills are now receiving about 175 wagon loads of straw per day, averaging about 3,700 pounds to the load. The supply of straw being put up this year is much larger than usual, nearly 5,000,000 pounds having been used.

Prof. Gully has a force of about sixty Mexicans at work digging canals along the river below town, says the Tempe, Arizona, News. The yearling roots he intends to use for seed and the older ones he is working up preparatory to shipping to England.

Over 100,000 head, or 400 carloads, of fat cattle have been shipped this season from Montana. This represents fully one-half of the cattle that will go from Montana this year to the eastern markets, and nearly twice the number that were loaded at this date last year.

Nick Furlong, a deaf man, was run over and badly injured by a Rio Grande hand car Tuesday evening about three miles from Glenwood Springs, Colo. The car was running at a high rate of speed, and it is remarkable that he escaped instant death. A short time ago he narrowly escaped being run down by a passenger train.

A runaway Sunday may cause the death of Mrs. J. Fletcher, an aged lady living on a farm a few miles from Redding, Cal. While in her buggy in front of the Temple hotel, the horse took fright and ran. She was thrown out on her head, making a wound several inches long. At last accounts she was in a critical condition.

The Union Pacific company have laid off the section men at Lehi. Ed Cotter, formerly foreman, will have charge of the floating crew between Lehi Junction and Eureka, and on

Friday last he and his family took possession of the car in which they will live. The men who are working with him will board in the car.

Mount Pleasant, Sanpete county, Pyramid: During the rainstorm last Monday, while Joseph Clark was driving some pigs from the mountains, a bolt of lightning struck so close behind him he was stunned and knocked down by the shock, and lay for some time in an unconscious condition. When he recovered he could ascertain no serious injury and went home.

Word has been received of the accidental shooting of Mrs. Anna E. Hudson in the mountains back of Acton, Cal., Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Hudson was riding a burro and carried a loaded shotgun across her saddle. The gun slipped from her lap and struck on a rock, which caused it to be discharged. The full charge entered her body and she died shortly after.

News has reached Great Falls, Mont., of a case of assault five miles from Grand Coulee. The victim was the 7-year-old daughter of Frank Cuts, a rancher. The child is deformed, deaf, dumb and blind and was left in the care of Joe Weir, the perpetrator of the deed, while Mrs. Cuts came to town. A company of armed coal miners have been scouring the country for Weir since the crime was committed.

Mr. H. W. Filbert, at present agent for the Southern Pacific company at Lordsburg, N. M., says the Deming Headlight, has been transferred to Colton, Cal., where he will also act as agent. Mr. W. S. Knapp comes from Ogden to relieve Mr. Filbert. In addition to his title as agent, Mr. Knapp will hold the position of trainmaster of the division from Lordsburg to El Paso.

Leon Ferner while bathing at Ocean Beach, Cal., Sunday afternoon was caught by the undertow and drowned. E. Fletcher, his employer, who was also bathing, attempted to rescue him and very nearly lost his own life, being brought back to the house in an exhausted condition. The same day Arthur Sewell, of San Francisco, a blacksmith, was drowned while swimming in the Sacramento river.

San Juan, New Mexico, Times: For an example of diversified farming, the ranch of Walter Stevens at Fruitland may well be noticed. This is one of the finest ranches in the county and carries nearly every product grown on this soil. The extensive cornfields are really exceptional in healthful color and growth. The peach orchard holds a full crop and there is a general neatness and thrift about the place that could well be imitated.

James, a son of Robert Fox, of Lehi, Utah, met with a peculiar accident last Thursday through which he lost his wagon and a load of hay, says the Banner. He was on his way to Salt Lake with his load, and just before reaching the point of the mountain the hay became ignited through friction from a wheel. Mr. Fox cut the horses loose as soon as he discovered the blaze but the hay and wagon were entirely consumed.

Chauncey H. Cornell, of San Francisco, who for some time has been employed in the office of a telephone company at Los Angeles, has been committed to Agnew's insane asylum, Cal.