

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS.

February.

- 1—Explosion in store at Alliance, O.; 7 killed and 7 wounded.... Bill restoring Fitz John Porter to the army passed the House.
- 2—Death of Wendell Phillips, in Boston, aged 73 years.... Steamer *Nottingham* sunk by an iceberg in the Atlantic; crew saved.... Egyptian army defeated by rebels at Tokar.
- 4—Strike of spinners in Massachusetts.... Baker Pasha defeated by followers of El Mahdi in Upper Egypt.
- 5—Parliament opened in England.... Grand carnival begun at the Palace of Ice in Montreal.
- 6—Great damage by flood at Pittsburg, Cincinnati and along the Ohio River.
- 8—Oil tanks and warehouse of Standard Oil Co., at Long Island City, burned.
- 9—Thomas S. Smith, of The Dalles, Or., died in San Francisco.... Steam collier *Umatilla* struck a rock at Cape Flattery, was towed to Esquimault, B. C., and sunk in the harbor.
- 10—Legislature of British Columbia passed an act to prevent Chinese from acquiring Crown lands.... Floods in the Ohio higher than in 1882 and still increasing.
- 11—Thomas Kinella, editor of *Brooklyn Eagle*, died in that city.... Death of Thomas Cheney, editor of the *London Times*.... Sinking, in Upper Egypt, captured by followers of the False Prophet; garrison massacred.
- 12—Brewery burned at Gervais, Or.; loss, \$6,000.
- 13—Fire in Sprague, W. T.; loss, \$42,000.
- 14—Highest point reached by the flood in the Ohio at Cincinnati, 71 ft. $\frac{3}{4}$ in.
- 17—News received of the death, January 31, of William Gouverneur Morris, Collector at Sitka.
- 20—Explosion in coal mine at Uniontown, Pa., kills 19 men.... Cyclones in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama kill 75 people and wound 150 others.
- 21—Tokar surrendered to the Egyptian rebels.... Back *Lizzie Marshall* wrecked near Cape Flattery.... Bodies of De Long and companions received in New York with great ceremonies.
- 23—Body of Salmi Morse, author of "The Passion Play," found in Hudson River; supposed suicide.... Broken rail throws train from bridge near Brookfield, Mo.; 6 killed and 25 wounded.
- 24—Steamer *Sausalito* burned at San Quentin, Cal.; loss, \$150,000.
- 26—Death of the French generals De Wimpffen and Schramm.
- 28—Explosion of a powder magazine near Omaha; 4 people killed.... Death of ex-Governor Hubbard of Connecticut.... Body of General E. O. C. Ord arrived in New York from Havana.... The Egyptian rebels severely defeated near Trikitat by the British under General Graham.
- 29—Earthquake in the Island of Chaos and in Asia Minor.... Great fire in Philadelphia; loss, \$1,000,000.

WEATHER REPORT.

Rainfall at Empire City, Coos County, Or., Compiled from Records Kept by David Morse, Jr.

	1880.	1881.	1882.	1883.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
January.....	8.16	7.96	7.96	5.72
February.....	8.95	10.59	1.97	1.97
March.....	2.80	4.45	4.85	4.85
April.....	.87	4.23	5.86	5.86
May.....	.65	1.55	2.75	2.75
June.....	4.71	.26	.25	.25
July.....	.95	.25	.00	.00
August.....	1.04	.01	.00	.00
September.....	.20	1.15	.95	.82
October.....	.28	4.80	3.77	4.87
November.....	.82	3.23	2.96	2.17
December.....	7.69	7.48	8.58	3.00
Total.....	8.99	44.50	45.21	32.36
January, 1884, 2.75 inches.				

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the Northern Pacific, stopped all work on the main line, and retarded the completion of the road for seven years. During all that time New Tacoma remained a small village, waiting patiently for the renewal of active building upon the main line, the completion of which was necessary for the realization of its hopes. In 1880 work was energetically pushed on the main line eastward from the Columbia and westward from the Missouri. The certainty of a speedy completion of the road awoke New Tacoma into life and activity. It then had a population of but 720. In two years it was increased to 3,000; while the erection of hotels, stores, shops and residences was only limited by the supply of materials and labor that could be obtained.

Great as was that growth it has been far exceeded by the development of the past year. Residences and business blocks have increased at a rate astonishing even to the most enthusiastic supporter of the city. During 1883 the population was doubled, increasing it to more than 6,000, and \$1,500,000 were invested in real estate, being nearly three times the amount invested in 1882, and representing 1,114 separate transfers of property. The number of new buildings erected was far in excess of those of any previous year, while the character of the structures was uniformly better and more substantial, a greater proportion of them being built of brick. The increase of the assessed valuation for Pierce county was more than \$1,000,000, the increase representing almost entirely the enhanced value of property in the city. Tacoma to-day occupies a platted area of 2,938 acres, of which 1,500 acres represent the additions surveyed and recorded during the past year. By the last Legislature the two cities of Tacoma and New Tacoma were united under one charter as the City of Tacoma, the corporate limits embracing a much larger area than the above platted portion, all of which will eventually be laid off into additions as the city's dimensions are enlarged.

A brief glance at the commercial and manufacturing industries already established will astonish those who have been accustomed to consider its greatness as lying entirely in the future. There are in the city, in addition to factories, banks, etc., 153 distinct business houses, which may be classified according to their principal line of trade as follows: Dry goods, 11; groceries, 19; variety, 15; hardware, 6; agricultural implements, 1; millinery, 4; drugs, 4; bakeries, 4; furniture, 4; boots and shoes, 4; butcher shops, 4; harness and saddlery, 1; jewelry, 5; blacksmith shops, 4; livery stables, 2; barber shops, 5; hotels, inclusive of boarding houses, 11; restaurants, 12; wholesale liquor, 3; saloons, 18; laundries, 6; printing offices, 2; gunsmiths, 2; undertakers, 1; paints and oils, 3. These houses carry stocks ranging from \$500 to \$40,000, averaging about \$6,500 each and aggregating a total of \$1,000,000. The city has two substantial banking houses, the Tacoma National Bank and the Bank of Tacoma, which received in 1883 deposits to the amount of \$4,139,866 14, and dealt in exchange aggregating the sum of \$4,074,361 32. Such sums as these passing

MANY a child goes astray, not because there is a want at home, but simply because home lacks sunshine. A child needs smiles as much as the flowers need sunbeams. Children look little beyond the present moment. If a thing pleases, they are apt to seek it; if it displeases, they are apt to avoid it. If home is a place where faces are sour and words harsh, and fault-finding is ever in the ascendant, they will spend as many hours as possible elsewhere.