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RAIN, LIGHTNING AND HAIL DO GREAT DAMAGE

FLORA STORM CLAIMS TOLL OF ONE LIFE

STREETS OF UNION AND COVE FLOODED, AND FARM LAND FLOODED.

AREA OF STORM IS BIG

Dust Storm, Lightning, Wind and Hail do General Damage Over Big Area of Union and Wallowa Counties Monday and Tuesday—General Situation Slightly Improved Today.

STORM DAMAGE IN EPITOME

- Resident of Flora killed by lightning.
- Trees and rocks halt train in Wallowa county yesterday.
- Union has highest water in years, bridges collapsing and others damaged.
- Wallowa county creeks on rampage. River high.
- Red Pepper district storm swept.
- Lightning injures property at Elgin.
- Dust storm hits North Powder.

Death, wrecked bridges, damaged telephone offices, damaged depots, seriously retarded railroad service, inundated farming lands, muddy water for La Grande's water supply, threatened rise in the Grande Ronde, great damage to culverts and inconvenience in general, are some of the consequences of the worst storm in years over a territory defined by the remotest eastern boundary of Wallowa county and stretching to the eastern point of Union county. The storm commenced Monday and continued until early today, but the effects are still evident. It is difficult, or impossible, to measure the damage in dollars and cents. The heaviest toll was claimed at Union and to farming section near Cove and Union. A house located up in the hills within sight of South La Grande, was struck by lightning last night. The house was burned to the ground. Size of territory considered, no storm has had the widespread effect this one registered, over many years.

UNION SUFFERS MUCH

People Hustled From Moving Picture House by Sudden Floods.

Union, May 28.—(Special)—One bridge has collapsed, another is closed to traffic, and the streets of Union from Catherine creek back to the Presbyterian, were flooded with water all night and more is feared tonight as the consequence of a sudden and unprecedented rise in Catherine creek. The bridge on

Main street was undermined by the heavy run of water and a portion has collapsed. Another bridge built by the county last year near this city is being undermined and has been closed to traffic. Catherine creek is unusually high and the water halted its rise this morning but it is feared it will go up again tonight.

When the water commenced to inundate the streets last night, officials ordered the picture houses cleared of people. The water lacked but two inches of running into the theatre doors when the crowds were ordered out, but the rise halted at this point. The creek has overflowed its banks and many rich farms are under water in a more or less marked degree. Telephone service with up-creek points is paralyzed and it is hard to learn if any up stream bridges are washed out or not.

Not in years has Union had the scare it got last night from high water. The rain and hail did considerable damage, but it is apparent that cloudbursts in the mountains caused the unusual swelling of Catherine creek which passes directly through the city. Woolen Mill bridge is still intact.

Cove Streets Flooded.—Mill Creek is on a rampage, and several streets of Cove are under water, as the result of the highest water in that stream in the present generation. It is likely that a cloudburst caused the sudden swelling of the stream. Farming land at Five Points, three miles from town, is under water, and certain streets here are inundated. The stream is still rising.

Hail, falling Monday and yesterday, did damage to cherries but the exact amount or scope is not known.

BEAVER CREEK HIGH

Terrific Roar Goes up From Rolling Boulders and Debris.

Beaver creek, the source of La Grande's water supply, is a raging torrent of such proportions as Caretaker Propeck has never before witnessed. A cloudburst at the headwaters Monday started the trouble and yesterday's downpour has made of the stream a veritable torrent. Huge rocks and boulders are rolled down the stream with terrific force, and the footbridge at the cabin at the intake, under which a man can walk standing erect, in the summer time, is now under water. Water Superintendent Hoyt affirms that for the next day or two the water here will be muddy as he has been informed that the creek has never been as black as it is today since its waters were converted to La Grande.

LIGHTNING HITS POLE

Metallic Post at Postoffice is Splintered Yesterday.

The nearness of the electrical storm's distance is reflected in the slight damage done to a telephone pole of the metallic sort in the rear of the federal building here. A bolt struck the metallic shaft and splintered it, but apparently died with that particular display of electric power. The hole nearby was first thought to have been caused by lightning, but developed to be an abandoned cess pool that was never properly covered and filled before the paving was placed in the federal building grounds, and now caved in. The Home Independent Telephone company reports many minor damages to wires and poles, but no extensive damage was done at any one place so far as reported in this forenoon.

