

further north than Denver. There are a great number of persons who are making fortunes in sheep and cattle in Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas, and the cattle kings of this part of the country have their interests in the south or further north. There are two men in Pueblo who got into the cattle business in a curious way and who have both made fortunes out of it. Their names are Baxter and Creswell. Baxter came from Indiana away back in the fifties. He had just finished learning a blacksmith's trade when he got the gold fever and came to the Rocky mountains. He reached here during the winter and had to live for months on parched corn and game. There was no flour, bacon, coffee or sugar to be bought, and Mr. Baxter said not long ago, in speaking of this winter, that he felt that he could almost do murder to get a little flour. Creswell had been a carpenter in the east, and he and Baxter became great friends. They worked at their trades in the mining camps during the day and in the evening devoted themselves to mining. During the first year they saved about \$1,000 apiece, and with this they bought a ranch on the Arkansas river and raised vegetables and grain by irrigation. They got high prices for the products, and Baxter had a blacksmith shop, at which he repaired the wagons or shod the teams of the passing gold seekers. One day a man came along with a team of oxen which were nearly dead from exhaustion. He was disgusted with life and offered to trade his entire outfit for a mule. The trade was made, the wagon being the consideration in the mind of Baxter for the mule, and the oxen were turned out on the plains to die. To Baxter's surprise they found the best of food in the plains and by spring they were in fine condition. They were driven to Denver and were sold to the butchers there for a good round price. This started Baxter and Creswell in the cattle business and they have since made a fortune at it.

SOME RICH POLITICIANS.

A number of the rich men of Denver have been engaged in politics. I saw ex-Congressman Symes in San Francisco the other day. He has gone back to his law practice, and he is making more gold dollars every year at his practice than he has hairs on his head. Symes has made most of his money at the law. He has a building here which brings him in a rent of about \$20,000 a year, and which is worth a quarter of a million. It has a law library in it for the use of its tenants and is excellent property. Ex-Senator Hill is said to be a very rich man. He has made a fortune in smelting gold and silver, and he has a secret process by which his big smelter here is enabled to do some of the best refining in the world. Not long ago Senator Hill made a big lot of money in oil. He owned a large tract of land in the Arkansas valley, and on this oil was discovered a few years ago. Now hundreds of derricks stand out on the rolling lands of this farm, and oil enough is produced from these regions to support the entire western trade. Mr. Hill is the active manager of the smelter, and I am told that he is one of the best judges of metals in the United States.

OUR TWO SENATORS.

I learn here that Senator Wolcott is fast becoming a rich man. He has made a great deal of money in mines,

and his income from his law practice is said to be about \$40,000 a year. He made a lot of money at Cripple creek and, with his brother, Henry Wolcott, nearly all of his mining speculations have turned out well. He owns a fine ranch near Denver, upon which he is raising some blooded stock, and where the milk and the champagne cost just about the same.

Senator Teller is a much poorer man than Wolcott, and his property is estimated in the tens of thousands rather than millions. He owns a large amount of good land, and he has a ranch south of Denver which may yet make him wealthy. It has taken a fortune to irrigate it, but it is said to be a fine piece of property, and it will be eventually very valuable.

HOW TOM BOWEN GOT RICH.

Tom Bowen is said to be doing well—but you can never tell anything about Bowen's statements in regard to his wealth. When he was in Congress he had a new story to circulate every month about the fortunate speculations which he was making in mines and he got a greater reputation for riches on less solid capital than any Colorado man who ever came to Washington. Bowen's life, however, has been one of ups and downs. He has been a rich man and he has been very poor. He came from Arkansas to Colorado with nothing, and for seven years he worked a group of claims in company with others in a corporation known as the San Juan Mining Company. This company was badly managed and its stock fell to practically nothing. Bowen saw that there was money in it and in 1881, when the stock was being played for at poker at the rate of two drinks for a share, Tom Bowen began to buy it. He got \$300,000 worth of stock for \$75, and in a short time acquired control of the company. He then went into developing the mine in earnest, and in a short time made a fortune. I am told that Bowen made some money in Creed and that he is now well to do.

Judge Belford, the red rooster of the Rockies, is also doing well. He has gotten back his old grip on the people, and he is making a great deal of money at the law. He told me once that he would have been worth \$500,000 today if he had never gone into Congress, and that he was making \$20,000 a year when he was elected.

FRANK G. CARPENTER.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

The weather of the past week was still hotter and drier than that of the previous one. The sunshine averaged 95 degrees of the possible amount. With hot days and cool nights, it was fairly good growing weather for all irrigated crops; it would have been entirely beneficial except for hot winds which dried out the soil very rapidly, requiring much watering and even then grains suffered some. But, generally speaking, the grains all look well. Rye is short and in bloom.

Lucern has been cut during the week; it is a good crop where it was watered twice; where watered only once it is light and dry.

Vegetables have made good growth, especially potatoes. Tomatoes are in bloom in Grand county. Strawberries are abundant in the north.

Reports mostly agree that the fall wheat promises three-fourths of an average crop; spring wheat will be poor. The past two weeks have about ruined the prospects of dry farming.

Grasshoppers in large numbers have appeared in the neighborhood of Farmington in Davis county, and are attacking trees, vegetables, grain, etc. The caterpillars have now mostly disappeared that were infesting localities in Utah county. On account of the drought the grass on the ranges has grown dry, and is scanty. Rain is much needed.

Extracts from Correspondents' Reports.

BOX ELDER, CACHIE AND RICH COUNTIES.

Grouse Creek—Weather beneficial to all crops. High wind on the 13th. Light frost nearly every night.

Snowville—No rain. Average temperature 62.6. Started to irrigate.

Bear River City—Past week warm; high wind on the 13th, causing dry land crops to appear discouraging. Rye is short and beginning to bloom. Lucern cutting is begun and the crop is good where irrigated twice; where not watered quite light and dried.

Box Elder—Weather warm, dry and windy; lucern in bloom, and straw berries at their best. Grain prospect, under irrigation, good; on dry farms, withering.

Benson—High wind first of the week, with big dust storm; light shower on the 13th.

Richmond—Extremely dry, with some hot days, but somewhat cold nights. Some of the fall grain looks fair, but quite a percentage of it is thin. Lucern has made a rapid growth during the last two weeks. Fruit is late, but promises well.

Newton—Grain looks well; winter wheat is expected to average $\frac{1}{2}$ of a crop; spring grain, more. The soil needs water; irrigation will be very little, as the water left reservoir before time.

Millville—Hot and dry; the heat bringing along the grain very fast; prospect very fair.

Randolph—Past week windy and warm; everything is growing nicely. Irrigation is now general. Some grain is very late.

MORGAN AND WASATCH COUNTIES.

Peterson—Great improvement both in grain and vegetables; general opinion is that the grain crop will be up to the average; late grain has to be irrigated to bring it up.

Heber—Sunshine all the week, and hot winds from S. and W., necessitating much irrigating. Crops will be light on account of 1-3 of the seed not sprouting, because of the drying winds.

Charleston—Weather fine for growth of crops. The cold of Tuesday had a good effect in lowering the river. Potatoes are coming up strong and good. Grain is doing finely. Garden peas in bloom and promise a good yield. Small fruits will be plentiful.

WEBER, DAVIS AND SALT LAKE.

Huntsville—Frosts 20th and 21st slightly injured vegetables. Crops generally are growing nicely.

Hooper—Very hot, and all fruit,