

The winter of 1861-62

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In looking up the record of weather as shown by the files of the *Herald* & given below, we find that the forecast that winter predicted the cold weather instead of falling, as is the case this year. The issue of Nov 30, 1861 says: "The rain commenced on Monday last & poured in torrents for 6 hours; by Wed. noon the waters in Mad River were 18 inches higher than ever ^{known} before. The bottom lands north & west of Arcata were submerged; fences, bridges & outhouses were swept away. The four bridges across the little stream that runs thru Arcata were washed away & all communication cut off from the bottom, except by boat.

We also find that on Jan 24, 1862 Sacramento was inundated, over 1,000 persons being left for S.F. on one boat.

The *Times* of Feb. 1, 1862 says:
"The coldest & most severe storm ever known in this region by white men occurred

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best time was unknown and obscure, abandoned at Fort
Lambert to provide protection for settlers against the Indians.
For seven years Mr. Minor operated and owned a pack-train
and goods at the mine, meanwhile meeting with many
killing adventures. His savings were invested in a stock ranch
at Camp Anderson on Redwood Creek and he operated the property
until the savages burned his buildings and killed a number
of his neighbors. To guard against further depredations he
was stationed on the Minor Ranch during the winter of 1859.
When the spring left conditions remained quiet until
1863, when a party entered on the part of the Indians
and Mr. Minor to learn that district and to join his family
at Osaka. At the beginning of the Indian war he owned one
hundred head of cattle and at its close he scarcely had a
hundred left, but even more destruction was the damage
done to buildings of his own and his neighbors, while the
greatest disaster of all was in the loss of life, his brother
Samuel Minor, being among the many to fall victims to
the hostility of the savages.
When peace had descended upon the valley and peaceful
conditions were once more possible, he bought one hundred and
eighty acres one mile from Osaka on the bottom land and
there he lived for sixteen years, meanwhile not only farming

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March 28 - 1864

Drunken Senators

○ We see it stated in an exchange that James A. McFongall of Cal + Will A. Richardson of Illinois are the only habitual drunkards who occupy seats on the floor of U. S. Senate. McFongall is quite harmless when intoxicated. He may sometimes be seen in the gutter, with a lot of ragged boys about him who are having a little innocent amusement at his expense, or in the barroom, where his actions excite the laughter of bad men + the pity of the good. Richardson is always disgusting ^{when} in his cups. He is always in his seat; at ~~makes~~ ^{makes} the checks of those from his state burn with shame to hear his name given to the oft repeated question, "Who is that drunken fellow over there?"

Both of these men are a disgrace, not only to the States which they in part represent, but to the body of which they form a part.

April 24 - 1864 - Camp Anderson is to be garrisoned by Co. B. Nts - Maj. Taylor assigned to command.

○ Apr 24 - 1864 - In which the other day, a noisy secessionist named Asbell, while under influence of liquor assaulted + flogged twice at a Union man named Wm. Kerry. He was arrested + lodged in jail. Asbell, we believe is a resident of this county. His headquarters are at Ft. Seward, or thereabouts.

Receipts of this worth the goods as follows
Cash & goods & were not in as follows
circumstances as at the present time.

Joseph Davis kept a book of accounts
with notations of the assets of the firm
amounted at \$1,000

Wm of G. R. Vance & Co \$1,600

Jonathan Clark - \$3,100

W. R. Taylor	\$3,500
Wm Taylor	4,155
Francis Dwyer	1,070
Daniels	500
H. J. Dunt	4,000

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Sept 1 - 1866

Mr. W. Wygate, late of Rohrerwill
has taken charge of U. S. Post
North side of Front, between E & F

Sept 15 - 1866 Tues - Thanks
We are indebted to Mr. Byron Derry,
Agent for Wells, Fargo & Co, at Arcata
for late papers

Abandoned - The military post known
as Laguna in this County has been
abandoned by the gov. & we are
informed that the detachment at
Camp Anderson, on Redwood, will
be soon withdrawn & the post
abandoned also.

stations at Ft. Humboldt belonging to the 2nd Reg. of Cal. Volunteers are ordered below immediately, likewise Maj. Schmidt, commanding Hen. Military District, to be mustered out of the service. Company K of 9th Infantry Regulars, recently stationed at Laguna, has gone to Fort Gaston to relieve the Company ordered away from there. Six men are to be left in charge of Camp Laguna & Camp Anderson. Another company of Regulars is now expected to supply the place of one of the companies ordered below

March 31-1866 - Mrs. H. H. Beecher drowned - wife of Capt. H. H. Beecher lost overboard from bark "Nahumkeag" as she was crossing the bar. Leaves five little children.

April 14-1866 - Movement of Troops -

Major A. W. Bowman of 9th Infantry arrived by Steamer Dal Nell - has relieved Major Schmidt in command of Humboldt Military District. Major Schmidt, with the two companies of Cal. Volunteers heretofore stationed here, proceeded below to be mustered out of service. Company E, 2nd U.S. Artillery, Capt. Pierce also came up by the steamer & are to be stationed at Fort Humboldt. Capt. Patrick takes command at Fort Gaston & will proceed hence with his Company (Company E - 2nd U.S. Infantry) at once. Co. A - 7th U.S. Infantry. Capt. Gordon was landed at Noyo to go to Camp Wright to relieve the company of volunteers stationed there.

April 28-1866 - Mail Bids - Acata to Sawyer's Bar (Humboldt & Klamath Co.) weekly & semi-weekly alternately - James F. Denny - \$2,600 - distance 121 miles. A bid of \$3,200 for the route from Acata to Weaver's Bar (the lowest) is suspended to await action on a charge of disloyalty.

(In Oct. 23-1869 route was designated from Acata by Trinidad, Orleans Bar & Forks of Salmon to Sawyer's Bar - 121 miles and back, once a week from May 1 to Nov 1 once in 2 weeks from Nov 1 to May 1)