

METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

Table with columns: Pacific Coast Time, BAR., Temp., Relative Hum., D'r of Wind, and State of Weather.

Maximum temperature, 48; minimum temperature, 27. Total precipitation from July up to date, 2.91; average precipitation from July to date, 7.81; average deficiency from July 1st to date, 4.90.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

THE DALLES, Jan. 20, 1891. FAIR Weather forecast till 8 p. m., Tuesday, fair. Slightly cooler.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Mr. Henry Sexton of Wasco is in the city. Mr. H. C. Rooper of Bake Oven is in the city. Master Frank French left to-day to attend the university at Salem. R. F. Gibbons is confined to his home with an attack of sciatic rheumatism. For once in a month the west-bound "flyer" came in on time this morning. Mr. Charles Rosenfeld of the Rosenfeld-Smith Co. of Portland is in the city. Mr. J. Blumlein, representing Mason, Ehrman & Co., of Portland is here on a business visit. Three cars of cattle on their way from La Grande to Portland were fed at the stock yards Sunday night. Hon. O. M. Scott, county judge of Sherman county, honored the CHRONICLE office with a visit this afternoon. A petition is being circulated to have the grade on Tenth street east and west, established so that the water mains can be laid properly. The two prize-fighters who have been incarcerated in the jail at Pendleton for 123 days, have had a remission of \$750 each of their fines by the governor. Five tramps were arrested yesterday by the city marshal, and Recorder Knaggs recommended them to the street commissioner, who gave them a job. Roses, pansies, strawberry blossoms and green strawberries were picked from the yard of W. Neff in town Wednesday. What place can beat Hood River.—Glacier. The East Oregonian mentions a case or two of harness stealing at Pendleton the latter part of last week. Evidently the gang that went through the stables here have moved on to Pendleton. The CHRONICLE gives you the very latest telegrams twenty-four hours ahead of the Oregonian. If you want the news—subscribe for it. J. M. Rogers of Boyd returned home Saturday from a short visit to Missouri, the home of his father. He formed a partnership while there with a nice young lady and brought her home with him. We wish him and his young wife a prosperous and happy life. The cold winter of 1887-1888 made a terrible thinning in ranks of the jack-rabbit army in this county, says the Harney Items, and the cold snap of last February killed many of them, but they are now about as plentiful as ever. They make a very good chicken pie in the absence of everything else. A man who occupies a responsible position with the Union Pacific was heard to say in Pendleton last night that if some effort is made by Pendleton people, if some inducement is offered the company, it would undoubtedly result in the establishment of machine shops here.—East Oregonian. It looks very much as though the tramps who stole the outfit from the box car Sunday night and hid it under Saltmarsh's platform had intended to set fire to some building in that portion of the town that they might get a chance to plunder houses left unguarded. Harness-stealing seems to be a favorite avocation with petty thieves in Pendleton at present. Several citizens have lately had harness and other articles stolen from their barns. Saturday night the stable of Levy Hays, who lives on Nob hill, was entered, and a set of double harness taken. So far there is no clue to the robber, who will probably soon open a harness store in some other town.—East Oregonian. Monday evening Mr. Watson who had been up the road on a hand car, on his way home discovered that some wretch had bolted two fish plates together and placed them on the track near the willows above town. There was an evident intent to wreck a train, and the attempt was foiled more by good luck than any thing else. Hanging is not severe punishment enough for this offence but unfortunately it is the limit beyond which we cannot go. The attempt to wreck a train should be made a capital offence. The Oregonian has the largest circulation of any daily, Sunday or weekly paper west of the Rocky mountains, and in order to further increase its circulation they have selected with great care, a large list of valuable books, and other useful articles and are offering them as premiums to each new subscriber to any of its several issues for yearly subscriptions. The Oregonian should be in every household. Send for premium list to the Oregonian Publishing company, Portland, Oregon. For a cut, bruise, burn or scald, there is nothing equal to Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It heals the parts more quickly than any other application, and unless the injury is very severe, no scar is left. For sale by Snipes & Kinersly.

