

THE EUGENE CITY GUARD.

SATURDAY.....AUGUST 9, 1890.

SUPPLEMENT.

OREGON CROPS AND WEATHER,
For Week Ending August 2nd.

WEATHER.

The temperature has been below the average for the week, and has ranged from 45 to 50 degrees.

Except a few local sprinkles along the coast and a sprinkle at Waite Walls on July 31, no rain is reported to have fallen in the state.

The days have been cloudy or partly cloudy in the mornings, the afternoons have been cloudless.

CROPS.

The cool, partly cloudy weather was very favorable to harvesting operations, which have continued during the week. The weather conditions have also been favorable to the crops not yet matured and to the ripening of fruit.

The wheat and oats are generally yielding better than was expected. The hay crop was much larger than was expected. The hops continue to be most promising. As was expected the peach crop is poor. The apple yield will be fair. The codlin moth has done considerable injury. Plums and prunes will be, especially plentiful. The grapes give promise of an abundant yield and vineyard are reported to be in a healthy condition and thriving. The yield of corn will not be up to the average on account of the dry weather when seeded, and cool nights during growing season.

Wheat yields of 40 bushels per acre are reported from various localities. Senator E. F. Hatch, McCoy, Polk county, reports,—"I had thirty-three acres which yielded forty and one-half bushels per acre. This may be considered an indication of what summer-fallow wheat will average in this locality."

From the Willamette valley general reports as to yields have not been recorded. The number of bushels per acre from Eastern Oregon will average well. Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam and Morrow counties have very satisfactory crops. In Umatilla to the west of Pendleton the wheat is poor. Some will not yield over ten bushels per acre. To the north and east of Pendleton it will average fully 35 bushels per acre. Union county will average from 30 to 40 bushels per acre. The most satisfactory reports are received from all counties.

The postmaster at Grant, although a distributing point for about forty offices in Oregon and Washington, receives only \$150 a year for clerk hire and about \$360 salary. Our postmasters are the poorest paid of any of the public servants, and our senators and congressman should interest themselves in this matter. There are no public offices which require the same care and ability as the postal department and in every instance the laborer should be worthy of his hire.—Times-M.

Since the presidential election of 1888 nineteen votes have been added to the electoral college, including the six which Idaho and Wyoming will contribute.

Wood Sawing.

Mr. Wm. Horn is prepared to saw wood with his machine. Leave orders at J. D. Matlock's store, and Mr. Horn will commence work the Mondays of each week.

Kemmler Electrocutted.

The first execution by electricity to take place under the new New York law occurred at the Auburn penitentiary, Aug 6. A dispatch says:

A bolt of electricity was discharged into the vitals of Wm. Kemmler at the prison here this morning. He died, so far as any superficial evidence indicated, upon the instant that the switch lever was pushed in place to establish a current through his body. His eyes were resting, partly open, the optic nerves, it is believed, being instantly paralyzed or disintegrated. The heart was stopped upon a half beat, and no tetanic convulsions marked the instant of dissolution. Kemmler's nerve was something wonderful. He never faltered. He directed the adjustment of himself in the chair and consulted the warden to moderation to secure perfect safety. The shock was given at 6:40 1/2 a. m., and was continued about eighteen seconds. Two minutes after the current was cut off there was respiration. As soon as possible the current was returned, then cut off, and again respiration was evident. After a few moments saliva came from the mouth, the chest heaved, and there was a heaving of the throat. A shock was again put to the prisoner, who, the doctor remarked, was unconscious from the moment of the first shock. In a short time smoke appeared in the face and the flesh was burnt. The spectacle was most trying. The man, the doctors said, suffered no pain whatever. The warden says the voltage at the first shock was at 1800 volts, which was run down to a point not named. After the third contact of four minutes the man was declared dead. The warden's certificate of death was signed by all. When the mask was taken off Kemmler's face his eyes were found half open, and his expression, while not normal nor placid, was horrible to see.

"Kemmler was dead within second after the alternating current was turned on," said Harold Brown, of New York, the Courier Journal reporter to night. He is the man, who, after the New York legislature passed the law to execute by electric, made experiments and placed in position the deadly dynamo at Auburn. When asked about the execution Brown said: In regard to the Kemmler execution I wish that experience with animals and sports of the death showed one second's quiet with the alternating current will prove instantly fatal, but that if this current stopped before the expiration of twenty-five or thirty seconds, muscular rigidity caused by the passage of the current through the muscles will be followed by corresponding relaxation, which may produce spasmodic expirations of breath and attempts at respiration. If the current is on more than thirty seconds there is no movement whatever of the muscles when the current was off. Kemmler was killed instantly and painlessly within the first second, but as the current is opened and taken off before the thirty seconds had passed, which frightened some of the attendants into thinking he was dead, the current was applied again, as produced on the face and hands the twitching, which showed beyond a doubt that the first shock had killed him.

Doctors in general declared that the man from the very first contact was beyond consciousness, and some thought the action which startled all and sent the warden away with a white face to order the current renewed was only the reflex muscular action. Not so with one physician, who declared he would stake his name that he could bring Kemmler back to conscious life with brandy hypodermics.

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