

## GOOD TIMES.

The opening of spring will herald an era of prosperity to the Pacific Northwest. In British Columbia, four sections of the Canadian Pacific Railroad have been contracted for, with Messrs. Onderdonk & Co., and as soon as the weather will permit, a large force of men will be put to work. On Puget Sound, all the mills will, this summer, be run at their full capacity, lumber having once more reached a price which enables mill-owners to manufacture at a fair profit. In Oregon and Eastern Washington, more railroads will be constructed than in any previous year. The Northern Pacific are employing a large force of men on the two hundred mile section of railroad from Ainsworth east, and expect to complete the same in time to move this year's crop. By the middle of February, nearly five hundred men will be at work on the section of railroad from Celilo to Waulula, and more will be employed as they can be used to advantage. In Idaho, "the narrow gauge" from the East is slowly but surely reaching out to the Snake river, and every day shortens the gap. The Skagit mines, whilst we are not ready to concede all that is claimed for them, are, without a doubt, "very good diggings," and will add thousands of dollars to the wealth of Puget Sound. Mining in general will be most actively prosecuted here this year. All our principal gold, silver and cinnabar mining companies have, during the past year, erected their mills and furnaces, and during 1880 will be ready to get at the precious metals. Added to the above, we have, during the past three months, received hundreds of letters from residents in States "East of the Rockies," which, after careful perusal and comparison with similar letters in previous years, enables us to publish the gratifying information that our immigration for 1880 will by far outnumber that of any previous year.

From the above brief glance over the field, and bearing in mind that Oregon is the center of operations and chief commissary department for all of the above named points, we are justified in predicting a prosperous season for this locality.

Dr. J. Simms, the celebrated physiognomist, has just concluded a very successful and valuable course of lectures in this city.

## Our Northern Fleet.

Return of vessels which have passed by or in the vicinity of the Light Station at Cape Flattery, W. T., during the year ending December 31, 1879.

Report made by ALEX. SAMPOY, Keeper of the Light House.

| 1879.          | Ships | B'ks | Brigs | Sch's | Str's | Total |
|----------------|-------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Quar. ending,  |       |      |       |       |       |       |
| March 31.....  | 55    | 100  | 4     | 70    | 4     | 313   |
| June 30.....   | 68    | 191  | 8     | 149   | 8     | 501   |
| Sept'r 30..... | 54    | 152  | 8     | 68    | 8     | 390   |
| Dec'r 31.....  | 48    | 110  | 8     | 45    | 45    | 256   |
| Total.....     | 225   | 619  | 28    | 332   | 20    | 1409  |

## Meteorological Observations

Made at Portland, Oregon, by R. R. HERMAN, Corporal Signal Corps, U. S. A.

Annual Summary for the year ending December 31, 1879.

| 1879.    | MONTHLY MEANS. |       |          | Wind,                 | Rain,             | No. days                 |
|----------|----------------|-------|----------|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
|          | Barom.         | Ther. | Humidity | prev. di-<br>rection. | inches<br>of Snow | of rain or<br>Snow fell. |
| Jan...   | 30.173         | 37.8  | 76.1     | S                     | 5.28              | 18                       |
| Feb...   | 30.090         | 44.0  | 79.3     | S                     | 13.22             | 23                       |
| March... | 29.971         | 4.8   | 78.8     | S                     | 11.70             | 28                       |
| April... | 30.109         | 52.3  | 65.8     | S                     | 2.19              | 10                       |
| May...   | 30.081         | 54.6  | 73.5     | S                     | 6.60              | 22                       |
| June...  | 30.106         | 60.5  | 69.5     | NW                    | 2.18              | 11                       |
| July...  | 30.015         | 66.1  | 61.7     | NW                    | 1.73              | 8                        |
| Aug...   | 29.960         | 68.0  | 63.1     | NW                    | 0.97              | 7                        |
| Sept...  | 30.018         | 63.7  | 70.1     | NW                    | 2.18              | 10                       |
| Oct...   | 30.090         | 51.9  | 74.0     | S                     | 4.23              | 10                       |
| Nov...   | 30.084         | 43.6  | 77.7     | S                     | 4.56              | 16                       |
| Dec...   | 30.073         | 38.9  | 78.3     | S                     | 7.30              | 16                       |
| Means    | 30.161         | 52.5  | 72.4     | S                     | 62.21             | 98                       |

## GENERAL ITEMS.

Highest barometer during the year, 30.819 on December 24th.

Lowest barometer during the year, 29.911 on October 11th.

Annual range of barometer, 1.05.

Maximum temperature, 91.7, July 29th.

Minimum temperature, 3.0, Dec. 23d.

Annual range of temperature, 88.7.

Greatest daily range of temperature, 31.7, May 25th.

Amount of rain or melt of snow, 62.21.

Prevailing wind south.

