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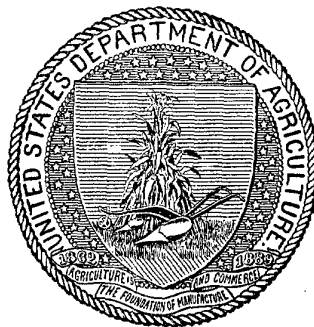
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GENERAL SUMMARY.

August, like the preceding month, was unusually cool for the district as a whole. In the Utah area the temperatures averaged as cool as any previous August except in 1899. This cool weather was due to an unusual number of high-pressure areas passing over the Northwest, although the pressure over the Great Basin averaged about normal.

The precipitation averaged about normal for the district as a whole. There were several severe local storms causing considerable damage in limited areas. In Cache Valley, in the northern part of the Utah area, a heavy wind and hail storm occurred, causing thousands of dollars damage to grain and fruit besides injury to other property. The hailstones denuded the fruit trees of leaves, bruised the fruit, and perforated the leaves of the sugar beets; while the wind beat the grain and alfalfa to the ground.

At Reno, Nev., the heaviest precipitation known in one hour, 0.93 inch, fell on the 2d, flooding streets and basements. At Mazuma, Nev., another flood occurred on the 2d, doing considerable damage to roads, telephone lines, and other property. A wall of water 10 feet high is said to have swept down the canyon, destroying everything in its course. When peals of thunder were heard, persons in the canyon fled to the hills, and while no lives were lost there were some narrow escapes.

The average number of rainy days was 4, clear days 18, partly cloudy days 8, and cloudy days 5.

TEMPERATURE.

The temperature for the district averaged 66.6°, or 2° below normal. The local mean temperatures ranged from 76.5° (at Lemay, Utah) to 53.7° (at Woodruff, Utah). The highest local means occurred in the more level portions of the Utah area and in southern Nevada, while the lowest occurred in the extreme northeastern portion of the district.

Every station having a record long enough to compute a normal reported monthly mean temperatures below normal. The greatest minus departures occurred generally in the northern portion of the Utah area and in central Nevada.

The first week of the month was cool, and a few stations reported their highest temperatures during this period. This was followed by a warm spell of only a few

days, when the weather turned cool again, and so remained until about the 20th. From this date a week of moderately high temperatures prevailed, when most of the maximum temperatures were observed. The last few days of the month were quite cool, the mercury falling to the freezing point and below at some stations.

The 18th, 19th, 30th, and 31st were the coldest days in the district, most of the stations reporting temperatures below freezing, the lowest being 23° at Cliff, Oreg., on the 23d; Burns, Oreg., on the 25th; and at Quinn River Ranch, Nev., on the 30th. The lowest in the other States having areas in this district were 29° at Cokeville, Wyo., on the 31st; 30° at Grace, Idaho, on the 31st; 24° at Woodruff, Utah, on the 19th; and 28° at Tahoe, Cal., on the 30th.

The afternoon temperatures of the month were moderate, many stations reporting maximums of less than 90°. The following are the highest temperatures that occurred in the various areas of the several States in this district: 90°, at Border, Wyo., on the 26th; 92°, at Weston, Idaho, on the 9th; 103°, at Low, Utah, on the 25th; 100°, at Burns, Oreg., on the 23d; 81°, at Tahoe, Cal., on the 6th; and 110°, at Jean, Nev., on the 8th.

PRECIPITATION.

The precipitation averaged nearly normal. The map showing the departure of the August rainfall from the normal exhibits the usual phenomenon of summer rain distribution, stations quite near one another reporting amounts some above and others below normal.

Compared with the normal, large amounts fell in the northern half of the Utah area and in the northeastern and central portions of the Nevada area.

The largest monthly amount was 2.55 inches at Pine Cliff Ranch, Utah, while 13 stations reported no rain or only a trace.

Three rainy periods marked the weather of the month—one from the 1st to the 3d, another from the 13th to the 18th, and the last beginning on the 26th and lasting a few days.

MISCELLANEOUS.

