

get nice fruit." Close observation would modify that statement. Right around us day by day are twenty-five little turkeys. We see them from early morn till evening refusing wheat, cornmeal and other prepared food, and they are continually on the peep amongst the leaves and grass for insects, from three days after the hatching. Also watch those delicate little yellow birds light upon the fruit tree above your head. See them peep under the leaves as they move about searching for lice or grubs. Then perhaps you may see them take a nibble at a nice ripe peach, but they do not eat much of it then; and what is left some would eat with less minglings than they receive the sacramental cup from a tobacco chewing Saint. The bird is neat, and cleans his bill every time it needs it.

See that robin tugging at a worm in the damp lawn grass, and look at the homely and despoiled sparrow with a grub projecting from either side of his mouth as he starts for the family nest. Yes, we are guilty of eating worms and fish, and grain, and grass, and fruit. And some of our degenerate brothers will eat carrion. Why stifle them out for favors when He who sent us forth to cheer and make pleasant the abode of man, provided for us all, and notes the fall of the homeliest of our race? (Matt. 10: 29.)

We thank you, dear Editor, for speaking in our defense. But the present outlook is not reassuring. We had hoped some day to have seen the land of Moab, and to have ate with Orlando the successful and instructive cultivator. But alas! we have learned that it is forbidden ground for

A BIRD.

## IDAHO WEATHER REPORT.

Bulletin No. 15, issued Tuesday from the weather bureau at Idaho Falls, Idaho, contains the following:

Generally clear and extremely warm weather prevailed during the week ending Monday, July 13th; thunderstorms and moderately heavy rainfall occurred in many parts of the State, and caused much improvement in the condition of unirrigated crops; in a few places the storms were particularly severe materially damaging the hay crop and lodging tall grain. Over the greater portion of the State the drouth remains unbroken and crops are showing its effects. The grain crop where well watered is coming along nicely, and in portions of the western section winter wheat is ripe. Potatoes are in good condition, with some of the early crop on the market. Gardens are doing well and many vegetables are ready for use. The fruit crop is promising, the smaller varieties are quite plentiful; the strawberry season is drawing to a close. First cutting of alfalfa is nearing completion; the yield is above the average. Range grass is good and stock looking well.

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Custer County—Clayton: Cutting of lucern just begun; crop hardly as good as usual; Salmon river has been unusually high.

Blaine County—Arco: Alfalfa crop very heavy; now being cut; grain advancing rapidly. Gimlet: Rains have

helped vegetation considerably but bothered haying somewhat; some alfalfa was leveled by a thunderstorm and high wind. Lost River: Too little rain to do much good; alfalfa being cut; the crop is better than the average; all other crops doing well.

Cassia County—Elba: Crops of all kinds maturing rapidly; haying commenced; strawberries ripening; range getting very dry; water for irrigating plentiful; hay crop very good; grain looks well; potatoes and garden stuff good. Sunlett: Alfalfa is in bloom; grain headed out; gardens looking nice; corn two feet high; potatoes in bloom; strawberries ripe; fruit looks well.

Fremont County.—Burnside (Beaver P. O.):—Squirrels have made havoc with wheat, turnips, beets and all small vegetables; potatoes commencing to bloom. Dubois: Haying in progress; alfalfa crop large; ranges still in good condition. Grant: Farmers busy putting up hay; a splendid crop, considering the late spring; everything has come along fairly well. Howe: Plenty of water for irrigation; hay is more than an average crop; alfalfa cutting in progress; grain looks well. Rexburg: First crop of lucern half harvested; potatoes in bloom; strawberries about over; fine growing weather. Salem: First crop (average) of lucern cut; second watering of wheat commenced; potatoes in blossom; small fruits immense. Barilla: Everything doing well; weather very warm. Willford: Crops of all kinds making good progress; first cutting of alfalfa progressing; crop will be heavier than usual; range grass good and stock looking well; gardens that have had care never looked better, and many varieties of vegetables are now ready for use; yield of strawberries heavy and of fine quality. Willford: Haying in full blast; potatoes and corn being watered; abundant water in the canals though the rivers are falling.

