

necessarily more frequent than those from other directions, but that easterly directions from the sea representing the monsoonal effect are about as common as westerly directions due to the general circulation. For seven months, that is on the balance of the year, the general westerly movement asserts itself.

San Francisco has on the whole a rather tame climate, storms being infrequent. Snowfall is rare, and thunderstorms are both rare and feeble, occurring generally during the wet winter period. The variability of the liberal winter rainfall, however, is rather great, the January average of 5.13 inches being represented by a maximum of 24.36 inches in 1862, and a minimum of 0.58 inches in 1853.

At Washington heavy snowfalls occur during the winter; and summer thunderstorms are frequent, the average number of days being: April, 2; May, 5; June, 6; July, 7; Aug., 5; Sept., 2, the months May to August standing out as in most places with great prominence.—*L. C. W. Bonacina.*

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