Thermometer Plays With Zero, and Gives Him Work.

NEARLY A RECORD BREAKER.

Terrible Wind Storm on the Sound—Several Small Steamers Swamped

Storm Notes.

Jan. 30, 1893.

At 8 o’clock yesterday morning the thermometer reached the lowest point ever recorded in this city within the memory of the oldest residents. It registered 3 degrees above zero, and the average for Monday night was about 10 degrees. In addition to this extreme cold there was a heavy storm out on the Sound Monday night which wrecked several steamers and tossed things about generally. In the city the frost played sad havoc with water pipes, fruit, vegetables and everything that was not completely protected, and yesterday morning nearly everybody had some loss to charge to mischievous Jack Frost.

Water pipes were burst all over the city and there was scarcely a drop of water to be had at three-quarters of the residences all day yesterday. The people were compelled in many instances to melt snow for water to get their meals. All the meters and supply pipes on the waterfront for furnishing water to the boats were frozen, and every one of the steamers that kept up steam had to use salt water or rustle for a supply elsewhere.

Large quantities of fruit and vegetables were destroyed in the stores and even in the residences, except in cases where the houses happened to be extremely warm. The jobbers had to keep big fires in their warehouses and storerooms to protect their stocks. The meat was frozen so hard in the meat markets that the only way it could be cut was with a saw, and customers had to take whatever the butcher found it easiest to cut or go without any at all.

Green lake was frozen completely over and all day yesterday a large crowd found excellent skateing out there. The edges were rather rough, but in a little further it was smooth as glass, but it was not thought perfectly safe near the center and the crowd kept out a safe distance. With the continuation of the cold weather

last night, no doubt it will be perfectly safe anywhere on the lake today. Lake Union was frozen all around the edge, and will probably be frozen clear across if it keeps on freezing today. Even the salt water in the Sound was frozen in slush wherever the water was not too rough.

C. B. Bagley said it was the coldest weather he had ever experienced on the Coast though he had lived in this state and Oregon over forty years.
Harry D. French
Pleasant Bay
W. Is

1880.
January 1st, 1880

Pleasant Bay, Monday eve the 5th it commenced snowing. Tuesday morn at 8 ten inches had fallen. Wednesday morn at 8 twenty inches more had fallen making thirty inches. Friday the 9th we had a furious S.W. wind with snow, sleet, etc. increasing the snow to 33 inches. Sunday the 11th the total eclipse passed off about 4 P.M. but was invisible; owing to cloudy weather. It commenced raining in the eve & poured hard for fifteen hours setting the snow very fast. Had some rainy weather till the 18th all the snow being gone in the clearings where it was exposed to heavy South winds; there is a foot yet in the woods. Seattle had Pour and one half feet (4½) of snow. The lake is rising fast.
24th January. The lake is higher than it has been known for years. It is higher than I ever saw it. Saturday the 31st, I have decided to go to the Gold Mines situated on Ruby Creek, a branch of the Skagit, to work a claim for L.P. Smith & Son or one seventh interest in the Seattle Consolidated Mining Company. I am to receive $2.50 per day and board and also pay fare on Steer & Canoes to head of trail & return fare too when I come back. My time commences from Seattle. I receive no pay unless it comes out of the claim. Feb 2nd. I have to furnish my clothes & bedding which consists of:

- One pair of Green Blankets $8.00
- 6 yds flannel 6.00
- Rubber Boots & Oil coat 8.50
- Pack straps, Two pairs Overalls Two pairs shoes 8.62½

Total $31.12½
My neighbor Mr. Dullott is going with me to represent Mr. MacDougall, friend of J.R. Smith & Son on the same terms as myself.

Feb 7th I expect to start for Ruby Creek on Feb 13th.

Harry did start the 13th and the next Tuesday it began to snow, Wednesday morning there was a foot & today the 24th it is not all gone.

Leander Monahon came there the 22 on his way to Seattle to get ready to start for Skagit Mon.

On Sunday the 7th of March Harry's Cabin was filled and the first Church of Christ of Pleasant Bay was organized.
with 14 members.

Rev. Dr. Atkinson of Portland was present and made his home with us while here.

