

OCTOBER MOST PERFECT MONTH OF ENTIRE YEAR

October weather was as near perfect as possible. On 27 days the sun shone, and there were only four days in which Old Sol failed to show. The hottest day was the first with 82 degrees, and the coldest was the night of the fifteenth with the mercury at 20 degrees.

A deficiency of 1.07 inches in the rainfall for the month, and 1.60 since September 1 was recorded. The average precipitation is 1.70.

October has been an excellent month for the harvesting of crops, especially the late pears and apples. Although deficient in precipitation, conditions were most favorable for all farm work.

Date	Max.	Min.	Rainfall Inches	State of Weather
1	82	39	.....	Clear
2	81	42	.....	Clear
3	65	39	.....	Pt. cloudy
4	59	36	.....	Pt. cloudy
5	60	30	.....	Pt. cloudy
6	52	37	.03	Cloudy
7	58	45	.32	Cloudy
8	58	47	.07	Cloudy
9	60	39	.....	Pt. cloudy
10	64	32	.....	Pt. cloudy
11	72	37	.....	Clear
12	72	39	.....	Pt. cloudy
13	59	44	.02	Pt. cloudy
14	58	39	.17	Pt. cloudy
15	51	30	.....	Cloudy
16	60	41	.....	Pt. cloudy
17	69	45	.....	Clear
18	73	39	.....	Clear
19	80	37	.....	Clear
20	78	37	.....	Clear
21	73	39	.....	Clear
22	75	39	.....	Clear
23	77	40	.....	Clear
24	74	39	.....	Clear
25	74	33	.....	Clear
26	71	35	.....	Pt. cloudy
27	73	39	.....	Clear
28	73	33	.....	Clear
29	76	34	.....	Clear
30	70	35	.....	Clear
31	63	48	.....	Pt. cloudy

Summary

Maximum	82
Mean maximum	68
Normal mean maximum	67
Minimum	30
Mean minimum	38
Normal mean minimum	41
Mean monthly temperature	53
Normal mean monthly temp.	54
Precipitation	0.63
Normal precipitation	1.70
Deficiency for month	1.07
Deficiency since Sept. 1st	1.60
Number of clear days	16
Number cloudy days	4
Number partly cloudy days	11
Maximum wind velocity 20 miles per hour	
Average wind velocity 5 miles per hour	
Prevailing wind direction, northwest.	

P. J. O'GARA,
Special Meteorological Observer.

PROBE SACRAMENTO RECLAMATION PROJECT

PORTLAND, Nov. 1.—The Sacramento river reclamation project is one of the most difficult ever submitted to congress, said Congressman W. H. Humphrey of Washington, ranking member of the rivers and harbors committee, who is in Portland today en route to investigate the merit of the scheme.

"I am given to understand that the people will bear perhaps part of the cost of the project. If that is the case it will probably be undertaken, because I do not think congress would negative a project where the people's interest was shown by a large contribution toward its cost."

INQUEST MONDAY OVER BIGHAM'S BODY

Owing to the inability to secure witnesses, the coroner's inquest into the death of George Bigham, slain on Trail creek Thursday through being mistaken for a deer, will be held Monday. The widow and three children of the dead man arrived in Medford Friday. The body reached here late last night.

SMASH JEWELER'S WINDOW WITH BRICK, STEAL GEMS

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 1.—Smashing the plate glass window with a brick, burglars early today stole jewelry valued at \$1080 from the window display of the Macey company, Market street jewelers. The police were summoned by an automatic burglar alarm, but the thieves escaped.

BAKER PRINCETON'S IDOL.



"Hobey" Baker, Princeton's football captain, sure is class. He has lots of "pep," and that helps make a good player. He is now doing all the kicking for the "Tigers" and makes the pigskin sail through the air mighty nifty.

ELIMINATE UNEARNED INCREMENT FROM RAILROAD RATES

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—"A just and scientific basis for the establishment of public utility rates with particular attention to land values," was the subject of an address by Max Thelan, commissioner and attorney of California, railroad commission at the annual meeting of the National Association of Railway Commissioners here today.

Thelan cited various decisions of the supreme court to show that as yet that court has not definitely established the basis on which public utility rates are to be calculated. He declared that while the court has said that the "fair valuation" of the property is to be used as the basis, it has not clearly analyzed what constitutes a "fair value." It is particularly clear that the court has not yet given final consideration to the tremendously important questions of the appreciation in the value of land and there turn on donated land.

Thelan proposed a reconsideration of the whole question and deduced his plan for fixing valuation from fundamental principles.

"The fundamental relationship between the public and public utilities," he said, "is that of principal and agent. Out of this relationship logically should grow the proper basis for determining the rates which a public utility is entitled to charge."

"It seems clear that public utilities are entitled to a reasonable return upon such money as they honestly and wisely expend for the public, but they should not be allowed a return on the increased value of the property used in the agency. If the agent has expended money dishonestly or had expended it injudiciously, he is not entitled to a return thereon. On the other hand, if he has acted wisely and honestly and it thereafter becomes possible to acquire more cheaply property which he had purchased in the agency, or to secure at a lesser expense labor or material used therein, the agent should not be compelled to suffer the loss, but should be entitled to a return on the money honestly and wisely expended by him in pursuance of the agency."

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SALMON INDUSTRY IN FRASER RIVER SEVERELY CRIPPLED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 1.—

The department of commerce is much interested in a report received from British Columbia regarding a catastrophe which has befallen the salmon in the Fraser river. It appears that during recent blasting operations on the Canada Northern railway large masses of rock were dislodged and fell into one of the tributaries of the Fraser river, completely blocking the stream. At that time the sockeye salmon were ascending the river to spawn, and a body of fish, estimated to number not less than 1,000,000, were intercepted and all of them ultimately died before being able to deposit their eggs. This species of salmon is very particular in the choice of its spawning grounds and always selects for this purpose streams which are the feeders of lakes.

Great interest attaches to this matter because of the very extensive fisheries and canning plants in Puget sound which are supported by the annual runs of spawning fish bound for the upper waters of the Fraser river. Minor spawning grounds exist on several streams in Washington, but the success of the industry and the livelihood of thousands of persons depend on the fish which reach the headwaters of the Fraser.

Assuming that half of the intercepted fish were females, it has been computed that the shortage in the egg crop this season will be not less than two to three billions. The effects of this catastrophe will be seen three to five years hence, when the 1913 progeny come back to the rivers to spawn. How serious the outcome will be can only be surmised, but in view of the large economic interests that are at stake in both Washington and British Columbia, it is essential that extraordinary efforts be put forth in order to counteract the shortage as far as possible. The work of artificial propagation should be actively pushed, and the fishery should be conducted with greater consideration than ever before for the maintenance of the supply.

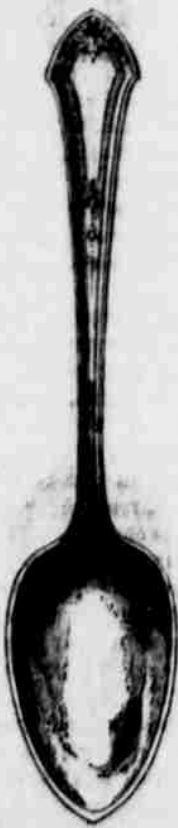
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