

ROSEBURG'S WEATHER

A Brief Synopsis of December Records

ONE JAN. COLD SNAP

On the 14, 15, and 16, January, 1888, Was the Coldest Weather Ever Known in Roseburg—Below Zero.

The "old settler," to whom we often refer for prophetic prognostications concerning atmospheric conditions, tells us that this recent cold snap is the worst ever experienced since Oregon was settled. But the old weather prophet is usually mistaken, and in this particular instance while the instruments have, within the past few days, shown that this section has experienced a minimum temperature of 19 on the morning of Wednesday, it is not the coldest day, by any means, that has ever been known in Douglas county. It is true that there have been but few mornings since 1874 that the weather has been so cool as we have experienced in the past week. By the courtesy of Mr. Bell, of the United States station in the city, we are enabled to give our readers a bit of insight into the weather conditions prevailing during the month of December since 1884.

December 15, 1884, the mercury registered 19 degrees above zero, and that date and yesterday morning were the only times in the history of weather observations in this city that the temperature has been so low in the month of December. In that year the low pressure began to be noticeable on the 7th, and continued falling each day until the 10th, when the minimum was 19, and the following three days registered 24, 22 and 20, and this was followed up by high temperature for the balance of the month.

The rainfall for this present year during the month of December, is also a little shy of the average, and up to date we lack 1.65 of having the usual amount. There is no telling just how long this present cold may last although the minimum for today is

23, four degrees higher than it was yesterday, the extreme low pressure still continues over the inter-platena section to the north and north-east, which presses the cold downward and over western and southern Oregon. So long as this low pressure exists clear, cold weather will continue.

In looking over the records of past years for other months it was noticed that on Thanksgiving day, 1896, the recorded minimum temperature was way down to 14. At that time the cold was extreme over the entire Pacific coast, and the California orange growers lost the most of their fruit from the severe freeze which visited southern California. To the north in the state of Washington, the mercury almost dropped out of sight. Comparing these records with that of Roseburg on the same date it is seen that this section had a good deal the best of the game, though 14 above was thought to be about the limit of endurance.

But 14 above zero is not as cold as it has been known in Roseburg, although we are glad to say that such extreme cold is not experienced here but once in a great many years. Going back to 1888 we find the coldest weather ever recorded in Roseburg, and it was on the 14, 15, and 16 of January that the minimum temperature was 5, 3, and 6 degrees below zero respectively. That was cold. Ten days later, however, the conditions had experienced a great change, and the records show that the weather was warmer than it was on any day in the month of July following, the minimum ranging from 51 to 53.

One cannot visit the weather bureau without acquiring a fund of valuable information in regard to what the government is doing to keep the people informed along observation lines. Observer Bell very ably explained to the News man the use of the various instruments, from the one which gauges the velocity of wind, making a record of every change that occurs within each few seconds, and the delicate little contrivance which indicates the sunshine and shadows, both of which are self regulating; the instruments which register the minimum and maximum temperature, and also the wonderful constructed machine which tells of low or high atmospheric pressure. The combined apparatus in use in this observation station tells the exact atmospheric conditions existing from hour to hour in the locality, and is a wonderful demonstration of how the master mind of the scientist has practically harnessed the elements and is using this knowledge for the benefit of the people.

DID NOT GET THERE

Denied That Cook Ever Climbed Mt. McKinley

FAILED THE FIRST TRIP

Tried It Without Former Comrades and Was Successful in Reaching the Summit of the Mountain So He Said.

(Special to The Evening News)

New York, Dec. 23.—The report of the special committee that has been investigating Dr. Cook's claims of his climb of Mt. McKinley, will submit their findings to the board of governors of the explorers' club tomorrow night. While the investigating committee will not divulge the text of the report, they do not deny that it discredits Cook. Cook and two other explorers first made an attempt to climb McKinley, but were unable to get near enough to the mountain to really tell what it looked like. The guides were unable to show any trails or way of ascent, and the matter was given up for that season; but the three explorers had an agreement among themselves to the effect that the next year they would again attempt to explore the mountain. Early the next season, before his brother explorers were aware of his movements, Cook quietly slipped up the coast and climbed the heights of McKinley, so he said.

