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JULY WEATHER IN WASHINGTON.

A perfectly normal temperature and small rainfall were the chief characteristics of the weather during July, 1894. An average of all the monthly mean temperatures gives the state a mean of 65.4 degrees, which is only three-tenths of a degree colder than the normal July temperature. In 1890 the mean state temperature was 63.9; in 1861 it was 66.2; in 1892 it was 62.8, and in 1893 it was 63.9. The warmest place this time was Kennewick, Yakima county, with a monthly mean temperature of 79.4 degrees. For the coldest weather we find Tatoosh Island with a mean of only 55 degrees. At Sulphur Springs, Franklin county, the thermometer rose to 106 degrees on the afternoon of the 24rd; this was the highest recorded temperature in the state. It was on the morning of the 1st that the lowest temperature for the month occurred, the observers at Leavenworth, Okanogan county, and Waterville, Douglas county, reporting a minimum temperature of 34 degress. During the past five Julys the thermometer has been above 104 degrees every time, and as high as 108 once. That was in 1891. The lowest temperature since 1890 was 33 degrees, in 1891.

PRECIPITATION.

If we take the state as a whole, there was but 42 per cent. of the normal rainfall during the month, or in exact numbers, an average of 0.34 of an inch. This is the dryest July on record since 1890 as will be seen from the following: In 1890 we had an average for the state of 0.83; in 1891, 0.69; in 1892, 0,98, and in 1893, 0.64. This month the greatest rainfall was at Neah Bay, Clallam county, and only a few miles from Cape Flattery, viz.: 1.70 inches, while at Fort Spokane, Lincoln county, Leavenworth, Okanogan county, and Kennewick, Yakima county, not a drop of rain fell during the entire month. The heaviest 24hour rainfall was at Lapush, in Clallam county, where 0.67 of an inch of rain fell on the 25th. The 7th, 19th, 24th to 26th, 28th and 29th were rainy days in western Washington; the 5th, 15th, 16th and 17th were days of general rainfall in the eastern portion of the state. There was an average of 20 clear days, 7 partly cloudy days, and only 4 cloudy days during the month.

While the weather was perhaps a trifle dry for certain crops, yet on the whole, the conditions were propitious to agriculture. The grain crops made satisfactory progress in all sections. The month has been practically without any of those hot sizzing winds that some times blow in the eastern counties injuring wheat. No better weather

could have been desired for haymaking. Large crops have been the rule and they were secured in first-class condition. So far the prospects, from the farmer's standpoint, are very bright in all parts of the state.

THE INTERSTATE FAIR.

Governor McGraw dedicated the Interstate Fair at Tacoma on the 15th instant in the best description of Washington that we have heard or seen. His speech was patriotic, terse and full of sound sense. It ought to be published broadcast as a means of placing Washington before the people in her proper position among the states of the Union. Orator Lane rivaled Chauncey Depew in his rounded periods, and gave the fair a great send off. President Holmes of the Chamber of Commerce and President Bucey of the fair, added to the enthusiasm of the 10,000 or more people assembled at the dedication. Exhibits are fast getting into shape, and the formal opening next week will see a great exposition that the Pacific Northwest will view as a proud augury of better days to come.

A meeting of the State Poultry Association has been called for Saturday evening September 1, at Justice Hen ton's office, North Yakima.

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