Col. Nevius arrived home from Salem to-day. Mr. S. Husbands, of Mosier, is in the city. Mr. Husbands is reconciled as to the destiny of the new county project. Hon. E. L. Eastham, member of the Oregon Legislature died at his home in Oregon city last Sunday morning. The largest COFFEE MILL and the finest line of Teas, Coffees and Spices ever brought to the city at 82 Second street. Misses Lillie and Clara Allen left this morning for Rockford, Illinois to attend school. Mrs. DeLyle accompanied them. Geo. Bancroft, the eminent Historian, died in Washington city D. C., on the 17th inst. after a brief illness. He was born in 1800. The Home Dramatic Club will repeat the play "A Celebrated Case" at the Vogt Grand one week from to-night. The proceeds will be donated to the "Y's" and the house should be filled. Messrs. Printz & Nitschke are having the old platform and rubbish cleaned off the lot adjoining the store occupied by Snipes & Kinersly for the purpose of building for themselves a store for their furniture business in the coming season. The young ladies Shakespearean club met with Miss Iva Brooks last evening and had an enjoyable season reading Othello. Such gatherings are very profitable as the acquaintance with standard authors assists in literary requirements. Board of Trade Meeting. Board met at their rooms last night, A. S. Macallister, president, and B. S. Huntington secretary, both being present and the attendance being fair. A committee consisting of A. S. Macallister, Robert Mays and G. T. Farley were appointed to go to Salem and urge the passage of Senator Watkins' portage bill, and to look after such other matters as are of interest to Wasco county. Hon. C. M. Cartwright and A. J. Dufur, sr., who will be at Salem, will assist them. On motion it was ordered that copies of the stock-books be made and given to the farmers for the purpose of securing stock for the proposed steamboat line. On motion it was ordered that the secretary inform our members of the legislature, that it was the unanimous sense of the board that the present board of railroad commissioners should be abolished and the Minto bill should become a law. The secretary was further instructed to request the members of congress from Oregon, Washington and Idaho to use every effort to pass the Dolph bill appropriating money for the completion of the Cascade locks, through the house. It was recommended that as the board of trade was maintained in the interest of the entire country around The Dalles that all our business men should join it. City Council Meeting. The city council met last night to meet the committee on new charter which it was found was not yet ready to report. The report of the committee appointed to provide means by which to return the money used by Dalles City belonging to the water fund, reported that this was impossible to be done in time to make the funds available for present improvements. The same committee reported on the matter of letting the contract for laying pipes from the reservoir up Mill creek that the same be postponed temporarily, until the new charter was perfected. Council adjourned to meet Wednesday night. Hotel Arrivals for the Past Twenty-four Hours. UMATILLA HOUSE. S. R. Husbands, Mosier. J. W. Phillips, Albany. Jacob Blumlein, Portland. Charles Rosenfeld, " F. V. Dingman, " Geo. F. Jones, " Charles Pringle, " Charles Evans, " J. M. Roth, Kingsley. H. C. Rooper, Bake Oven. Mrs. J. W. McNamara, Portland. Geo. St. Devis, San Francisco. M. Cavanaugh, Albina. A. C. Sawyer, New York. Mark A. Fullerton, Colfax. Temperance Lecturers Coming. Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Scott, who come to this coast highly recommended by Miss Willard, will be in The Dalles on or about the 28th of January. Will lecture four or five successive evenings. Further notice given of time and place. DIED. In this city Monday, January 19, 1891, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hickenbotham. No thoughtful person can fail to see how the lines are being obliterated and how men are taking up the work of women and women that of men, and both succeeding, because work itself has been forced into broader lines by the combined influence of society and humanity. Women lawyers want to be known as lawyers, not women. Women doctors want to be known as skillful physicians, not as women; and the women writer sends out her work under male nomenclature that it may be judged upon its merits and not handicapped by the estimate that the followers of tradition and the inheritors of prejudice always put upon work signed with a woman's name. Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, relates an incident in which a Brooklyn reporter did not, as she thinks, treat her fairly in an interview. She has treasured it up against reporters in general, and when one called on her lately to inquire when in her opinion was the happiest hour in a woman's life, she replied: "The hour before reporters were invented."

CHRONICLE SHORT STOPS.

