

JAP FARMERS ARE CARRYING GUNS

Councilman Conway Says
Conditions Are Such in White
River Valley That They
Should Be Investigated.

BROWN MEN COULD CUT
OFF SEATTLE'S WATER

T. Tanaka, Nipponese Consul,
Declares That Gardeners
Have No Warlike Intentions,
and Explains Why.

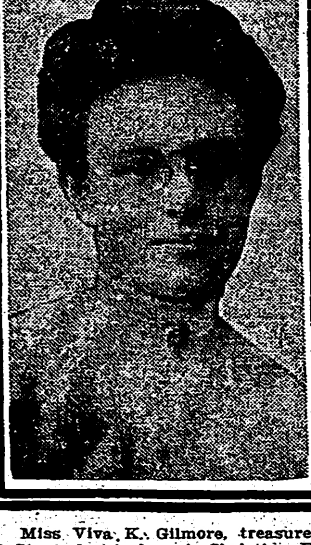
WHY are all the Japanese farmers
in the White River Valley
armed with rifles?

Why do they keep signal lights burn-
ing from their cabins all night long?

Why are they making such determined
efforts to get possession of every ranch
between this city and Tacoma?

The foregoing are some of the ques-
tions that are agitating James Conway
of the First Ward, who has become ac-

Endeavorer Sees A Plethora



Miss Viva K. Gilmore, treasurer,
of St. Andrew's branch Christian Endeavor.

MISS VIVA K. GILMORE, is treas-
urer of St. Andrew's branch of
the Christian Endeavor in con-
nection with the First Presbyterian
Church. Although it is one of the
younger branches, it is able to report

acquainted with conditions in the farming
communities to the south through his
friend, Robert Bridges, former land
commissioner of this state, who owns a
ranch at Orillia and who, Conway says,
has been observing the actions of the
Nipponese carefully.

Water Supply in Danger.

"Every one of those Japanese farm-
ers, seemingly so quiet, carries a rifle,"
said Conway this morning. "They are
shooting everything in sight. They are
even killing off all the meadowlarks,
which are such sweet singers. Perhaps
they want them for food. Perhaps they
simply want to get some rifle practice
to be prepared in case war breaks out
between this country and Japan.

"Just think for a moment how a few
hundred of those Japs, thoroughly or-
ganized, could play havoc with a great
city like Seattle in event of war. They
are so situated down there that they
can cut off our supply of water and
light from Cedar Lake without the least
trouble, and corral thousands of cattle
and pigs with which to feed a hostile
army. I believe it is a situation well
worthy of serious investigation."

Farmers Are Peaceful.

When asked about the matter this
morning, T. Tanaka, Japanese consul in
this city, said:

"I think the facts as reported are
much exaggerated. I am positive that
the Japanese gardeners in the White
River Valley have no warlike intentions.
Neither has Japan for that matter.
There are not more than fifty or sixty
Japanese in the valley.

"If the Japanese and American ranch-
ers down there understood each other's
language I believe all suspicion would
quickly be dispelled. Possibly the Japa-
nese are holding meetings, but with no
other purpose, I am sure, than for so-
ciability or to discuss crop conditions.
They may carry guns, also, but for per-
fectly legitimate reasons. I go hunt-
ing once in awhile myself. The Japa-
nese gardeners are very peaceable, like
farming people the world over."