

Irrigated were dying. But now every thing is lovely—the grass is starting up all over the hills and plains, and that stockman wears a broad Dutch smile all over his face—has promised his wife to take it all back and buy her a new dress if she will quit twitting him about his unthankful wish.

Happy to say but little damage has been done our dam and water ditches although a heavy cloudburst on the night of the 5th came very near taking out our flume, and threatened the west end of our dam through freshets from side canyons.

At the call of the watermaster a prompt turn out of the stockholders repaired the flume and ditches and the water was in town again muddy as a duck puddle. We do not consider our interests out of danger by any means, but this is the first season for many years that the thunder showers have not done us more harm than good through filling up and breaking our canals and ditches.

The people of Kanab were disappointed last evening as they met at the appointed hour to hear a lecture from Prof. J. M. Tanner of the Agricultural College of Logan. The gentleman did not put in an appearance. We fear he may have gone down the Rio Virgen to a freshet or back north via Panguitch lake.

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RARE SURGICAL OPERATIONS.

New York World: Building a roof in a mouth is the operation which was performed on Ivan Decker, a child eleven months old, who came all the way from Utah to New York to be treated. At the house where the operation took place it was learned that Mrs. Decker lives at Parowan, Utah, 150 miles southwest of Salt Lake city.

The mother, with her baby boy, came to New York recently to have the operation performed which, it was hoped, would remedy the strange physical deformity that left the child without a roof to its mouth. There was a wide fissure on the left side of the child's palate, extending all the way back. This affection necessarily caused great difficulty in swallowing, and if not remedied would in time have proved a serious impediment to distinct articulation.

Little Ivan was in excellent health when it was decided to perform the operation last Thursday, at the home of Mr. Ryan, No. 148 west Sixty-eighth street, where Mrs. Decker was staying. Dr. J. H. Brantly, of No. 116 west Eighty-fourth street, who has operated in a similar case, had many of the instruments which were especially made for this kind of operation last year. About seventy-five instruments were employed on little Ivan, who was in the surgeon's hands from 11:45 to 3 o'clock.

The operation began with the partial incision of the two sides of the superior maxillary bone, which were then broken loose with little steel chisels, so as to fit together, closing the cleft in front. The two sides of the cleft through the hard palate were denuded with the knife and drawn together by means of four ligatures. Then two double ligatures were passed through the loosened portions of the superior maxillary bone.

The child had to be kept just at the

point of unconsciousness, and accordingly the application of ether had to be regulated to a nicety so that the infant was just under the influence of the anaesthetic, but not at the stage of complete narcosis. Early in the operation it became necessary to remove one of child's teeth, and a dentist extracted the molar.

After the operation by the surgeon, the child was kept on its back for the first twelve hours, in order to prevent vomiting as a result of the anaesthetic. The little hands were tied to the child's sides, so that it could not put them into its mouth and tear out the surgeon's stitches.

A second operation will be necessary to remove the barrel, which is an accompaniment of a cleft palate, but this will not be more than an ordinary experience, and after that little Ivan will have just as symmetrical a roof in his mouth as any one and be able to talk with perfect distinctness when he becomes older.

Ivan is a healthy, rosy youngster, and the construction of a perfect palate will make him physically perfect. This is the second case of the kind in this city.

UTAH WEATHER AND CROPS.

During the week ending July 27th the weather was more or less cloudy with frequent thunder showers which were evenly distributed over the State, being heaviest in the central, eastern and southern sections. The continued stormy weather during the past two weeks has ruined a great deal of the hay crop in all sections where it was cut and lying in the fields. Heavy grain has been badly lodged in many localities, making it difficult to harvest. Otherwise the conditions have been beneficial to the growing crops, pastures and ranges. With a very few exceptions the corn and potato crops will be up to the general average, as they are said to be in a promising condition and growing nicely. The fruit crop promises to be unusually light and of a poor quality.

Heber—Lucern is not worth hauling. Wednesday night a downpour again, 1.65 of an inch; much damage to bridges and roads by the floods. Not much tame hay cut yet; farmers are watching for better weather; grain and hay heavy.

Croydon—Heavy rains on the 22nd and 25th, did much damage to hay; the first crop of lucern is not half cut yet. Most crops are growing fast.

Echo City—Lucern about all cut; potatoes looking fine; rain all through the week.

Monroe—The first three days of week clear and warm; the four last days cloudy with rain more or less every day amounting to 1.18 inches. Very heavy showers at intervals laying the heavy grain flat on the ground which will cause rust and prevent it from filling out. A great deal of lucern now out will be ruined. River and ditches filled to overflow.

Newton—Last week the weather has been partly cloudy; on the 24th and 25th, thunder but no rain. Grain is filling out good; in places there is smut; wheat is ripening fast on dry farms.

Coalville—A few showers; no damage except to cut lucern; thunder

and lightning nearly every day. Fine weather for wheat and oats.

Pleasant Grove—Heavy showers lodged heavy grain, which will cause it to rust and do lots of damage. Some are cutting their grain and hay; corn and potatoes are doing well.

Spring City—Another week of stormy weather. A great deal of rain fell. Much grain knocked down; crops doing well; raspberries ripe; apples beginning to get ripe.

Paysun—Considerable rain fell during past week, doing great damage to heavy grain. Beets, corn and potatoes fine.

Lake Shore—Commenced to cut oats and barley. Heavy grain is down with late rains; water is plentiful; vegetables doing well.

Cache Junction—The last week very cloudy and windy; thunder some; very light shower on night of 24th and 25th.

Kaysville—The past week very warm, intermingled with showers which have spoiled considerable of the hay crop. Harvesting in full blast; yield good.

Herriman—Good week for growing crops. Heavy rain on 23rd spoiled a great deal of hay and lodged heavy grain; corn and potatoes looking fine.

Lehi—The past week has been cloudy with storms in the mountains and floods in the valley. Much hay spoiled, but good for general growth.

Kanab—Fine growing weather. Heavy rains on the 16th which broke our canals and water ditches, but are repaired now and are in good running order again. The range will be good this fall.

Uintah—The berry season is about over; nothing left but blackberries. The fruit crop will be very short and of a poor quality. Second crop of lucern ready to cut; potatoes almost a failure. A heavy rain on the 22nd did an immense good to dry farms; corn is splendid and very likely there will be another crop of lucern.

Daweyville—The first of the week was warm and smoky. A nice shower on the 22nd and again on the 25th. The weather is cooler now. The rain is of benefit to lucern and other growing crops, but it is interfering with the wheat harvest.

Brigham City—All kinds of weather during the week; 22nd electric storm with heavy squall from northwest and .07 of rain; 25th, thunderstorm blustering wind and vivid lightning. Last half of week cloudy and threatening rain, unpleasant for haying.

Santaquin—Cold days and nights with a drizzling rain dandy; wheat not cut yet laying down the most part; nearly all the first cutting of lucern damaged; potatoes and corn looking fine; looking at a patch of corn this morning I noticed from three to seven ears to each stock; trees in the orchards looking nice, but bare of fruit; garden truck doing well.

Monroe—Slight showers the middle of the week and heavy shower Saturday with indications of more. All cut hay prior to recent rains and floods much damaged except a little put in barns. It is doubtful if present rains are doing any good except to range; grain prospects improving.

Joseph—All the cut hay down is spoiled. Rained on the 24th in the