Elaine oil at Maier & Benton's. Nebraska corn at Joles Bros.' Lard in bulk at Central Market. For coughs and colds use 2379. Fresh Iowa Butter at Maier & Benton's. Employment Bureau, Haworth & Thurman, 116, Court St. Columbia river smelt at W. A. Kirby's, 10 cents per pound. "Does S. B. get there? "I should smile." S. B. Oregon Star brand of hams at the Central Market at 15 cents. C. E. Dunham will cure your headache, cough or pain for 50 cents, S. B. Big bargains in real estate at 116 Court St. First come, first served. Sliced hams, boneless hams, ham sausage and dried fish at Central Market. The best fitting pantaloons of the latest style are made by John Pashek in Opera House block on Third street. 2379 is the cough syrup for children. Get me a cigar from that fine case at Snipes & Kinersly's. Joles Bros.' is the boss place to buy groceries. You need not cough! Blakeley & Houghton will cure it for 50 cents. S. B. The finest stock of silverware ever brought to The Dalles at W. E. Garretsons, Second street. Snipes & Kinersly are anxious to cure your headache for 50 cents. S. B. For a lame back, a pain in the side or chest, or for toothache or earache, prompt relief may be had by using Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It is reliable. For sale by Snipes & Kinersly. Those easy chairs made by Livermore & Andrews are the neatest thing of the kind ever made. They are just the thing for your porch or lawn in the summer, and are as comfortable and easy as an old shoe. Call and see them at 77 Court street. NOTICE. All county warrants registered prior to September 13, 1887, will be paid if presented at my office. Interest ceases from and after this date. GEO. RUCH, Treas. Wasco Co., Or. Jan. 13, 1890. 4t

TO THE LAST WRINKLE.

An Appeal for Individual Taste in the Choosing of Costumes. It is perhaps a sign of the times in a regard that is to be regretted in this country, if in no other, that it should be thought matter of sufficient moment as an item of news to send across the Atlantic ocean that the Princess of Wales still clings to the tournure. It is quite enough, and more than enough, that English women find that circumstance one of importance; but when it interests American women generally we are led to fear a widespread servility, a reverence for rank and title improper to us; for, according to infallible newspaper tests, items are published of the sort that readers are eager to have. But this bit of information has at any rate some use in giving us the question why every woman in this country, where all are sovereigns, should not be as independent as the gentle princess is, and why we should all be so slavishly obedient as we are to every whim of fashion. No matter whether we are tall or short, stout or thin, one design and cut has to answer for all of us. In the day of tournures the fat woman proudly rolled about like a punchon in her dress improver, because her next neighbor, who was thin as a rail, made herself visible to the naked eye by her enlarged draperies. And now, when that day is done, the one thin as a rail has become again the shortest distance between two points, vainly imitating the comfortable flow of the other's skirts. It makes no difference to any of us that our chins are peaked and our heads are long, we will have no headgear but that which appears above the dimpled chin and the apple shaped head of our companion, and we even go so far, when fashion has approved of a certain color, as to use that color indiscriminately, without regard to our blowsy or our pallid faces, our hair that quarrels with it, our eyes that are put out by it. Perhaps nothing but a national costume, an article which we never shall attain, and which it is hardly desirable that we should attain, will do away with this subservency. But it is quite impossible that each one of us should make the world a little less monotonous by the use of a variation of individual taste, and while obeying the general trend of the prevailing fashion, modify it to the exigencies of our own personality? If we dislike the short skirt, find it only betrays ungainly feet and makes us bunched and dowdy and ungraceful, why not, in adopting in the main the decree and design of the arbiter of dress as far as may be best, lengthen the skirt if we wish? Or, if it is the long skirt that is decreed, and it seems to us unsuited to our needs, and we feel soiled and dragged and stringy in it, why should we not, still keeping the main lines in other respects, shorten our skirt to our convenience? Not needing thus to depart from the prescribed mode widely and in all respects we should still be unnoticeable, but if others should be comfortable in body, and if they should allowed themselves the same freedom we should be comfortable in mind as well if when the fashion were not to our convenience we dared to disregard it, or to modify it to an extent sufficient for our needs, and not sufficient for conspicuous remark. It might very possibly give us more work in the planning and cutting, require more attention to the demands of the mode throughout all the rest of the toilet, in order still to keep in touch with the style, but it would at least relieve our parlors and our sidewalks of dead monotony.—Harper's Bazar.

Opening a Combination Lock.