March 13th.

I arrived home crippled with a frozen foot; the big toe on left foot.

I froze my foot on Canyon Creek the 27th of February.

April 4th. My toe on right foot is healed & the smaller one on left foot mostly. I have had the little toe nail come off.

The large toe is getting along slow. April 30th.

I have given John S. Wincapaw a bill of sale of my mining claim on Canyon Creek. He is to have two-thirds & I one third. He gave one mouth's time & has...
pay after that at the rate of two half dollars per day & board to be paid. before dividends are made. To come out of the claims. I have the privilege of working on the claims on the same pay as he gets.

May 2nd

We have been having some very hot weather this week.

The Seattle consolidated Co charged L.P. Smith & Son $150.00 for packing in there part of provisions. Al Smith left Seattle for Ruby creek the 17th of May to visit the mines.

27th May

The big toe on left foot is fleshed over except on the tip which covers very slow. I have walked around some to day. first time since the 13th of March.
July 1st. Mrs Greene & Hettie are with us staying a few days; 7th. Had some rain—Mrs Greene has been troubled with a bad cough. 9th. Mr G & Mrs G, Hettie & myself went over to McElroas against a furious S.W. wind; it took 3 hours hard pulling. It was very rough.

July 20th, 21st. Rev J. Greene, Carl Nelson, Mr Sagnberg & myself went to Sanenita & then from here over to McElroas bringing all the dressed lumber from Seattle—Rough from Sanenita: 12,000 ft. in all.

August 25th.

I went to Seattle today the first time since I came home on the 13th of March. I do not get any insurance. L. S. McElroy insured me in an accident Ins Co. ($125.00 per week).

I paid Dr Root $3.00 borrowed of L. S. Smith's son. Aug 28 paid L. S. Smith $5.00
Oct 2nd I have put in 25 1/2 days & Father 21 on the Church.
Have paid L.P. Smith & Son $12.50 Ballard $14.50
Oct 5 Paid L.P. Smith & Son Interest Money $7.50
Oct 10 My Trip to the Skagit cost me—
So Wit Outfit $31.12 1/2
Insurance 10.00
Dr Root 5.00
Traveling Expenses 2.00
Six Months time $73.12 1/2
Oct 11th
Rev Mr Greene took me home
with him, spent the night, attended
the reception next day of President Knox
& wife next day & in the eve at the
opera house. The buildings were ill-
minded, the University was beautiful,
the word A Lki (another of the vicinity) on the
South side of the hillery was very
fine, Oct 29
Paid L.P. Smith & Son Ballesmor Oct $7.00
Nov 20th
I have made in three trips on
into Dakota $21.55 + 3.00 for paying $30.55
Dec 3rd. I have done 32 days work on
our Church & Putter 29. Dec 5th
The 1st coat of plastering was put on the
church by Mr. Thorndike in two days.
Dec 6th
The six inches of snow that
fell a day or so ago has been carried
away by a strong South wind.
Dec 24th we had a Christmas in the
morning @ 10 A.M. very pleasant time.
Mr. Greene & Hettie were over.
1881
From 1881 Mr. Wentworth put on the hard
finish the week before Christmas.
January 2d. Had seventeen
of snow last night. Rev Mr. Greene
received a (8100) one hundred dollar check
from the Central Cong Church of
Providence Rhode Island: To aid
me in furnishing our church
with jews &c &c. Feb 15 I have done 40 days work on Patten 29 on the church. Feb 18th Our Church was dedicated today Revs Mr Ellis, Mr Pals & Mr Harrison helping Mr Greene. The words, The Lord is in his holy Temple, were pasted above the arch looking very nicely. Several Seattle people came over. The came with her Patten. Feb 24 Last year on the 13th of February I left for Ruby creek mines on Josephine as far as Mt Vernon. From there in canoes I camped above Balls first night. Second night at Coal mines, which night I will never forget. Third near Baker river. Fourth above the Portage. Arrived at Goodells at 10 A.M. which was Sunday. Four of us left for camp 30 miles Patten next morn arrive. Camped at Tunel House first night Durley's cabin second arrived
at camp on the 25th. Four of us DoMott, Boren, Parer & myself. DoMott & myself started on the 25th to pick out a claim we took one a piece. I had the misfortune to fall in the creek got my feet wet & freeze my big toe on left foot very badly.