From the trouble that was experienced by the party on the first attempt, and from the fact that they were unable to get really a practical start, Messrs. Belmore Brown, of Tacoma, and H. C. Parker, of New York, the other two gentlemen constituting the party were of the opinion at the time that Cook's claim was absolutely without foundation. The same opinion was shared by a good many others, and the looked for report of the investigating committee before the explorers' club tomorrow will be looked for with a great interest by these people.

FOUR MEN FREEZE IN COLORADO

(Special to The Evening News)

Buena Vista, Dec. 23.—Extreme cold has prevailed throughout Colorado during the past sixty hours, and four men are dead as the result of exposure to the cold. These men, with one other, who is still alive, though badly frozen, were all together when the storm overtook them, and the survivor refuses to divulge the names of any of the dead men or tell his own name. It is thought that he is insane from the terrible experience he has gone through. No hope is entertained for his recovery.

BUTTE YARDS FIRED UPON BY STRIKERS

(Special to The Evening News)

Butte, Dec. 23.—Following a threat made by the miners' union to deport every man who returned to work for the Northern Pacific and Great Northern railways, the last switchman walked out today, completely tying up the freight movement. Several of the Butte mines also suspended operations, the owners declaring that it will be necessary to close more of the mines unless the strike is soon settled.

CANADA STARTS HER NEW NAVY

(Special to The Evening News)

Ottawa, Dec. 23.—The first vessel of the new Canadian navy has made its appearance in the cruiser Rainbow, which the Dominion parliament has purchased from the British government. The Rainbow belonged to His Majesty's navy for a good many years and is a second class twin screw cruiser. She will be used as a training ship for the Canadian recruits. The Canadians are also negotiating with the home government for a second and larger cruiser for the British navy, which will also be used as a training ship.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM.

For Friday, Saturday and Sunday, at the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The following program will be given Friday night, Christmas eve, at 7:30 o'clock. Processional: Singing by the school and congregation, "Joy to the World."
Song by the children's choir, "There's a Song in the Air."
Prayer by the pastor.
Singing, children's choir, "The Mystery of Bethlehem."
Responsive reading, (Luke II 8-20.)
Recitation and solo, Camille Patterson.
Recitation, "The Divine Child."

GREATEST BATTLE SHIP

The Utah, Uncle Sams New Ship, Has No Equal

WILL CARRY 1000 MEN

(Special to The Evening News)

Philadelphia, Dec. 23.—The new armored battleship Utah will be the most formidable fighting machine afloat and when fully equipped and manned by her 1000 men and 60 officers will also be the pride of the United States navy. This magnificent battleship will be capable of a minimum speed of 20 3/4 knots an hour. She will be 510 feet long at the water line and have a displacement of 21,225 tons. The Utah will be propelled by ten turbines capable of developing 28,000 horsepower, and her armor will be sufficient to protect her from the steel missiles fired from the big guns of an enemy's fleet. Such a craft as the Utah will place the American navy several notches ahead of the position it now occupies in relative strength and efficiency as compared with the navies of other nations. The Utah will be fitted for a flagship.

ROOSEVELT GETS VALUABLE GIFTS

(Special to The Evening News)

Kampala, Uganda, Dec. 23.—Col. Roosevelt and party left this afternoon for Lake Nyanza, after spending two days at the Ugandan capital, Da' Chwa, the twelve year old king of Uganda, presented Mr. Roosevelt with many rare and valuable ivory ornaments prior to his departure.

DELAYED STEAMER ARRIVES IN PORT

(Special to The Evening News)

London, Dec. 23.—After being battered for four days by one of the worst storms that has swept the British coast in recent years, the Star Laker Friesland reached her berth at Queenstown today, several days late from Philadelphia. The Friesland carried 333 first class cabin and 125 steerage passengers. Great fears for the safety of the ship had been felt for several hours before her arrival, and it was with great delight that friends on shore greeted relatives or acquaintances on the arrival of the vessel in port. The officers of the ship reported a severe trip across, and their assertions were evidenced by many smashed and badly battered deck fittings. The steamer Trever, for the safety of which grave fears were entertained, steamed safely into her dock at Queenstown today. She was caught in the same gale as that which delayed the Friesland.