Imbler Station Hit.

Imbler, May 28.—(Special)—A

DRUNK YARNS SILLY THINKS J. O'LOUGHLIN

PRINCIPAL WITNESS FOR ROOSEVELT IS FAMOUS REPORTER.

FILMS MAY BE EVIDENCE

John O'Loughlin of Chicago Who Was With Roosevelt Abroad Today Affirms That Roosevelt Never Mixed Drinks, and That He Was Drunk was a Silly Assertion Besides.

Marquette, May 28.—Assurance that Roosevelt "never mixes his drinks" was one of the contributions to the Roosevelt trial by John Callen O'Loughlin, a newspaper man, today. O'Loughlin declared he accompanied Roosevelt to Europe and described in detail the travels abroad and at Washington, including many banquets. He said: "Not only did I never see Roosevelt under the influence of liquor, but I consider it absolutely silly for anyone to bring such a charge."

The witness insisted Roosevelt's custom of serving wine at the White House didn't differ from that of his predecessor. In cross examination of O'Loughlin Attorney Belden, for Newett, attempted to bring in Roosevelt's row in Rome over visiting the Pope, but the court summarily ordered Belden to cease. O'Loughlin hotly asserted every reputable newspaper man knew the rumors that Roosevelt drank to excess, lied.

The defense indicated it expects to prove Newett in publishing the charges merely repeated stories which were currently reported and generally believed. In a long argument Attorney Belden demanded the right to show Newett's publication of stories was not malicious and declared Roosevelt demanded no retraction.

Film May Be Evidence.

St. Louis, May 28.—President Lambert of the St. Louis Aero club has wired Roosevelt offering him the use of a moving picture film of Roosevelt and Hoxsey in the aeroplane flight, several years ago. He declares it corroborates Roosevelt's denial that he was drunk on that day.

bolt of lightning coming in on wires, did a little damage to the O-W station here yesterday afternoon. The storm was hard throughout this district.

MANY CULVERTS GONE

River Expected to Rise But Little Added Water Today.

Bridge Superintendent J. F. Campbell has been advised that several culverts along the Grande Ronde river between here and up river points, were washed away last night. The tributary streams are all very high but at noon only a half-foot rise was noted in the river at Perry. It is expected that by tomorrow the flood water will have reached valley points and high water is feared. Bridge Superintendent Campbell anticipates trouble in the next day or two especially if the mountain rains continue.

Storm Hits Wallowa County Hard.

Wallowa, May 28.—(Special)—Monday evening, Mrs. Harlow Thomas, living near Flora, was struck by lightning and died about midnight. This is the only fatality reported from a terrific wind, rain and electric storm which was general throughout the Wallowa county Monday evening.

Mrs. Thomas lived on a ranch

Soldiers Dead Will Be Revered Here On Friday

Honors to soldiers dead will be paid by the soldiers living, and friends of the dead, in an appropriate manner in this city Friday. The schedule of events prepared for the day, call for assembly of G. A. R. members at 10 o'clock at the I. O. F. hall. The veterans will be taken to the cemetery in rigs, as the walk is too severe for the aged fighters. The school children are urged to form with the parade to the burial grounds. The graves will be strewn with roses and flowers, the soldiers returning at noon or earlier for the afternoon program. The memorial day services will be held in the Baptist church and there commencing at 2:30 o'clock the following program will be carried out: Instrumental solo .. Mary Fitzgerald

Prayer.

General orders of G. A. R. Lincoln's address at Gettysburg. Recitation—Origin of Memorial Day Evaline Underwood Solo—Just Before the Battle Mother Dr. Fyke Recitation Jack Rogers Recitation Thelma Osterling Vocal Duet, Mrs. Nelson Miss Keefer Recitation Gene Fyke Recitation Fay Wilcox Recitation Wilma Gore Recitation Earl Nutter Recitation Muriel Gore Address A. J. Adams Tribute to the unknown dead. Hymn—America.

School children are requested to march in the parade to cemetery, to meet at I. O. O. F. hall at 10 a. m.

MRS. W. LEWIS PASSES AWAY

WELL LAST NIGHT, DEAD THIS MORNING.

Mother of Large Family Dies During Child Birth Today.