25th Peach Trees in bloom. 31st Cherries too. We have finished setting out miss apple tree holes 17 in all. 2nd April.

We have just finished washing our trees in B.5 to six qts of water.

May 6th for work on 80 acres Dakota three trips $33.30 April 9th. Smith Papaccuson Rapid Father on Buildings & improvements 15 acres improved. $250.00

Notes $600.
H. D. French's homestead
Buildings & improvements
No of acres 77.50 $70.00
4 acres improved
May 29th

The people of this place have finally decided to call it Houghton in compliment to Mrs. Houghton of Boston whose husband & Mr. Dennis gave us a fine Bell. We had to change the name of our place formerly called Pleasant Bay as the Post office authorities at Washington D.C. objected to on account of its being a double name.

Rev. Mr. Greene moved his furniture over this month into a large shed to be built.
June 1st. I went over to commencement at the University. Heetie stood 94. Rev. Mr. G. & wife came back to Houghton in the afternoon. Heetie came over on the 4th.

July 1st. Rev. Mr. Greene, Chris. K. Carl & myself took the steam over to Mr. Gilman & got our bell. It weighs 615 lbs. Had a strong N.W. wind. Set it on a table 4 feet high & rang it. Very good toned. July 4th. we had a picnic on Church beach. Rev. Mr. Ellis & wife & several others from Seattle were over. President Garfield was shot by a man (Gritman) by name & mortally wounded on the 2nd.

Sep 20. President Garfield has passed away after 80 days of suffering. Endured patiently. Remarkably so.
Took Helenbeke & the rest of us went over to hear a revivalist at Seattle & back in the same day.

July 19

Bill Yo
Oct 26th Grandmother Fuller is 82 years old to day. Since the 23rd. Mother was 54 & the week before the 16th I was 32. We got our house sided & panelled the past 3 months three coats of white paint. Lucy's brother James Battle has come to live with us (since the 22nd) till he is twenty one.

1882.

February 1882
Mr Smith assessed
S. F. French on buildings & improvements $300.00
No of acres 77.80

H. D. French also
Buildings &c $75.00
Acres 77.50

Oct 16th Mr Church did our plastering I had a hard freeze had to fires for three nights.
January 16, 1882

I purchased a lot of L. P. Smith & Son in block 108, lot 6, 60 x 120 for $200.00.

(D. T. Denny added)

April 8

White fruit, Peach Blossom
On the 9th Tomatoes budding.
13th Plum Trees in Bloom.
18th Wilson commenced ploughing, he ploughed 2/3 of an acre for us in the old Orchard.
Three days work.

May 5

Finished planting Strawberries; some over 6,000.
Have another patch of 8,000.
East on top of the hill, all Wilsons.
We have besides 185 Monarch of the West & S. Charles Downings.
Set out some Tomatoes.

May 12 have had some very cold weather severe on Tomatoes.
May 14 wrote to Cal. to the Poplars. June 12 (Alf Hanks helped me plow my Clover). June 28 O’Connor hauled the hay in for us. July

Our house now is sided & painted white & the Sitting room Sand finished & made larger by a bay window on the West side 4 x 12 — on the Wing on the North side we made 4 1/2 feet wider & had finished the Red Room & with the Pantry; it cost us in the neighborhood of $1000 cash besides our work. It is 16 x 30 by 12 x 26.

July 4th, 1882

I spent in Seattle; Carl Nelson & myself went to Renton on an excursion train — the display of fireworks in the eve was very fine.
Thanksgiving day we spent with Mr. Church's folks pleasantly. Christmas eve early—we had a tree.

All were remonstrated. Mother had a parsley shawl from Aunt H. N. Thompson of Troy, N.Y. & the rest other nice presents. 1883

Jan 16th. It snowed some in the morning, while some 8 or ten of us were opening a road to the Union Bay wharf. It cleared off in the P.M. with a S. Wester. In the eve had a blizzard from the N. E. How hard all night very cold.

