

second crop of lucern is growing well.
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The month opened cloudy and cold, with almost daily frosts, and, in some parts, temperatures below the freezing point; rain in varying amounts fell generally on the 1st and 2nd, followed by a period of dry and somewhat warmer weather until the 11th, which, with the few following days, constituted a very wet period; more settled conditions and exceedingly warm weather prevailed for the most part during the remainder of the month, with exceptions of the 23rd and 30th, on which dates rainfall was reported at a number of stations. Light frosts occurred in a few places about the close of the month.

Crops were retarded more or less by early cool weather, but the warm and seasonable temperatures following caused rapid growth, and by the close of the period all vegetation was fully up to the season. Dry land crops, though several times threatened with drought, have received more moisture this season than usual, and June 30th found them much improved over the same time last year. Wherever possible water was turned upon all crops, and as a result all irrigated vegetation is in excellent condition. Grain advanced wonderfully, and reports almost without exception indicate a large crop in sight. Potatoes and garden stuff came through the month in good condition; all varieties are ready for use. Fruits thrived, and at the end of June the strawberry season was at its height. The first crop of lucern has matured; cutting is in progress. Ranges are good, and stock doing well.

The mean temperature for the state was 60.8 degrees, 1.6 degrees warmer than June of last year. The highest monthly mean temperature was at Payette, 70.9 degrees, and the lowest, at Lake, 51.3 degrees; the highest temperature reached during the month was 102 degrees, at Nampa, on the 18th, and the lowest, 23, at Marysville on the 2nd, making an absolute range of 79 degrees for the month. The greatest local monthly range of temperature was 70 degrees at Marysville, and the least, 44 degrees, at Lakeview.

The average precipitation was 1.07 inches, 0.26 inches less than that of June, 1897. The greatest amount was at Yellow Jacket, 2.10 inches, and the least, at Marysville, 0.15 inches; the greatest amount in any 24 hour period was at Downey, 1.25 inches, on the 23rd and 24th. Average number of days with .01 inches or more of precipitation, 6; clear days 16, partly cloudy 9, and cloudy 5.

Prevailing wind direction, south; average hourly velocity (from records at Idaho Falls and Nampa), 9.1 miles; maximum hourly velocity (at Idaho Falls), 46 miles from the southwest, on the 24th.

Because of unrequited love, Moritz Rosenberger of Phoenix, Ariz., committed suicide Sunday by shooting. The object of his infatuation was a saloon singer named Avis, well known on the coast. Rosenberger was 29 years of age and a native of Biarritz, Germany. Wealthy relatives in New York have been notified of his death.

A cave-in occurred in the United Verde copper mine near Prescott, Ariz., Saturday morning, causing the destruction of the assay office and part of the foundry on the surface. E. W. Johnston, civil engineer, a nephew of W. A. Clark, owner of the mine, C. E. Beveridge, the assayer, and a laborer named Larson were killed. A mining expert from New York, whose name is not known, was seriously, if not probably fatally, injured.

Sister Nory Bridget of the Catholic church died Saturday at Anaconda, Mont.

The National Irrigation Congress will convene at Cheyenne September 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Ground was broken Thursday for the new public building at Cheyenne, which is to cost \$150,000.

Michael Leary, a miner, aged 25, was struck by falling rock in a Cripple Creek mine Saturday and killed.

Livingston's electric light plant at Helena, Mont., was destroyed by fire Sunday. Loss \$32,000, half insured.

Col. Barber of the New York volunteers, now at San Francisco, is in poor health and will go to the country to recuperate.

Charles Ahrens fell under a moving train at Idaho Falls, Wednesday night, and had both legs cut off below the knees.

The Democratic central committee at Boise, Idaho, has declared in favor of a union of all silver forces in the state for the coming election.

H. O. Hartman was drowned in the Gunnison river, near Grand Junction, Col., Sunday. Hartman was a postal clerk and highly respected.

Hay is bringing such big prices in Nevada, that farmers are seriously considering the proposition of making it from wheat. It brings \$8 a ton.

The Third battalion of the Tennessee regiment at San Francisco, has been presented with a splendid silk flag by the women of McKinville, Tenn.