Bingham County—Basalt: Crops remain in fine condition; oats have begun to head out. Basalt: Weather favorable for crops, all of which continue to show up nicely; potatoes in blossom with promise of good yield. Idaho Falls: All watered crops have grown considerably; quite a little grain is being burnt for want of irrigation; the rain of Sunday night was very welcome, though some of the farmers who had a quantity of lucern cut could have done without it; hay cutting will be general this week. Idaho Falls—Everything in the way of crops progressing favorably; a heavy yield of alfalfa has been harvested and will be in the stack very soon; potatoes doing well and some early crops are now being dug for table use. Preston—An excellent hay crop is being cut; grains of all kinds look very promising. Shelley—Spring wheat is headed out; a portion of the first crop of alfalfa hay has been cut and some stacked; a thunderstorm accompanied by heavy wind lodged standing alfalfa and tall grain on the 12th; some farmers are irrigating grain the second time.

Bannock County—Banoroff: Crops looking well; small fruits on the market; grain ripening; weather unusually warm. Chesterfield: crops are progressing finely; alfalfa cutting commenced this week; the yield is con-

sidered very good and all are making preparations for handling a heavy crop; strawberries have made their appearance. Chesterfield (Eighteen Mile Creek): Fall wheat heading out; cutting of lucern commenced; rain needed. Gentle Valley: Fall grain headed out on irrigated lands; dry farms burning up. Lago: All grain except irrigated burning up; some lucern out. Oxford: haying in full blast; all kinds of garden truck ready for the table; a great deal of fall grain burning up. Wayan: Very warm weather for this altitude.

Oneida County—Glendale: Hauling alfalfa and cutting hay; all crops heading. Weston: Crops are burning where not irrigated; much dry farming here on account of scarcity of water for irrigating purposes.

Bear Lake County—Georgetown: All crops have made rapid growth; strawberries are ripening very fast and there will be fair crop; hay cutting just begun. Lanark: All crops are doing well; hay and lucern in very good shape; commence cutting this week. Ovid: Lucern and hay very heavy; lucern cutting just begun; fine warm weather until Sunday.

## SEARCH THE MOUNTAINS.

FILLMORE, CITY, Utah,  
July 15th, 1896.

A party of men is going out now to try to find Peter Huntsman, who was in the mountains and has not been heard from since Monday.

FILLMORE, July 14th, 1896.—Yesterday about 5 o'clock p. m. excited men on horseback were seen galloping in many directions warning the people of this city that a flood was coming down the canyon and a terrible stench and a roar told of its near approach. Few people thought it could be but a small affair until the unusual noise spoiled the thought, when hundreds of people repaired to the Chalk creek banks to watch its approach.

This was a sight not easily to be forgotten. The mighty torrent had little the appearance of water for in its precipitous career down the steep canyon it had torn the black and red soil from the creek banks and, mixing them to a consistency of thick mud and bearing on its bosom uprooted trees and saw logs with debris everywhere, it looked as though the mountains above had spewed forth a world of undigested matter to stifle and destroy everything below. Large trees were tossed high to dash against every dam and bridge that offered an impediment.

In looking over the ground this morning the potent evidences that a calamity has befallen our city are before us. Many homes that yesterday were surrounded with everything to make the heart glad with prospective harvest are now standing in a sea of mud from one to two feet deep. From the Rock bridge on Main street to the last house on the north, about a half a mile away, teams have to wade knee deep in a slimy mass of thick mud. The homes of Lucian Noyer, Dr. Keen, George Greenway, Ed. Bartholomew, Albert Shaller, John Kelly, Mrs. Jesse Huntsman, William Bearton, Tod Ashmoo, Charley Christopherson, Riley Huntsman, the old Bartholomew