Jan 18th. Ther in Seattle 8 below 13.2.

Jan 19th. Moderated S. wind.

Jan 24th

Samuel Greene & Harry D. French bought 4½ lots in Sarah A. Bell's, 2nd Add of H. W. Washleigh & Wife.
A $1650.00 sixteen hundred & fifty dollars. Situation corner of Pike & 11th Streets on the brow of the ridge - very fine view.

February 7
Father was assessed on improvements $350.00 on Home Farms.
H. D. French $100.00

February 24
Samuel Greene & H. D. French bought the N half of block 7 Mercers add $700.00

April I found the frost had becaved strawberries badly out of the ground.

July Our Strawberry crop almost a total failure.
Farm Produce sold in the year 1888.

- Butter 57.45
- Eggs & Chickens 13.58
- Plums 2.38
- Apples 3.75
- Cherries 3.70
- Pie Plant 3.65
- Feathing Horse 15.00

Total: $226.94

Sold 300, Doz. Eggs.

$236.56
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Farm Produce Sold in 1881

Butter 85.55
Eggs 76.27
Reed 31.92

Total 129.90

Tomatoes 39.43
Strawberries 2.00
Onion Plant .40
1 Ham 3.60
1 Bush Spuds .30

Total 175.83
Farm Produce sold in the year 1880.

Butter 87.30
Eggs 67.55
155.05
Feed 14.70
140.35
Tomatoes 9.50
Apples 2.00
Total 151.85

Farm produce sold in the year 1879.

Butter 57.27
Eggs 44.57
95.84
Feed 23.55
Cow Pea 72.29
2.00
Tomatoes 19.28
Strawberries 9.50
Black Berries 1.50
Gooseberries 5.00
Rhubarb 1.90
Total $101.02
1884

January 30
We finished plowing
in an acre or more of Peat.

March 23rd
Have finished the blind
ditch in the North end of
the Orchard 3.5 rods or so
North of the House.

March 25
Wm. S. Hughes Assessor
Assessed H. D. French
On two acres improved land
$15 pr. acre & $5. unimproved
land $100.00 improvements.
S. F. French assisted on 12 acres improved $15 per acre + $5.00 on unimproved land. $300 improvements.

July, Mr. C. M. Anthony & Wife (my aunt, H. A. Anthony) made us a visit of only eight days; and then returned to Clay Centre, Kansas, their home. We enjoyed their visit very much and hated to have them go back so soon. They said our situation was pleasant and liked the country very well.

December 29th
Lucy A. Tuttle was married in Seattle to Mr. Ed. Standish. Lucy has lived with us six years.
Oct 17 1884

Several persons met & organized a Literary club, to have weekly meetings exercises to consist of reading mainly, also criticisms of bad pronunciations &c. Our Band of Hope society continues to flourish.

Dec 19

The ground is covered with nineteen inches of snow. Weather is cold.

Dec 20 1.3 above zero.

" 26 12."

January 1st 1885.

The weather has moderated.

Jan 3. A very heavy rain is falling.

The coldest Winter that was ever known on Puget Sound was in 1861-2—Snow stood on the ground two months. Ther 10 below Zero.
Stillwood.

Father assessed on 78 acres
12 of which improved
$350 valuation.

Farm Produce sold in

1884

Eggs
Strawberries
Butter & Milk, Cherries, Plums
Apples, Pears, Currants, S. Beans, G. Ras
one Curr, Rais, Peaches
Tomatoes, Corn, Rhubarb

$136.34
275.72
33.91
56.24½
56.26
44.93
603.40

Paid for farm help $11.50
Fright to Seattle $62.00

Give Note to Lucy $50.00
March 26th, 1885.

This has been a very early Spring. Strawberries were in bloom on the 18th of Feb. (very few). Peaches in the first week of March. Cherries the 15th also. Plums. It has been very dry through March with clear weather. April 16 Sharp Frost. Deer 33. Thurs 33 at 5-30 AM. April 17 Frost Thurs 33.

April 20 Strawberries are not hurt as bad as we supposed not more than a tenth anyway. April 27 First ripe Strawberries.

