

WARM WEATHER DURING MARCH

The climatic conditions for Hood River during the months of February and March have been very peculiar.

The temperature in February, while not the coldest that has been known during that month in Hood River, the mean for the month was 35.5, which is one-half degree warmer than the mean temperature of all the years since 1889 which is 36. Since 1889 there are but four years when the temperature reached a lower point than on February 12 this year, that was in the years 1880-34 and 99, when the mercury dropped to 30, 10, 4 and 6 below respectively; but it must be remembered that those years were kept at a higher altitude during those years than at present which will make a difference of several degrees.

The maximum temperature for February was 68 degrees on the 24th. Since 1889 this has been exceeded but once, in 1891, when the temperature reached 69 above.

In precipitation February this year was far below the normal, which is 5.17 inches. Since 1884 there was but one year, 1886, in which the precipitation was less than this year for February, 1.22 inches, in that year it was 1.16 inches. Last year it was the heaviest in all these years, or 8.96 inches.

The minimum climatic conditions were much the same as for February, gradually gliding up the scale of temperatures and affording a more liberal supply of moisture.

The minimum temperature for March was 31 degrees on the 11th, the maximum, 77 on the 20th. The latter was the highest point reached by the mercury in Hood River since 1889, the nearest approach being in 1900. The mean maximum for March 1889 to 1904 inclusive is 63, that for the present year is 57, three degrees below normal, and yet the mercury climbed three degrees higher this year than in any other year during March since the records have been kept. Another peculiarity is that the mean temperature 48 degrees for March this year is six degrees higher than the mean temperature for March since 1889, which is 42 degrees. The highest mean temperature for March in all these years was 52 in 1900, and the lowest 38 in 1857.

The precipitation for the month was 3.74 inches, which is very nearly normal, 3.79 inches. Last year the precipitation for March was 6.70 inches. The heaviest precipitation during March since 1884 was in 1904, when it was 12.67 inches. This has been exceeded but very few times in any month since the records have been kept. In November 1896 it was 16.55, the heaviest precipitation for any one month of which we have any record. The annual precipitation for December for the years 1884 to 1904 inclusive is 7.74, making it the banner month for rainfall. The mean annual rainfall for Hood River during these years is 38.38.

Up to the first of April the conditions were very favorable for a bumper crop of all kinds of fruit in Hood River. The plums, cherries, peaches and pears seemed to vie with each other in their attempts to put on the heaviest load of blossoms. What effect of the present cold nights and light frosts will have will be a matter of great interest to the fruit growers of the valley; but as Hood River is the only place in the world where we can have a hard killing frost without doing any damage to tender vegetation it is hoped the cold shoulder mother nature is giving us now will not result disastrously.

WEATHER FOR MARCH.

The following is the report of U. S. Voluntary Weather Observer D. N. Ryerse, for Hood River, for the month of March 1905.

Date	Max. temp. mm.	Min. temp. mm.	Precip. in.	Character of weather	Day
1...	63	38	.09	part cloudy	
2...	57	35	.15	part cloudy	
3...	65	43	.09	part cloudy	
4...	64	33	.02	part cloudy	
5...	65	47	.02	part cloudy	
6...	67	37	.02	part cloudy	
7...	68	37	.02	part cloudy	
8...	59	36	.02	part cloudy	
9...	57	46	.02	part cloudy	
10...	56	31	.09	part cloudy	
11...	55	32	.02	part cloudy	
12...	52	32	.02	part cloudy	
13...	61	57	.03	part cloudy	
14...	60	49	.08	part cloudy	
15...	57	48	.02	part cloudy	
16...	55	42	.14	part cloudy	
17...	58	41	.29	part cloudy	
18...	49	39	.22	part cloudy	
19...	52	39	.22	part cloudy	
20...	54	41	.19	part cloudy	
21...	49	42	.57	part cloudy	
22...	50	47	.19	part cloudy	
23...	49	39	.20	part cloudy	
24...	48	37	.22	part cloudy	
25...	52	39	.22	part cloudy	
26...	54	41	.19	part cloudy	
27...	49	42	.57	part cloudy	
28...	49	39	.20	part cloudy	
29...	48	40	.22	part cloudy	
30...	51	38	.22	part cloudy	
31...	45	36	.12	part cloudy	

Mrs. D. E. Rand Entertains.

Mrs. Adelbert Rand, assisted by Mrs. Dumible, entertained at her pleasant home on the hill, Friday evening, March 31. Miss Briggs and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davidson were the guests of honor. High Five was the game of the evening and the progression of eight tables gave an opportunity of a jolly social time. Mrs. Williams won the ladies' first prize, and P. S. Davidson the men's first prize.

The lunch, intended to remind Miss Briggs of her New England home, consisted of baked beans, and delicate brown bread, followed by Yankee doughnuts and coffee. The evening entertainment closed with singing by Mrs. S. Davidson, Murray Kay, and Mrs. Rand such kindly consented to render selection.

The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Noah Bone, Mr. and Mrs. Kinnard, Dr. and Mrs. Brosius, Mr. and Mrs. Early, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Davidson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Graham, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bone, Mrs. and Mrs. Norman Young, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Kay, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Castner, Mrs. Canfield, Mrs. Langille, Miss Briggs and Miss Hoodley.

Evening at Duplicate Whist.

The evening club held its final meeting Monday at the home of Mrs. Canfield, Miss Briggs and Miss Hoodley being hostesses for the evening. Instead of the usual progressive game, duplicate whist was played, and an opportunity given to decide which would be the better game for another season. All of the members were present.

The invited guests were Mrs. P. S. Davidson, Mrs. Noah Bone and Mrs. J. H. Ferguson. Mrs. N. W. Bone and Mr. Rand, who were partners for the evening, won the first prizes.

A vote of thanks was expressed to the organizers of the club and presents were exchanged upon the departure of Miss Briggs, who leaves for a visit in California before returning to her home in Pittsfield, Mass., where she will be followed by the best wishes of her Hood River friends.

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7...	House and lot and good barn in good slightly location, \$1250.
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10...	1. 25 acres 5½ miles from town on the East side; good apple land about 3 acres cleared and 40 fruit trees set. A house, one half mile from school, close to school and irrigating ditch, \$1100.
11...	2. 5 acres 2 miles from town on West side. All in cultivation; 2 acres in strawberries; a few fruit trees; a 4 room house; small barn; close to church, \$1800.
12...	3. 20 acres of unimproved land miles from town, level and easily irrigated; will grow any kind of crops; close to school and church, \$1500.
13...	4. 20 acres 6 miles from town on West side; 4 acres in bearing orchard; creek runs through the place; fine for fruit or grass; good 4-room house, \$3500.
14...	5. Harry Brown place of 5 acres, 4 acres in strawberries; horse, wagon, harness, farm tools and a ditch water right go with the place, \$1500.