The Iowa regiment now on the coast is receiving generous contributions from the towns and cities in which various companies were organized.

Senator Shoup, of Idaho, has returned home from Washington, and is authority for the statement that the Fort Hall Indian treaty is sure to be ratified by Congress.

Dewitt T. Tucker, a private in Company L, 51st Iowa, now at San Francisco, died Sunday of pneumonia. The remains will be taken back to Council Bluffs for burial.

Hon. Thomas Hooper, of Sundance, Wyo., has been declared insane and sent to the asylum. The loss of his money in mining ventures caused his unfortunate condition.

Chris Neilsen, who has a son and daughter in Salt Lake, was found dead in his room at Salinas, Cal., Sunday. He was 76 years old, and death ensued from natural causes.

The Third battalion, Washington volunteers, consisting of 425 enlisted men and 17 officers, under command of Col. J. H. Whitley, left Portland Saturday night for San Francisco.

Quartermaster Long at San Francisco has received instructions to charter no more vessels, but Gen. Merriam has not received orders to discontinue sending troops to the Philippines.

On complaint of Assistant Surgeon Hoffman, a board of survey has been ordered to examine the bacon furnished the 317 men in the camp of the Nebraska recruits at San Francisco.

"Sandy Olds" and Charles Anderson, two well known confidence men, were arrested at Seattle Wednesday night on suspicion of bunking Joseph Neen, a returned Klondiker, out of \$1,200.

Trouble over a water right near Idaho Falls, Ida., resulted Wednesday in the wounding of W. F. Cash, who was shot in the knee by J. A. Johnson. The

wound destroyed the gentleman's knee cap.

The sureties of Joel Ware Foster, late assignee of the T. A. Kent banking house, Cheyenne, Wyo., have been called upon to make good a shortage of \$3,110. Foster is said to be in Canada at present.

At Kemmerer, Wyo., Saturday, a brakeman named Shaw, employed on the Oregon Short Line, had his foot crushed by the train. He was brought to Salt Lake and is now in the hospital.

Joseph Baker, a private in Company B, First Tennessee, at San Francisco, died late Saturday night at the division hospital of dysentery. Several men in the hospitals are in a critical condition.

Rifles have been issued to the recruits from Pennsylvania now at San Francisco, and their equipment is practically complete. The Oregon recruits, as yet, have neither uniforms nor arms.

It is reported that Senator Perkins has received a telegram from Secretary of War Alger stating that the Seventh regiment of California volunteers will sail for Manila next week on the transport Scandia.

William Drumm, the crack sprinter of the University of California, who was to have been track captain next year, has enlisted as a private in Company L, Second United States Engineering corps.

Private Benson, company E, First New York, is in the post hospital, San Francisco, with what threatens to be pneumonia. Private Keese, company B, First Washington, is in the hospital with typhoid fever.

The steamer Centennial has been inspected for the third time and may yet be engaged as a transport. The Lakme and Alliance will probably be employed to take the New York regiment to Honolulu.

Herman L. Watkins, convicted of murder in the second degree for the killing of Matthew Smitham of Muldoon, Ida., June 5th last, has been sentenced to 20 years' hard labor in the state penitentiary.

A large cattle sale was consummated at Cheyenne Thursday, the Warren Live Stock company selling through D. W. G. Gill 2,600 head of cattle to I. N. Humphrey of Cedar City, S. D., for upward of \$90,000.

The transport Rio de Janeiro will receive her complement of 1,000 troops today, and will be in readiness to sail for Manila on Sunday. Another 1,000 will depart on the steamer St. Paul on next Tuesday or Wednesday.

While rowing on Lake Couer d'Alene near Chatcolet, Ida., Sunday, Frank Helland and Thomas Allen fell overboard and were drowned. Their bodies were not recovered. Mrs. Holland saved herself by clinging to the boat.

The army and navy Christian commission tent at Camp Merritt, accommodating 1,000 persons, has been located with the Kansas regiment. The commission will locate another tent within the lines of the First New York regiment.

The removal of the division hospital from Camp Merritt to the Presidio means more than its location on a better site, for the invalids instead of being cared for in tents will now be quartered in comfortable brick buildings.

The dry bones of Oliver Kilgore, a