Mrs. William Lewis, aged 38, died this forenoon in this city while giving birth to a daughter. The babe also died. Mrs. Lewis had retired last night in normal condition and this morning about 2 o'clock consented to have a physician called in, a policy which she had previously refused to permit. A complication of trouble resulted in death at 9 o'clock this morning. She is survived by her husband who is a brother of Earnest and Press Lewis, fifteen children. The oldest a little over one year, two sisters, Mrs. Fred Geible this city, and Mrs. Hattie Graham of Hanson's Ferry, Wash., and a brother, Ralph Worstell of Portland, and her father, W. A. Worstell of this city. One child died several years ago.

Though a mother of a large family, she has given birth to a great percentage of her children without medical attention other than that which her husband attended to. Much of the time during the raising of their family Mr. and Mrs. Lewis lived in remote sections of Wallowa county where physicians are rarely sent to and only yesterday she scouted the need of a physician when asked to consent to such a policy. Her sudden death was a severe shock to relatives and friends.

Mr. Lederle Better.

Word received from Pendleton is to the effect that Paul Lederle is slightly better.

MOUNTAIN RELEASED

Boise, May 28.—(Special)—President Foley of the Spuds here today, released Mountain this afternoon. A Nampa pitcher has been secured for the immediate future.

about seven miles northeast of Flora with one of her sons. She was in the yard hanging up clothes when the lightning struck, which was about 5 p. m. She lived, however, until nearly midnight. Mrs. Thomas was an old settler and very well known. She was a sister to George and Henry Hendrickson of Paradise and Mrs. William Wilson of Joseph. She leaves three children, one of whom is Mrs. Lloyd of Imbler.

Telephone Lines Down.

The storm has done great damage to telephone and telegraph lines in Wallowa county. Wallowa is isolated not being able to get communication to either Minan or Enterprise. The wind and rain together has destroyed a good many fences and much timber was blown down. Very

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INCOME TAX FLAWLESS IN CONSTRUCTION

TWO PRINCIPAL OBJECTION POINTS INVOLVING SAY DRAFTERS.

INSURANCE CLAUSE HARSH

Dividend Tax Will Draw Big Income to Treasury From Insurance Companies Who Must Pay on Reserves—Graduated Tax, Surtax, Another Objectionable Feature of the Bill.

BY BURTON K. STANDISH

(Written for the United Press.)

Washington, May 28.—Double-riveted, air-tight, bomb-proof and safe from any assaults. That is the condition of the new income tax law, according to its author, Representative Codell Hull, of Tennessee. He says the bill is absolutely impregnable against attack in the courts. It has been drawn with such care, Hull declares, that no high-priced corporation lawyer can pick a flaw in it which might imperil its enforcement. Reports that the new law was to be tested in the courts have reached congress. Hull and the members of the house ways and means committee which drew the new law declare that if such attempts are made they will meet with signal failure. They asserted there was little ground for alarm that such legal methods would be resorted to, and the constitutionality of the whole tariff bill was not endangered. They admitted, of course, that if the income tax feature of the Wilson-Underwood bill was declared void by the courts, the whole tariff bill would go by the board and necessitate re-enactment of an entirely new measure by congress.

"The two chief features of the bill which have been under fire," said Representative Hull to the writer, "are the clauses fixing the graduated tax—the surtax upon incomes according to their size—and the provision for taxation of dividends of insurance companies. Both are beyond criticism of any fair-minded person, and also beyond the reach of persons who would attack their constitutionality in the federal courts. The graduated system of taxation has been approved by the federal judiciary. The New Jersey district court and the court of appeals for that circuit have sustained the validity of such graduated plans."

"The New Jersey case tested the graduated tax system as applied to inheritance taxes, squarely in point with the similar system in the income tax bill. The federal courts declared in the inheritance tax cases that it was folly to assert that the government could not put into operation the most equitable taxation system known—that of taxing highest the persons who are best able to meet the tax. This is exactly what the income tax bill will do; it will reach the wealthy men who are best able to bear the heavier burden of taxation. It will also reach a whole lot of wealthy men who have never contributed their just share to the

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AUSTRIA READY TO TAKE HAND IN THE LATEST BALKAN STRIFE

Vienna, May 28.—Fearing bloody war between Bulgaria, Serbia and Greece over territories captured from Turkey is a real and instant menace to Europe, Austria today

recalled to the colors all reservists to be prepared to strike, should the expected convulsion involve an attempt to capture any regions claimed under Austrian influence. The situation is regarded as critical.