

Mercury Fails To Go Above Freezing Today

A new all-time temperature record was believed to have been established in Las Vegas today when the thermometer failed, up to 2:30 this afternoon, to rise above freezing, remaining constant at 32 above zero for several hours.

This according to C. P. Squires, veteran weather observer, is the lowest maximum temperature recorded in Las Vegas within his memory.

Last night the mercury dropped to 17 degrees above zero at 9:30 and remained there thruout the night. This is the coldest December day in history, and may be the coldest since the establishment of the weather bureau here, Squires says.

Boulder City experienced the same low point, the lowest temperatures recorded since the start of the Boulder Canyon project.

The snowfall was officially reported as five and one half inches, with an additional fall today which started at five o'clock in the morning and continued until eleven.

On December 22, 1930 the mercury registered 25 above for the low point in Boulder City for that winter, while the low mark last year was on November 22 when 26 above was the figure. The coldest December day last year was the thirteenth when the thermometer hit 27; January's low was 28 on the 22nd, while February recorded 27 above on the third.

Some 300 high-scalers are off the job today because of the cold weather, the second time in three days it has been necessary to discontinue this part of the work because of the cold weather.

At noon today the mercury was only 20 above with no indication of a rise.

United Press reports continued to bring tales of extremely cold weather in northern Nevada, Reno breaking yesterday's all time December record, with a seven below reading of the official thermometer. Elko reported the lowest in the rest of the state with an official mark of 34 below.

Forecasts from government observers is for continued cold thruout the entire state.