

and but little has been done in the garden; fall grain is doing fairly well.

Roy—The weather is very good and wheat has grown about one inch the past week; lucern one and a half inches high.

Huntsville—Snow yet two inches deep; hay getting scarce.

Charleston—We have a late spring; no farm work yet except some preparations. Our fields are nearly bare and we expect to do some plowing in about a week if we have no more storms.

Tooele—Snow on the 6th. Farmers all busy; the first week this season that work could be done. The weather looks like spring now.

Taylorville—The first half of the week was decidedly cold and blustry with all farming interests at a stand still; the latter half of the week has been more favorable though there is as yet no farm crops in sight except winter wheat which is stooling favorably.

Miller—In the forepart of the week we had a continuance of cold and stormy weather; the latter part was milder and gardening has been fair; commenced with some plowing where the fields are dry enough. We appear to be now just where we generally expected to find ourselves in the beginning of March.

Mill Creek—The past week has been very favorable to plowing and planting which is now progressing rapidly. Our fruit crop will be partly a failure this year. A good deal of grain put in this week.

Minersville—The past week high winds from the southwest and some frost at night. Farmers are busy cleaning out ditches and some have commenced to put in garden and field crops.

Morgan—Very poor weather the past week for agricultural operations. Spring wheat not in yet on account of snow on the ground.

Peterson—On the 6th rain, hail and snow with a high wind; about as bad a storm as we have had this season; about 8 inches of snow on the bottom lands.

Moab—Apricots in bloom on the 7th; strawberries in bloom on the 8th.

Westwater—The weather has been cold all the spring and vegetation is backward. The soil is in good condition and moist to a depth of two feet from winter and spring rains. No damage as yet from frosts. Past week favorable for work.

Coyote—The past week has been cloudy and windy; plowing just began by a few; quite hard frost every night.

Greenwich—No crops planted yet; snow is about all off the fields; cold winds from the north the last few days.

Kingston—The first part of the week cold and unfavorable for farm work and the growth of vegetation; the latter part was more favorable and a few commenced to plow; grass is starting and the river rose six inches during the week.

Sigurd—The first two days of the week was cloudy with a little rain; the latter part has been warm and clear with cold, frosty nights; plowing and sowing in full blast; a little gardening also done.

Ashley—Plowing just begun; the snow is piled in the mountains and

people are expecting high water during the latter part of the month; the soil is in good condition.

Price—The past week has been quite favorable for the farmer; the soil is in good condition for plowing; vegetation beginning to show a little green.

Riverton—The temperature and precipitation averaged about the normal with about 54 per cent of sunshine.

Glenwood—Nights quite chilly with light freezing; days warm with occasional breezes from the north, quite cold. Sevier river is considerably above mean height. Farmers are now extremely busy putting in grain. People from Grass valley report snow gone, and plowing and seeding going on rapidly. Cattle and horses on the range have suffered for feed and a number of horses have died in consequence.

Gale—We are having better weather now but the past week has been cold and stormy. Plowing is progressing rapidly; some grain has been sown; lucern is beginning to grow; trees are backward but only want warm weather; weeds have stood the winter well and are already above the ground.

Marriott—All farm and garden work progressed during the week. The weather was variable. Tuesday night there was about four inches of snow. The season is said to be two weeks later than usual. Fruit is held back and undamaged this spring although some damage was done by early freezes last fall; some wheat up.

Harrisville—The past week has been favorable to gardening and field plowing on high lands; low lands ready in a few days if fair weather prevails; fall grain in excellent condition.

Plain city—The weather has so moderated as to allow some of the farmers to commence plowing and put in crops and gardens; weather cold.

Lehi—The past week has been mostly fine and a large amount of work has been done; beet planting in rapid progress; condition of land good.

Spanish Fork—Friday and Saturday good spring weather; about one-third of crops in ground this week; looks like permanent spring now.

Levan—No spring work commenced yet; but the ground is drying fast, and considerable grain, at least on light toomy land, will no doubt be put in this coming week.

Meadowville—During the past week the sky for the most part was overcast; thawing during the day with frost at night; a considerable quantity of snow still on the ground; no farm work has as yet begun.

Herrioman—Farmers are getting their grain in now; very little has been done till the past week; winter wheat is very backward.

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### GOSSIP OF GOTHAM.

NEW YORK, April 12.—Nearly all of the great cities of the United States have some special characteristics that commend them to the attention of the visitor; but to my mind only one city produces a dazed, lost-in-the-woods, awestruck sensation, and that city is New York. San Francisco has its Chinatown; St. Louis its breweries; Chicago its high buildings and west-

ern dash; Cincinnati has its colleges and conservatories; Pittsburg its factories; Philadelphia its churches and "Brotherly love;" but New York has all of these and so many independent features of her own that she easily becomes the head, heart and lungs of the nation. New York smiles at her would-be rival cities and says: "If you want a Chinatown, what's the matter with Mott street; if you backer after breweries, 'Just tell them that you saw me.' Does your eye long for skyscrapers? What's the matter with St. Paul and Manhattan buildings? Do your sons and daughters want colleges and conservatories? Why educational institutions grow here like sugar cane in Louisiana; do you want religion? We have Grace church, St. Patrick's Cathedral and Lyman Abbott and his Jonah; and as for brotherly love, it oozes right out of every New Yorker's big heart. It just needs a little pressure. Population, did you say? Why, what's the matter with these millions?"

Winter has said "au revoir" to New York at last, and the city has been enjoying more than her usual share of sunshine and warmth for this season of the year. And it makes the authorities smile, for you must know that every time snow flies in New York it costs the municipality in the neighborhood of \$300,000. On the main thoroughfares the snow, as it falls, is scraped up and carted off. To do this requires a great force of men, but as a rule they can easily be secured. Think of the unemployed there must be here when at a few hours notice 25,000 men can be hired. During the last snow storm that number of men were put on the streets and as many more sought employment. This shows the condition of the masses in New York City. While a snow storm is a hardship to the municipality it is a God-send to the poor unemployed, for it means to him a few more meals farther away from starvation. They have a queer machine for disposing of "the beautiful." It is a large caisson on four wheels, drawn by a span of horses. A red-hot fire is kept blazing under it and as it is pulled along the snow-covered thoroughfares the snow is shoveled into the hot pot and thus melted it runs as a stream into the gutter.

In most of the cases, however, the snow is hauled away in wagons. It is said that a good deal of jobbery is done in this snow scraping business. One story is too good to pass: A driver of a wagon who received a stated sum for each load of snow hauled away, kept driving the same load around the block all one day and received a credit for a new load every time he passed the checker. He managed to haul forty loads that day but only unloaded once. All the same, the streets are kept in splendid shape, and are in marked contrast with their condition five or six years ago.

The street sweepers of New York are dressed in pure white; that is, they begin in the morning with pure white, but a transformation usually takes place before night, especially if it is a rainy day. I was amused at this costume when I first saw it and wondered