The cooperative observer, Mr. H. R. Antes, of Aneth, Utah, reported an earthquake shock, occurring at about 2.12 p. m. August 18. It was of sufficient force to shake the chair on which he was sitting.

TABLE 1.—Climatological data for August, 1912. District No. 10—Continued.

Stations.	Counties.	Elevation, feet.	Length of record, years.	Temperature, in degrees Fahrenheit.						Precipitation, in inches.					Sky.				Prevailing wind direction.	Observers.
				Mean.	Departure from the normal.	Highest.	Date.	Lowest.	Date.	Greatest daily range.	Total.	Departure from the normal.	Greatest in 24 hours.	Total snowfall, unmelted.	Number of rainy days, 0.01 inch or more.	Number of clear days.	Number of partly cloudy days.	Number of cloudy days.		
Utah—Continued.																				
Vernon	Tooele	5,500							1.31		1.08	0	6	18	11	2	sw.	Glynn Bennion.		
Wendover	do.	4,237	1	74.2		99	9	45	31	34	0.41	0	3	11	18	2		J. S. Cooper.		
Whisky Creek	Millard	4,850	1								0.10	0	1					George Stevens.		
Winder	Garfield	4,000									0.10	0						C. H. Mangum.		
Woodruff	Rich	6,500	10	53.7 ^a		85	9	24	19	55 ^b	3.23		3	16 ^c	12 ^c	2 ^c	sw.	A. L. Eastman.		
Oregon.																				
Burns	Harney	4,157	21	64.1	- 0.7	100	23	25	29	58	0.44	+ 0.30	0	1	25	5	1	J. C. Welcome, jr.		
Cliff	Lake	4,300	5	57.4		92	23	23	30	55	0.98		0	8	7	19	5	nw.		
Paisley	do.	4,500	9															John C. Green.		
Silver Lake	do.	4,700	15	60.6	- 0.3	91	24	31	31	48	1.45	+ 1.13	0	6	13	16	2	w.		
California.																				
Tahoe	Placer	6,240	2	56.6		81	6†	28	30	44	0.00		0	0	30	1	0	w.		
Truckee	Nevada	5,819	41															R. M. Watson.		
Nevada.																				
Austin	Lander	6,594	23	66.0	- 2.3	91	7	38	18	43	0.65	+ 0.10	0	2	26	1	4	s.		
Battle Mountain	do.	4,843	41	69.9	- 4.2	104	25	34	29†	62	0.20	+ 0.06	0	1	22	7	2	w.		
Beowawe	Eureka	4,905	41			100	15				0.76	+ 0.61	0	2	28	0	3	w.		
Carlin	Elko	5,232	41	66.2	- 2.9	100	8†	28	30	63	0.27	+ 0.09	0	1	29	0	2	Do.		
Carson Dam	Churchill	4,032	5	69.2		93	7†	40	30	40	0.18		0	1	23	7	1	w.		
Cherry Creek	White Pine	6,450	4	66.2		93	24	40	40	19†	0.61		0	10	15	13	3	w.		
Clover Valley	Elko	6,000	11															U. S. Reclamation Service.		
Columbia	Esmeralda	5,750	5	70.2		96	7	44	18†	41	0.00		0	0	30	1	0	se.		
Dry Farm	Elko	5,600	0															A. Booth.		
Elko	do.	5,432	41	63.2	- 4.9	94	8	28	31	55	0.59	+ 0.29	0	7	18	7	6	w.		
Ely	White Pine	6,421	21	68.4	+ 3.8	90	25	36	30	42	0.15	- 1.11	0	3	18	8	5	s.		
Eureka	Eureka	6,500	9	65.9		92	23	35	18†	41	0.53		0	3	15	8	8	s.		
Fallon	Churchill	3,965	7	68.2		97	8	39	18†	47	0.18		0	1	27	2	2	ne.		
Fernley	Lyon	4,200	39	70.6	- 4.6	98	6	38	30	47	0.70	+ 0.53	0	2	24	7	0	w.		
Gardnerville	Douglas	4,830	12	62.0	- 6.2	85	23†	34	30	48	T.	- 0.20	0	0	21	7	3	w.		
