

KING WINTER'S FEARS.

EXTRAORDINARY WARMTH IN MANY PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES.

Some Authorities Maintain That the Change Is Permanent and Due to the Redemption of the Arid West by Irrigation—Many and Curious Theories.

"What is the matter with the weather?" Such in effect is the question that has been coming to all the signal offices east of the Rocky mountains, and to hydrographic bureau and local scientists in many sections of the United States.

New Orleans and Charleston, perhaps, present the most extraordinary figures—official, too, being those taken at the signal stations. On the 11th of January the official thermometer at New Orleans registered 82 deg. in the shade, and for thirty-four days it has only once or twice been below 70 deg. at noon.

At Hammond, La., a ripe watermelon was pulled and eaten on Christmas, and on the first three days of January cotton blooms appeared in Plaquemine parish.

In Charleston the mean temperature for December was 60 deg., and the rainfall less than a third of an inch. If the people were not afraid of late frosts, they would agree to supply northern markets with early vegetables ten weeks ahead of the usual time.

At Syracuse, N. Y., garden roses have developed and several sorts of shrubs have formed leaf, while the air has been warmer generally than in any winter since 1829.

Explanations abound. But they do not explain. It is, of course, known that the winter storms from west to east, or east-northeast, are moving across the continent in a track from 300 to 500 miles north of the usual line.

The first explanation offered was the now familiar one, the maximum (or minimum) of sun spots. But that is completely demolished by the records for many years showing no connection between sun spots and warm or cold winters.

There are three conclusive answers to that. First, the matter is not so; the Gulf Stream sways as moved upon by winds and other currents, but its central line is just where it was when first located in the charts.

Second, England, and western Europe generally have their usual winters. And thirdly, and most conclusive of all, the winter is even more abnormal west of the Alleghenies, away up in the northwest and at the west end of the Gulf of Mexico, than on the Atlantic coast.

A few super-scientific people are inclined to fall back on the late Professor James Watson's favorite theory: that the earth, sun and solar system, in their grand sweep through space, pass through great belts of heat and cold—great zones which fill uncounted millions of miles of the interstellar void.

that a new storm center has been established by the settlement, irrigation and redemption of a once arid region in the far west. From the Black Hills to the mouth of the Rio Grande and from longitude 95 deg., or thereabouts, to an unknown western line, was once the "Great American Desert."

In demonstration Sergt. Dunn says that a New Yorker who, within a year or two, has invested thousands of dollars in an irrigation company in Colorado recently called on him to tell the story of his ill luck.

The annexed map illustrates the wonderful change in the once "far west" and arid belt. Of course the sergeant's theory is not now capable of proof, but the fact of a very great change in the climate of the far west is notorious.

When the Mormons located in Salt Lake valley it was rare for a drop of rain to fall between May and October; now there is rarely a month without rain, and in midsummer there are often heavy storms with violent electrical phenomena.

Gen. Greely, chief of the signal service, does not believe the change is permanent. He impartially rejects all the theories offered, and says, very truly—at any rate very safely—that scientific men have as yet no data sufficient to explain such tremendous changes.

There is in the popular mind a tendency to believe that the unusual has never happened before, or that it has never been so marked, while, in fact, warm winters have occurred at irregular intervals through all recorded time.

It isn't too late yet, however. Some of the coldest "snaps" the country ever suffered have come in February; but unfortunately they are, as a rule, very brief, and the result is only sleep and snow.

So where is our ice to come from next summer? Ice men say that the nearest present supply is 500 miles north of New York, but New Orleans humorously offers to supply the northern cities.

MAP SHOWING NEW STORM CENTER. The line running north and south shows the eastern boundary of the old "Great American desert," the "line" from west to east the track of the storm of Jan. 12-13.

having a machine capacity to manufacture 320,000 tons a year, while it only uses 75,000 tons. That would just complete the joke and make 1890 truly a memorable year.

Early this year there will be published in Harper's Magazine an interesting critical monograph, by Henry Clay Lukens, on American humor and humorists of the Seventeenth, Eighteenth and Nineteenth centuries.