Minnehaha, S. D., has just finished a new court house at a cost of \$125,000. Over \$10,000 worth of vaults were ordered in, and recently the company making the contract was notified that the safes could not be accepted. The understanding was that no one could open the vaults unless he had the combination or was an expert at safe blowing. Last week Edward H. Saunders, a plumber, not over 17 years old, entered the county clerk's office while the clerk was endeavoring to open one of the new vaults. The combination had been lost, and finally the clerk gave up the job. Young Saunders, who was standing by, said he could open it. County Commissioner McKee offered to give Saunders \$10 if he could open the safe. The proposition was accepted. The young lad placed his ear to the door, listened to the fall of the tumblers, and in a few moments the door swung open. Saunders was turned out of the room and the combination was changed. Another trial was given the young genius and again the door flew open. The chairman of the county commissioners has informed the safe company that their safes would not be accepted, and awaited their further orders. Saunders has since opened a vault of the Hall make in one of the leading banks of the city as easily as if he knew the combination. In one of the letters that passed between the commissioners and the safe company the latter agrees to forfeit \$10,000 if the lad can open any vault without first knowing the combination.—Plumbers' Trade Journal. Capt. Watts' Gift to Thomaston. One of the most pathetic scenes witnessed in this state for a long time marked the exercises attending the presentation of the new building to the town of Thomaston, Me., by Capt. Samuel Watts. The old captain had a falling out with the town a number of years ago, and he cleared out, with all his taxable property, going to Boston. In later years his heart changed and he made the town the magnificent gift. Said he, when he made his little speech: "I am human. I have my likes and dislikes, which is applicable to most of mankind. I have lived to the age of more than threescore-and-ten—eight years more. Mr. Chairman and citizens of Thomaston, I say to one and all, I stand before you willing to forgive and ask to be forgiven. Mr. Chairman, I wish to say before taking my seat that my desire is, at the end of my earthly career, I shall be laid in yonder cemetery side by side where my wife and most of my children lie mouldering in the dust." The brave old mariner said a few words more, and then had to give up, overcome by his emotions. The people of Thomaston are full of warm and affectionate words for him.—Boston Journal. A Singular Partition. A case which is believed by lawyers to have no parallel in legal history has just been brought out in the Norfolk county court at Dedham. The late E. W. Shapleigh, of Brooklyn, N. Y., died leaving an estate of \$700,000 for thirty heirs, with no provision as to its disposal that would stand the test of the courts. There was found, however, in an old wallet a paper in his well known handwriting, but without his signature, which disposed of about half of the property to individuals, mostly nearest relatives. Some of these would not get a penny if the estate was settled by process of law. A family meeting was forthwith held, and it was agreed by all to abide by the apparent wishes of the late Mr. Shapleigh. They also decided to set apart a sum to maintain a cemetery at West Lebanon, Me., in which Mr. Shapleigh always had a deep personal interest. The lawyers say there was never such a case brought to their notice before.—Springfield Republican. Trusting a Stranger. A queer story is told about a Maine character who recently won an unenviable notoriety. While a well known Baptist clergyman, Rev. C. V. Hanson, was coming from Lewiston by train about a year ago, an elderly man in the same car inquired whether there was any one present going to Skowhegan. Mr. Hanson told him he resided there, whereat this man counted out \$500, and gave the same to Mr. Hanson to deposit in the First National bank. The circumstance passed from his mind until one day looking over his papers Mr. Hanson discovered by the receipt given him by Cashier Page that the man who intrusted him with the \$500 was none other than Micah W. Norton, of New Portland. Either Norton is a pretty good reader of physiognomy or thinks he is.—Somerset Reporter. A Costly Cow. To prove the ownership of a \$15 cow the costs were \$75 in Squire Schwab's court Monday afternoon. It took from 2 o'clock to 7 o'clock to examine the seventy-five witnesses. It seems that Frank Groneman, a West End dairyman, lost a cow, and found her in the stables of Fred Koester, his neighbor. A replevin of the animal followed, and the jury gave Groneman his cow, with \$1 damages. The cow, covered with ribbons, was hauled in glory to the squire's office.—Cincinnati Times-Star. A Timely Discovery. A new insulating material, having all the properties of gutta-percha, but with a higher dielectric resistance, is claimed by Dr. Purcell Taylor, of London. It is to be called "parcellite," and is said to be exceedingly tough and elastic, capable of being given any color, and of being made either flexible or rigid, and to be only one-fortieth as expensive as gutta-percha.—Arkansas Traveler. A Big Sunflower. The biggest sunflower on record has been raised this year by Mrs. Penchower, of Cloverdale, Colo. The stalk is 6 inches in diameter at the ground, it stands 12 feet high, and the flower measures 9 feet in circumference.—Omaha Bee.

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