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The sad news comes from Kentucky that in the recent contest in the legislature of that state over the choice of a successor to Mr. Carlisle in the United States senate, the Hon. Henry Watterson was once more compelled to march through a slaughter-house to an open grave.

General Compson is accredited with securing two appropriations for the Oregon National Guard at the hands of this legislature. The Gullixson bill, giving them $40,000, has passed both houses over the governor's veto. The Ford bill, to give the National Guard $60,000, in lieu of the mill tax, also passed both houses. That gives the state militia a cool hundred thousand dollars to operate with the coming two years. The governor cannot well veto the Ford bill without restoring the mill tax of both the militia and state university, and adding considerably to what they will now receive. Ford claims there was an understanding that if he would increase the sum carried in his bill from $15,000 to $30,000 a year, the governor's veto of the Gullixon bill should be sustained. But Gullixon and his friends went back on that and the result is a double appropriation through combinations. When the matter came before the House, of passing the Gullixson bill over the veto Ford denounced it as being in bad faith and an outrage on the tax payers of this state.

The Weather.

U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE.
Weather Bureau.
PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 18, 1893.

The chief of weather bureau directs the publication of the following data, compiled from the record of observations for the month of March, taken at this station for a period of 21 years.

TEMPERATURE.

Mean or normal temperature, 48.5°

The warmest March was that of 1889, with an average of 53.8°.

The coldest March was that of 1880, with an average of 41.8°.

The highest temperature during any March was 79° on the 29th, 1886.

The lowest temperature during any March was 23° on the 3d, 1891.

Average date on which first "killing" frost occurred (in autumn), Nov. 26th.

Average date on which last "killing" frost occurred (in spring), Apr. 2d.

PRECIPITATION.

Average for the month, 6.02 inches.

Average number of days with .01 of an inch or more, 17.

The greatest monthly precipitation was 12.76 inches in 1873.

The least monthly precipitation was 0.63 inches in 1885.

The greatest amount of precipitation recorded in any 24 consecutive hours was 2.25 inches on the 26th, 1883.

The greatest amount of snowfall recorded in 24 consecutive hours (record extending to winter of 1884-5 only) was 3 inches on the 20th, 1887.

CLOUDS AND WEATHER.

Average number of cloudless days, 6.

Average number of partly cloudy days, 9.

Average number of cloudy days, 16.

WIND.

The prevailing winds have been from the south.

The highest velocity of the wind during any March was from the south, 40 miles on the 31st, 1888.

B. S. PAGUE,
Observer, Weather Bureau.

A Mother's Death.

A pitiful story comes from Cathlamet, Wash.: Last Monday evening Mrs. Cardinell, living a few miles out in the country, went to the spring to get a pail of water. While stooping over she lost her balance and fell headlong into the spring. The water was only about two feet deep, but the hole was so very small that the woman was unable to extricate herself. The children, who had accompanied her, saw their mother's predicament and grasped her feet and tugged away with desperation, but they did not possess strength equal to the occasion, and after exhausting themselves, they abandoned the attempt and distractedly returned home, not knowing what to do. Next morning the eldest girl decided to walk to Cathlamet and secure assistance. After trudging through the deep snow some distance her strength gave out, and becoming frightened she returned home. So from Monday until Saturday the three little ones remained in the house, with the dead body of their mother a short distance away. The cold provisions that were left were soon exhausted, and not knowing how to cook or provide for themselves the children were in a pitiful plight when found by their father. He arrived just in time to save himself from being childless as well as a widower.

County Treasurer's Notice.

All county warrants registered prior to May 1, 1889, will be paid if presented at my office, corner Third and Washington streets. Interest ceases on and after this date.

The Dalles, Oct. 31, 1892.
WILLIAM MICHELL,
10.31tf Treasurer Wasco County, Or.