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If he had said that this point is the origin of the high barometers of cold waves that so often afflict the great central valleys, I could endorse that part of his theory, but when he says that both the highs and the lows originate there he certainly takes a position which cannot be maintained.

The simultaneous international observations have established the fact for which I have contented eighteen years, that the low barometers or storm centers move entirely around the earth. The navy weather bureau has constructed a chart showing the average path of the storms around the earth for each month in the year and as that chart comes from very high authority it leaves no room for Prof. Bigelow's theory as to the low barometers.

In other parts of his theory, however, are found many excellent ideas and his work should be encouraged. I will again take up his work and criticize it, believing that in a general way he is on the right track.

The reader can readily see the rivalry that must at least secretly spring up between Professor Hazen and the other forecasters. They would need to be more than human to prevent jealousies and the beneficiaries of government weather forecasts can well afford to watch them while they do their utmost.

Prof. Hazen is an old timer. He has the reputation of being an able scientist, of rather an independent turn of mind, not much inclined to run in the ruts worn smooth by orthodox scientists. It would be superhuman for him not to regard the newcomers to the forecasting departments of the weather bureau with jealous eyes and we may well imagine how he regards such men as Prof. Bigelow with their new theories.

Prof. Hazen is an extensive writer on many subjects connected with the weather question and his public expressions are proper subjects for discussion.

At this time I will quote only one very important paragraph from his writings. He says: "We know that it is impossible to predict the weather with certainty for even twenty-four hours."

If there is no certainty in the forecasts sent out by the weather bureau why pay \$500,000 annually for such work? When Prof. Hazen penned that statement his name appeared attached to the daily maps and other forecasts sent out from Washington, and it is somewhat significant that he, with a university education and after spending nearly all his life in weather work, should, at so late a date, acknowledge that there is no certainty in his weather forecasts even twenty-four hours in advance.

We are now in what is called Grand Prairie, where we find feed of all kinds very scarce but plenty of apples, and which extends from Herrington to Council Grove, a distance of 27 miles. After leaving Duclap we see the first post and rail fence on the route, quite a curiosity to the children.

The next place worthy of mention is Emporia, a beautiful city with six or seven thousand inhabitants, where the Presbyterians have a large three-story stone college.

Tuesday, November 6. Many of the towns we now pass have nice stone pavements, and we soon reach signs of spring—green grass and trees.

Cross the Neosho just before we enter Neosho Falls, Woodson county, then on through the little town of Piqua, where they have a large Catholic church and cemetery. Pass on to the pretty city of Iola, Allen county, which has three wells of natural gas. It is used not only for lighting purposes, but for cooking and heating also. A family can use all they need for \$2.50 per month. The city has a park arranged to be lighted by gas. There is a pipe in the park 25 feet high that burns day and night. There are four or five wells of gas at Neodesha, also natural gas found at Thayer, Neosho county.

Saturday, November 10. Our road was worse yesterday afternoon than it has been since we started. A strip of road for half a mile was very stony, a good introduction I suppose to Missouri soil. Bourbon county is the roughest county we have passed through so far. Water is scarce from Iola to Fort Scott, a distance of 45 miles. Come to Gillilan, where we visited a stone quarry, where nine men are at work. Pass through Fort Scott, which is a very large city. The surrounding country is very rough.

Pass through Nevada, Vernon county, Mo., a large city—such large brick and stone buildings. See loads of vegetables for the first time—cabbage 2 1/2 cents a head, potatoes 60 cents per bushel.

We had a very pleasant journey, considering the lateness of the season and enjoyed the trip very much. In another letter I will tell of our camp life and how we like our new home.

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[Owing to a surplus of matter this week we were unable to publish the letter in full, but extracted some of the most important items.]

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ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Mar. 23—My last bulletin gave forecasts of the storm wave to cross the continent from March 24 to 28 and the next will reach the Pacific coast about the 29th, cross the western mountain country by close of 30th, the great central valleys from 31st to April 2d and the eastern states about the 3d.

This disturbance will occur during a cold period and the week will average below the normal, the warm wave going above and the cool waves considerably below normal.

A few places will have fair rains from this disturbance, but generally the rainfall will be deficient and signs of an approaching drouth will be apparent.

The warm wave will cross the western mountain country about 29th, the great central valleys about 31st, and eastern states about Apr 2. Cool wave will cross the western mountain country about 1st, great central valleys 3d and eastern states 4th.

My next bulletin will contain a long range forecast of temperature and rainfall for April covering various sections of the United States. Under my new and imperfect calculations I began these long range forecasts of temperature and rainfall for December, 1894, and although some errors have occurred the percentage of forecasts as compared with those lost is very encouraging.

The greatest difficulties I have to contend with at this time is on account of the very poor records in the arid districts east, the Rocky mountains and the west gulf states.

Another great fault with the weather records is that they are all reduced to calendar month averages. Nature formed the weather periods and manifested the calendar months, and the two will not work together. Congress should make an appropriation sufficient to publish the daily records of temperature and rain, tabulated, especially for places where records have been kept more than forty years.

NATIONAL WEATHER BUREAU.

A number of assistant professors are employed in the national weather bureau among whom are Professors Bigelow, Hazen, Danwoody, Morrill, Glassford and Garriott. Each of these takes his turn at making forecasts for a month and this scheme probably encourages a rivalry that brings out their best efforts.

As to the theories of these forecasters I am not much informed except in reference to Bigelow and Hazen. The latter is an old member of the weather bureau, while Prof. Bigelow is comparatively new, having entered that institution only a few years ago. Prof. Hazen is not the old chief signal officer who succeeded Gen. Meyer in 1880 as head of the weather bureau.

Prof. Bigelow holds to the theory that from the sun directly comes that which brings all our weather changes. This sun force he holds to be magnetism, and that for the North American continent this force takes effect through the magnetic north pole, the center of which is on Boothia island near 70 north and 97 west.

He locates what he calls the "origin"—meaning by this the place where the high and low barometers originate, constituting our storm waves—at the crossing of 115 west and 55 north.

This point is east of the Rocky mountains, east of about the center of British Columbia, about 400 miles

From Missouri.

SHELDON, Mo., March 12, 1895.

To the many friends who wished me to write, and for fear I will neglect some one, I will, through the kindness of THE CHIEF, give a description of our journey from Womer, Smith county, Kansas, to Vernon county, Mo. We left Smith county October 26, passed through Lebanon, and Sundayed with Mrs. McClane and family in Mitchell county, who is one of our old Iowa friends. From here we passed through some very pleasant country until we reached Beloit, the county seat of Mitchell county.

Next we pass through Asherville and Simpson and enter Cloud county. In the past two days we have seen a great deal of the osage hedge. The next place of any importance is Minneapolis, a beautiful place. Some of the yards look green velvet. I have wanted to see the red soil for several years, and here we have it. We meet a good many people who are going to Missouri. Pass through Lindsey, Bennington, Verdi and Piles.

We are just crossing the northeastern corner of Saline county, and the children are having lots of fun gathering hedge oranges and throwing them. Pass through Solomon City, Abilene, a very pretty place, and pass the Glenwood stock farm. The entrances to both Abilene and Enterprise are very lovely. The two towns are connected by telephone.

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