

WAR AT HOOD RIVER

Fruitgrowers and Ditch Company Clash.

THEY BOTH HAVE GRIEVANCES

Fruitgrowers Refuse to Buy Water Rights and Company Will Not Invest More Capital Without Permanent Tenants.

Hood River is having her war as well as Japan and Russia, and the rumors in the fair valley over irrigating matters is assuming proportions which put the "tempest-in-a-teapot" class. The fruitgrowers are at the warpath because they believe the Valley Improvement Company, which maintains the principal irrigating ditch in that section, is trying to hold them up and force them to sign a 99-year lease and pay a high price for their water rights. They swear they will not sign such a contract, and that they will let their crops go the coming season rather than be forced into such an agreement. They are positive that the company means to shut off the water unless they comply with the demand to sign the contract; in fact they have all sorts of grievances.

But the Valley Improvement Company also has grievances. They are fully as many in number as those of the consumers of the water. This company claims to have put a great deal of money in this enterprise, and the ditch, which is now being improved, is a 99-year lease. The ditch during the eight years it has been established, having paid no dividend. Thirty thousand dollars was first invested in the original stock, and used to build the ditch, and shortly after this \$20,000 more was put into it, this latter sum being raised on bonds. Still the ditch required extension and improvements and another sum of \$8000 was invested. This brings the amount put into the ditch to \$28,000. The farmers complained last season that they were not served satisfactorily, and in order to meet their demands it is necessary to expend more cash in repairs. This the company does not feel justified in doing unless a more capable representative, when seen by The Evening Times reporter she was giving a party of Rochester manufacturers a thousand reasons why they should exhibit their goods at the Portland Exposition in 1905. She is hustling all the time for the Oregon Exposition, while doing her full duty to the St. Louis Fair. As an advance agent, this indefatigable woman cannot be equaled. Mrs. Weathered has accepted an invitation to read a paper on "The Exposition as an Educator," before the World's Press Congress to be held at St. Louis in May next.

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In conclusion, I will ask: If a lane must be left, is it to be left along section lines; and if so, and the topography is such that cattle cannot travel along section lines, where must we leave it? J. E. DAVID.

STILL ON THE WARPATH.

Mrs. Weathered Taking Scalps for Lewis and Clark Fair.

Rochester (N. Y.) Times.
Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered, of Portland, Or., passed through Rochester this week on her way West. Mrs. Weathered has a number of friends in Rochester, which is also true of nearly every city of any importance in the country, but she was unable to make much of a stop-over here, because of urgent business which demanded her presence in St. Louis before the end of the week.

Mrs. Weathered is a smart woman and has a wide reputation as a newspaper woman. She is the editor of "The Exposition," a magazine devoted to the Lewis and Clark Centennial, American Pacific Exposition and Oriental Fair to be held in Portland, Or., in 1905 and to the manufacturing and commercial industries of the great Northwest. She is a member of the Portland Press Club and was the club's delegate to the 1903 annual convention of the International League of Press Clubs, which was held at Atlantic City last June and at which she was appointed a member of the executive board of the league. Mrs. Weathered was the commissioner from her state to the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo in 1901 and was unanimously chosen president of the Pan-American Press Club because of her extreme popularity among the newspaper writers from all over the country who were stationed at the exposition. She had the distinction of being the only woman commissioner, all other Governors having appointed prominent men of social and political influence. However, the responsibility was not misplaced as Mrs. Weathered is a woman of education, culture and refinement and easily graces any society.

Mrs. Weathered was also Oregon commissioner to the fair held at Cleveland, S. C., in 1902, and she is now the representative of her state at the World's Fair to be held in St. Louis this year. Incidentally, the great and glorious State of Oregon could possibly have a more capable representative. When seen by The Evening Times reporter she was giving a party of Rochester manufacturers a thousand reasons why they should exhibit their goods at the Portland Exposition in 1905. She is hustling all the time for the Oregon Exposition, while doing her full duty to the St. Louis Fair. As an advance agent, this indefatigable woman cannot be equaled.

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DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—Maximum temperature, 52 deg.; minimum, 29. River reading, 11 A. M., 2 feet; change in 24 hours, rise 1.08. Total precipitation, 5 P. M. to 5 P. M., 0.28 inch; total since September 1, 1903, 23.34 inches; normal, 22.14; deficiency, 2.90. Total sunbath, February 11, 1904, 21 minutes; possible, 10 hours 12 minutes. Barometer (reduced to sea level), at 5 P. M., 29.90.

PACIFIC COAST WEATHER.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Clouds.	Remarks.
Baker City	30.00	50	NW	Clear	
Bismarck	30.00	50	NW	Clear	
Boise	30.00	50	NW	Clear	
Butte	30.00	50	NW	Clear	
Portland	30.00	50	NW	Clear	
Spokane	30.00	50	NW	Clear	
Seattle	30.00	50	NW	Clear	
Walla Walla	30.00	50	NW	Clear	

*Light, T. trace.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

There has been a full today in the storm along the coast, but the lines to the coast stations are still down. A maximum wind velocity of 44 miles from the southwest occurred at Tacoma Thursday night, and high winds were general elsewhere in the North Pacific States. Heavy rains have fallen in Northern California, and lower amounts are reported in Oregon and Washington. It is snowing this evening at Pocatello, and the indications are for continued unsettled weather in this district Saturday, with rain west of the Cascades and rain or snow east of this range.

WEATHER FORECASTS.

Forecast made at Portland at 5 P. M. for 24 hours ending Saturday, February 13: Portland and vicinity—Occasional rain; southerly winds.
Western Oregon and Western Washington—Occasional rain; southerly winds.
Eastern Oregon—Eastern Washington and Idaho—Rain or snow.

EDWARD A. BEALS, District Forecaster.



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