COOK TRAVELING THROUGH EUROPE

(Special to The Evening News)

Paris, Dec. 23.—Dr. Cook, the Arctic explorer, whose data to prove his claim of prior discovery of the North Pole was submitted to the University of Copenhagen, and which was afterward rejected as being incomplete and insufficient to establish his claim, passed through Paris today. Dr. Cook was from Nice, and enroute to Ostend. He was accompanied by Mrs. Cook and a youth about 18 years of age whose name was not learned. From a Marcellis dispatch it is learned that the explorer recently registered at the Regina hotel under the name of Richardson, giving his address as Naples.

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On his identity becoming known in that city he fled to Nice and from thence to Paris.

WILL NOT PROSECUTE.

Tillamook Editor Will Escape Prosecution.

(Special to The Evening News)

Tillamook, Or., Dec. 22.—The case against Fred C. Baker, editor of the Tillamook Headlight, dragged along until Monday, because on the return of District Attorney W. H. Cooper from Portland, he would have nothing whatever to do with the prosecution, which devolved upon Attorney Talmage, who had been appointed by the court. In the hearing, Baker did not deny printing the circular, which was a job he did for the law and order advocates in the recent city election. Attorney Botts, who appeared for Baker, called the court's attention to the hurried manner in which it had had Baker arrested in the absence of the deputy district attorney from the county; to the fact that the deputy would have nothing to do whatever with prosecuting the case; that it only meant additional costs upon the taxpayers to prosecute a case that was unconstitutional. The justice took the case under advisement.

LOCAL NEWS.

Headquarters for Holiday goods is at the Roseburg Book Store.

I. M. Irwin, of Ten Mile, was attending to business interests in this city today. The News acknowledges a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cranfill of Umpqua, were in the city today making Christmas purchases and calling on friends here. Mr. Cranfill ordered the Evening News sent out to his address.

J. T. Spangh was in from Looking Glass today. Other prominent farmers from that section visiting the city today were Mr. Sherkut, Chas. Howard, Walter Goodman, Bob Noah and Lawrence Miller.

The big steam road roller which was taken over to West Roseburg, yesterday, to be used in setting a new street in order, got off the rails and was stuck in the mud this morning for quite a while.

The home of C. F. Scott, of Edentown, was the scene of a quiet wedding last night at 8 o'clock the event being the marriage of Miss Irene Minnie and Mr. Gilbert G. Hollis, both of this city, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. James K. Hawkins, pastor of the M. E. church. The wedding was witnessed by a few near friends and relatives of the young people. Both of the contracting parties are well and favorably known in Roseburg, and their many friends unite in wishing for them a long and happy married life.

CHRISTMAS BALL!

at the Armory
Saturday
EVENING

8:30 until midnight.
Given by the
Roseburg Orchestra
Admission
Gentlemen 75 cents
LADIES FREE

IT IS NOW KING ALBERT OF BELGIUM

(Special to The Evening News.)

Brussels, Dec. 23.—Prince Albert became King of Belgium today, the oath being administered at parliament hall in the presence of the Belgian minister, Prince Albert's wife, Princess Stephanie and Clementine and scores of foreign diplomats, including American Minister Lane. Albert became king of Belgium from the moment that the oath was administered. In view of the fact that the official ceremony did not include the coronation.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

J. J. C. Moore to R. M. Noah, certain land, all situated in t. 48N 1-4 of sec. 35, twp. 27, S R 7 W. Consideration \$200.

Louis C. Johnson to Silas R. Willett, lot 5, block 5, Waites addition to Roseburg. Consideration \$10.

J. R. Poe leaves for Myrtle Creek tomorrow where he will remain for several days.

FREE HOUSEKEEPERS, STORE-KEEPERS, JANITORS

I have it now, a sweeping compound that will meet the most exacting requirements. It is cheaper than you have been using as it has less sand in it and consequently lighter. It will not harm the finest rug or carpet. It will take up all dust from wood floors or covered floors. Unless floors are very dirty it can be used more than once, again reducing cost. Retail at 5 cents per pound. But that you may know how it does its work I will give you a sample package if you will bring this adv. with you. "The man with an axe to grind," and this time I want to know how many of Mr. Bates' readers see my adv.

F. H. Churchill
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WINTER AILMENTS

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HARTH'S TOGGERY

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