

REPORTS received at the Southern Pacific Company's office at San Francisco, show that the rainfall throughout Oregon and upper California have been greater part of the winter, so far had the do, and the grain crop is thus unusually good and strong.

The new agent has sent the following nomination to the Senate: Thomas W. Palmer, of Michigan, to be minister of the United States to Spain; John F. Swift, of New York, to be minister to Japan; John D. Williams, of Massachusetts, to minister to Switzerland; George Tolman, of Illinois, to be assistant secretary of the treasury, vice Maynard, resigned.

The great rush of immigration sets towards Washington in every direction, but the route to Portland is advertised as the shortest and most direct, and no steamer is required to develop its own business, says the *Oregonian*. But Oregon need not worry. Thousands of these people number every town and city, and it will only necessary to gather immigration statistics when they can reach it to satisfy them that Oregon has as many attractions as its neighbors.

This late winter rains have begotten a good deal of confidence in the safety of our barometers which was hitherto untried. The weather is now more uniform, and the country more uniformly "indicated" storms during six weeks of glorious sunshine, and only when at last the rains descended did the prediction seem to have been well founded.

John S. Grant's Pass was discharged on Friday and Saturday last, having been called up to pass only two weeks ago.

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