

APRIL WEATHER.

The warm weather at the commencement of the month soon came to an end, it set in wet and stormy on 4th and 5th, and then cold mornings and bright warm days till 12th and 13th, when it changed to windy and stormy showers from W. with snow on hills, that turned again on 14th to warm E. and S.E. weather, very high barometer, reaching to 30.52 on 15th, light fogs in early morning and clear bright sunny days. On 21st a rapid fall of .59 inch to 29.49 was followed by steady rain that brought winter suddenly on in very cold storms from S.W. Snow on the ranges that lasted several days, causing a very low temperature on 24th, the highest reading in the shade of the self-registering maximum thermometer was 49°; and although on 26th a rising barometer ushered in wet E. weather, it still continued dull and cold till the end of the month with a promise, however, in the continuous height of the barometer of a spell of brighter weather as soon as the dull easterly clouds disperse. The highest shade temperature 82° on 16th, and the lowest 32° on 26th, and the lowest on grass the same morning was 26°.

There were several heavy rains during the month, .69 inch on 5th, .32 inch on 10th, .33 inch on 21st, and .30 inch on 23rd. Altogether 2.22 inches for the month, being more than in any April in the last four years, making up 5.28 inches this year against 5.02 inches to the same time in 1876, 6.00 inches in 1875, and 5.32 inches in 1874.

Although the end of the month has been so cold, yet it was warmer than last April, the mean temperature being 53° 91' to 52° 43' in 1876. The movement of the wind was 2,550 miles to 3,030 last month, and 1,772 miles in April 1876.

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