Last frost of spring, April 11th.

First frost in autumn, November 1st.

## Meteorological Observations

Made by JAMES G. SWAN at Neenah Bay, Clallam county, W. T.

Annual summary for the year ending December 31, 1879.

| MONTH.         | Mean Bar. | TEMPERATURE |      |      | Rainfall and melting snow, in inches. | Snowfall in inches. |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|------|------|---------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                |           | Max.        | Min. | Mean |                                       |                     |
| January.....   | 30.05     | 36.20       | 49   | 36   | 13.93                                 | 9.75                |
| February.....  | 30.00     | 38.00       | 51   | 26   | 21.34                                 | 12.00               |
| March.....     | 29.86     | 41.02       | 56   | 32   | 23.83                                 | 3.90                |
| April.....     | 30.19     | 45.00       | 57   | 32   | 7.68                                  | None                |
| May.....       | 30.27     | 50.00       | 66   | 41   | 7.11                                  | "                   |
| June.....      | 30.27     | 54.00       | 64   | 46   | 1.48                                  | "                   |
| July.....      | 30.01     | 56.01       | 70   | 48   | 4.63                                  | "                   |
| August.....    | 30.09     | 56.00       | 72   | 52   | 8.81                                  | "                   |
| September..... | 30.14     | 50.51       | 70   | 44   | 4.90                                  | "                   |
| October.....   | 30.30     | 49.33       | 60   | 30   | 1.65                                  | "                   |
| November.....  | 30.08     | 43.60       | 54   | 30   | 8.78                                  | "                   |
| December.....  | 29.98     | 37.83       | 52   | 18   | 20.97                                 | 6.50                |
| Sum.....       | 30.122    | 54.88       | 721  | 425  | 196.16                                | 32.05               |
| Mean.....      | 30.10     | 47.07       | 60.1 | 37.5 |                                       |                     |

CROP PROSPECTS.—From T. J. Black, Esq., of the firm of Black, Pearl & Co., dealers in general merchandise, at Halsey, we learn that the fall-sown grain all along the line of the railroad, and particularly so in the vicinity of Halsey, is in the very best condition, and he predicts that, no accident happening, crops for 1880 will be larger than ever. Mr. Black is one of the heaviest grain buyers in Linn county, and a man of excellent judgment. His opinion is therefore a valuable one.

First premium awarded to Abell for the best cabinets, cards, and retouched photographs, at the late State Fair.

ARTHUR'S HOME MAGAZINE.—Published at Philadelphia, Pa., is now in its 27th year, and still remains the great Family Magazine of America. It is ably conducted and in keeping with the enterprise of the times. Amongst its corps of contributors it numbers some of the ablest writers in the United States. Subscription price per year, \$2.00.

NO FORM of beauty has more devotees, especially among the ladies, than flowers; but in order to have these beautiful gems of nature in perfection, it is necessary to procure good seed, and also to be in possession of some knowledge as to the proper manner of planting the seed and cultivating the plant. This, and much more very useful information, is contained in D. M. FERRY & Co.'s beautifully illustrated Descriptive and Priced Seed Annual, which they offer to send free to all. See their advertisement in our columns.

Buchtel, the "old stand-by" of photographers, is still on deck at his elegant gallery, corner First and Morrison streets, where he is prepared to take all kinds of pictures, in the most approved style of the art.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE.—Of the many Guides and Seed and Plant Catalogues sent out by our Seedsmen and Nurserymen, and that are doing so much to inform the people and beautify and enrich our country, none are so beautiful, none so instructive as *Vick's Floral Guide*. Its paper is the choicest, its illustrations handsome, and given by the hundred, while its Colored Plate is a gem. This work, although costing but five cents, is handsome enough for a Gift Book, or a place on the parlor table. Published by JAMES VICK, Rochester, N. Y.

SOCIAL SCIENCE.—A series of six lectures, on the various topics of social science, will be delivered in this city. The first of the series, by Dr. Harvey, on "First Appearance of Man in America," delivered in the Unitarian chapel on the evening of January 21st, was a rare treat to all who were fortunate enough to be present. The second lecture, at the same place, will be delivered on the 4th of February, and one lecture every two weeks thereafter. Amongst the corps of lecturers who have volunteered for this series, we notice the following eminent gentlemen: Dr. E. I. Baily, Medical Director of the Department of the Columbia; Dr. Philip Harvey, Professor of Pathology, Willamette University; T. H. Crawford, Esq., City Superintendent of Public Instruction; Dr. R. G. Rex, Professor of Chemistry in Willamette University; and E. D. Shattuck, Esq., ex-judge of the Supreme Court of Oregon.

"Mary," said a lover to his intended, "give us a kiss, will you?" "No, I shant," said Mary, "help yourself."

"To Greece we give our shining blades," said the fellow at the boarding-house, plunging his knife into the butter-dish.