Gerlach	Washoe	0	70.8			95	7	32	17	41	0.30		0	1				se.		
Geysers	Lincoln	8																W. M. Maule.		
Golconda	Humboldt	4,697	33	68.2	- 4.4	95	8	36	40	44	0.40	+ 0.31	0	2	13	7	11	w.		
Halleck	Elko	5,631	19	63.9	- 2.8	95	8†	31	18	58	0.19	- 0.60	0	2	25	2	4	Do.		
Hawthorne	Mineral	4,569	18	73.0	- 1.0	97	8	43	31	41	0.00	- 0.24	0	0	25	4	0	w.		
Jean	Clark	2,074	4	78.8		110	8	46	31	55	0.20		0	1	30	1	0	nw.		
Lahontan	Churchill	0	74.1			98	7	46	39	43	0.33		0	2	27	4	0	w.		
Lewers' Ranch	Washoe	5,500	24	63.0	- 5.1	88	9	35	30	42	0.20	- 0.14	0	1	24	5	2	Do.		
Lovelocks	Humboldt	3,977	18	66.8	- 8.8	96	23	37	18	53	0.17	+ 0.14	0	3	21	7	3	sw.		
McDermitt	do.	4,700	23	64.8	- 7.5	94	23	30	30	42	0.15	0.00	0	2	18	9	4	w.		
Millett	Nye	4	64.2			93	8	30	31	54	0.10		0	1	22	6	3	w.		
Mina	Mineral	4,600	5															Southern Pacific Co.		
Oasis Ranch	Esmeralda	5,106	0	69.0		96	9†	41	31	48	0.00		0	0	30	1	0	s.		
Potts	Nye	6,990	19	60.0	- 7.8	89	12	30	19	50	0.20	- 0.46	0	2	9	11	11	s.		
Quinn River Ranch	Humboldt	4,850	10	65.2	- 2.3	98	22	23	30	58	0.11	- 0.30	0	2				sw.		
Rebel Creek	do.	0	65.8			97	23	28	30	54	0.38		0	1	20	9	2	sw.		
Reno	Washoe	4,532	41	66.3	- 0.7	93	23	37	30	44	0.96	+ 0.71	0	2	25	5	1	w.		
Soda Lake	Churchill	4,534	5															U. S. Weather Bureau.		
Tecoma	Elko	4,812	34	62.7	- 10.1	100	24†	24	30	61	0.73	+ 0.50	0	4	13	10	8	se.		
Tonopah	Nye	6,090	7	69.6		89	7	46	18	31	0.00		0	0	26	5	0	se.		
Wells	Elko	5,631	40	65.6	- 3.0	94	7†	40	3†	50	0.90	+ 0.70	0	3	28	0	3	sw.		
Winnemucca	Humboldt	4,432	33	66.7	- 4.1	96	23	36	31	48	0.13	- 0.04	0	2	22	5	4	sw.		

^a, ^b, ^c, etc. indicate, respectively, 1, 2, 3, etc., days missing from the record.
 ** Temperature extremes are from observed readings of the dry bulb; means are computed from observed readings.
 † Also on other dates.
 T. † Precipitation is less than 0.01 inch rain or melted snow.

TABLE 3.—Maximum and minimum temperatures for August, 1912. District No. 10, Great Basin.

Table with columns for Date, Wyoming (Border, Evanston, Weston, Idaho), Utah (Corinne, Government Creek, Joy, Marysvale, Meadowville, Modena, Ogden, Parowan, Provo, Salt Lake City), and Max/Min values for each station.

Table with columns for Date, Nevada (Burns, Oreg., Cherry Creek, Elko, Eureka, Fallon, Hawthorne, Jean, Lovelocks, Millet, Quinn River Ranch, Reno, Tecoma, Tonopah, Winnemucca), and Max/Min values for each station.

a, b, c, etc., indicate, respectively, 1, 2, 3, etc., days missing from the record.
§ § Instruments are read in the morning; the maximum temperature then read is charged to the preceding day, on which it almost always occurs.

Total Precipitation, August, 1912.



Departure of the Mean Temperature from the Normal, August, 1912.

