METEOROLOGICAL.—We give below our monthly table of the readings of the thermometer, the course of the wind at sunrise, and the amount of rainfall for the month of December. The readings of the thermometer were taken in an elevated portion of the city, free from any influence of refracted heat, and from French instruments, showing the highest and lowest points of the mercury during each twenty-four hours. It is believed that no better situation for observations of this character can be found in our city. They have been carefully noted, and are believed to be absolutely correct:

CONDITION.	Minimum.	Sunrise.	Course of Wind at sunrise.	Maximum.
Dec. 1—Raining (1)	31	31	S. E....	50
2—Partly cl'd and foggy.	31	31	N. E...	52
3—Clear.....	29	29	N.....	48
4—Partly cloudy....	27	28	S. W..	52
5—Partly cloudy (2)	35	43	S. E ..	64
6—Raining....	54	54	S. E...	58
7—Partly cloudy....	27	27	N.....	40
8—Partly cloudy....	20	24	S. E...	46
9—Clear.....	14	15	N.....	33
10—Clear.....	11	11	N.....	33
11—Clear.....	12	12	N.....	38
12—Clear.....	22	22	S. E...	54
13—Partly cloudy (3)	34	34	S.	54
14—Partly cloudy (4)	28	29	S.....	60
15—Partly cloudy....	34	34	W	58
16—Cloudy.....	38	38	S. E...	51
17—Partly cloudy....	28	18	N.....	46
18—Cloudy.....	33	33	E.....	44
19—Clear.....	23	23	N.....	43
20—Clouds (5).	29	29	N. E...	37
21—Snowing to 3 P M (6)	30	30	N. E...	39
22—Clear.....	24	24	N.....	41
23—Clear.....	17	17	N.....	41
24—Cloudy.....	27	27	N. E...	41
25—Cloudy (7).	20	20	N.....	41
26—Snowing all night and to noon (8)	27	30	N.....	39
27—Clear.	27	27	N.....	41
28—Partly cloudy....	26	26	S. W..	33
29—Snow'g (9).	13	13	N.....	14
30—Clear (be low zero)..	−6	−6	N.....	14
31—Clear (be low zero) .	−8	−8	N.	26
Average at sunrise...		25		42

1. Raining.
2. Showery.
3. Storm at night.
4. Rain at night.
5. Snow from 11 A. M. to 3 P. M., followed by hail and rain to 5 P. M. on 21st.
6. Snow to 3 P. M.
7. Had rain, snow, and high wind all night.
8. Snowing until noon.
9. Snowing until 5 P. M.

Total amount of rainfall for the month, including estimate for snow, 3.61 inches.

The table below gives the average readings of the thermometer at sunrise, and also the maximum registrations for each month during the past year. The observations were taken at sunrise from self-registering instruments, graded according to the Fahrenheit scale. The lowest point reached was on December 31st, when it marked 8° below zero. The highest reading was on the 15th of July, 102°:

	Average Minimum.	Average Maximum.

A TRAIN IN A SNOW-DRIFT.—Day before yesterday the snow drifted to the depth of six or eight feet near Afton. One of the passenger trains came along down the road and dashed into the snow-bank and—stopped. Behind this train were several freight trains; and very soon a pretty long line of cars stood waiting upon the track to get by. The material train was sent for, and after the freights had been hauled out of the way the work of cleaning away the snow on the track was commenced, and finally, after a delay of several hours, the cars came along without further trouble.

ICE ON THE BASIN.—There was quite a thick skim of ice on the basin yesterday morning—more in quantity and thickness than we have had on the basin before this season.