Here is a portrait of Rev. A. R. Graves, who has just been consecrated Episcopal bishop of the Platte district at Minneapolis, Minn. His residence will be at Hastings or Kearney, Neb. The occasion of the consecration was the first time so important a ceremony had been performed in Minneapolis in the Episcopal church, and Gethsemane church, where the ceremonies were observed, was, of course, crowded.

FRENCH FUN ON ICE.



How They Make an Icy Skating Rink at a Half Hour's Notice. "Nothing is impossible to the French engineer," says L'illustration in announcing, with an engraving, the opening of the new skating rink of pure and smooth ice.

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THE GENIUS OF LIGHT. Thomas A. Edison's New and Beautiful Statue. While Thomas A. Edison was abroad he saw in the Italian department of the Paris exposition a statue in which he could hardly fail to be interested.

Autotype machines have just been served out for the first time to some of the copying clerks at the Vatican, but they are only to be used for the roughest kind of proof work which has to be done in a hurry.



THE NEW GENIUS OF LIGHT. right arm is held above the head, the hand holding aloft an incandescent lamp, the wires from which pass downward through the other hand.

Mr. Edison purchased the work and shipped it to America. It arrived recently and was set up in the library of his laboratory at Orange, N. J., which is certainly of all places in the world the most appropriate for it.

Boston's New Collector. The difference between the administration and Everett Saltonstall, collector of the port of Boston, has attracted a great deal of interest. Mr. Alonzo W. Beard, who has recently been appointed in Mr. Saltonstall's stead, was born at Ludlow, Vt., in 1825.

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ELF SONG.

I twist the toes of the birds a-doze. I tinkle the dew bells bright; I chuck the chin of the dimpled rose. Till she laughs in the stars' dim light.

Not very long ago the keeper of the wild cattle at Chillingham escaped being injured by them in a way which shows how much may be accomplished by presence of mind.

No Error. Young Mr. Hale is one of the people who think it must be the easiest thing in the world to write a book, or at least a poem.

Penmanship at the Vatican. According to a somewhat dubious tradition, the Greek dramatist, Sophocles, at the age of 90, was accused of imbecility by his son Jophon.

A New Barometer. It is nothing more or less than the figure of a general made of ginger bread which Clavette buys every year at the Place du Trone.

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Removed to Lower Yoder Cemetery.

On Saturday morning the remains of Patrick McNally, who, before the flood, lived on Prospect, and who lost his life in that disaster, were exhumed from the old Catholic Cemetery, in the Tenth ward, taken to St. John's Church, where services were held, and finally buried in Lower Yoder Cemetery beside the remains of his mother, Mrs. Rodger McNally.

This style of advertising has been running in our paper for a long time. Your eyes have wandered over it for years. It is simply here to remind you that if you should ever be so unfortunate as to have a cold or any lung trouble Kemp's Balsam is the best cough cure.

The Third Murder Trial. Tuesday morning Marion Crowl was placed on trial at Uniontown, Fayette county, for the murder of Joseph P. Porter, whom he shot to death at Dunbar on Monday afternoon, December 2d.

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County Treasurer—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of County Treasurer, subject to the rules governing the democratic party. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., February 12, 1890.

County Treasurer—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of County Treasurer, subject to the rules governing the democratic party. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., February 15, 1890.

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County Commissioner—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., February 25, 1890.

Legislature—I will be a candidate for the nomination for Assembly at the Democratic Primaries on June 7th, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. JOHN E. STRAYER. West Taylor township, February 25, 1890.

County Commissioner—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. JOHN KIRBY. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., February 27, 1890.

Assembly—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of Assembly, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. ED. J. MCNEELIS. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., February 27, 1890.

County Commissioner—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of County Commissioner, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. JOHN CAMPBELL. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., February 28, 1890.

Assembly—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of Assembly, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 1, 1890. M. FITZBARRIS.

Auditor—I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of the office of Auditor, subject to the action of the Democratic primary election. JOHNSTOWN, Pa., March 3, 1890. E. J. BLOUGH.

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