May 2nd. Everything is suffering from the drought. Not much rain since Feb has fallen. The whole Sound is needing rain badly.
May 5th. Our long hoped for rain has come at last commenced at 1/2 P. M. stopped at 7/8 P. M.

June 1st. The Month of May has been pretty wet. Hay crop looks well.

Dec 5th

Sept, Easter sold 4 acres of land to Mr. John Deake; he has three girls & two boys with him. Church has sold 24 acres of land at an average of $75 per acre. Two houses are built on the property, more going up.

Dec 29. Have had a wet fall & winter so. The weather has been mild. Plenty of roses Christmas & New Years.
Farm Produce Sold in the year 1885.

501. Dog Eggs $138.86
167 D-Chickens $88.60

Total $227.46

Feed $83.57
Butter $31.60
Milk $15.05

$46.65

Feed $9.05
$1.00 $6.75
10 Apple Trees 900 B.B. Plants $7.75

16 8/9 Gallons Strawberries $484.71
$56.54 3.74 10.84
Tomatoes, Pears, Black Berries $71.12

11.85 6.24 4.95
Peaches, Plums, Apples $67.62

4.50
Cherries, Old Cow Bele $44.50

2.90 1.62 .75
Two Veals, Hay, S. Corn. $19.27

1.35
Tomatoes Plants 500 S. Plants $3.85

2.00
One Cord Bark G. Beans $2.50

Total $882.81

Farm help $40.00

Briar & Fares 46.70
**Farm Produce Sold in 1886.**

Strawberry season lasted 33 days.
1331/2 gallons at an average of 22 1/2 cents per gallon.

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$547.14

**Note:**
- Hog Feed: $141.70
- Cow: $12.15
- Reeds Cash Rent: $60.00
- Freight & Fees: $66.65

$240.70
Farm Produce Sold in 1884.

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Hired Girl $76.50
Hired Men $9.40
Freight $62.94

$148.84
May 10. Sold six acres + 1/10 of an acre of land to Rev. E. H. Bicknell for $100,000 per acre.

May 17. To E. P. Nelson

1/2 acres for $100,000 per acre.

To J. M. DeMott

Four 1/2 acres about the same time for $100,000 per acre.

May 16th. S. F. French and H. D. French bonded the balance of our land with the exception of 26 acres at an average of $882.50 per acre.
June 4th, 1888.

The Post Intelligencer to-morrow an extra containing the particulars of the location of a iron company called Moses Day Iron works on the Demott D. Nelson places, bought by J. S. J. Hunt for Peter Kirk N. England.

August

A cemetery association was formed of seven charter members of which three were to conduct all business myself being one of the three.

We organized at Mr. Peter Kirk's residence.
Farm Produce sold in 1888

- Beef, cow & veal: $69.10
- Butter & milk: $20.27
- Poultry etc.: $154.15
- Timber: $100.00
- Fruits etc.: $431.02

Total: $1,774.54

- Jury Fees: $67.00
- House rent: $841.54
- $100.00

Total: $941.54

Average price of strawberries per gallon: 2 7/8 cts.
839 gallons.
1880.
Jan. 11, 1880.


Will tell you the reason your letter is still with us, last Tuesday night it began to snow and kept on until Thursday night it got up to 3 ft. Friday it began to blow so the children could not get home from school in boats and the men brought 5 to our house. We had nine to supper 3 stayed all night. The rest went to the next neighbors. They got home in the morning.
A man has come from Seattle in snow shoes (Mr. E. M. Church).
says it is 4 feet there & roofs broken in some cases. People paying 50cts a bushel for coal as the cars have stopped running & things. A gentleman who has lived 26 yrs in Seattle says that 18 yrs ago they had 19 inches which stayed which stayed on two months. That is the worst ever known & no Indian remembers of anything like this so you see we have got a new sensation for this snowiest country. Our rose buds are buried deep in snow we have plenty in house & barn & I set a table for the birds out of doors & they have dining all day.
1893.
Friday morning 9 Jan 27th two inches of snow had fallen making the beginning of a long stormy period lasting 12 days. Feb 4th
Jan 30th our Thru a 7° 45 A.M. reg. 4 below zero.