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## Fourth of Valley Farms Under Water

### DEATH CLAIMS VETERAN CHIEF JUSTICE U. S. COURT

#### CHIEF JUSTICE WHITE PASSES AWAY TODAY

SHADOW OF SORROW WAS CAST OVER CAPITOL FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT

WAS ELECTED TO BENCH IN 1894 BY CLEVELAND

Although Seventy-Six Years of Age, Chief Justice Had Always Enjoyed Rugged Health Until His Operation This Past Week; Only Chief Justice From the South.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 19.—The death at 2 o'clock this morning of Edward Douglass White, veteran Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court, cast a shadow of sorrow over the capitol. Justice White was seventy-six years of age at the time of his death, but had always enjoyed rugged health up to the time of his operation last week for bladder trouble.

**Came From the South.**  
Chief Justice Edward Douglass White was, strictly speaking, the lone representative of the South on the Supreme Bench for a number of years. Coming from a family of judges, his father and his grandfather before him having been on the bench, Chief Justice White had had a judicial inheritance, as well as legal training. His knowledge of the law was generally regarded as the most profound of any man that ever sat on the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States. He developed a specialty for questions of interstate commerce, and his contribution to the law of the land probably will be a permanent one.

**Was Civil War Veteran.**  
He was born in the parish of Lafourche, La., November 3, 1845. His parents were Catholics, and he was of that faith. His education was in Catholic institutions. In his early youth he attended school at Mount St. Mary's near Emmitsburg, Md.; later he entered the Jesuit College in New Orleans, and finally he went to Georgetown College, of Washington, D. C.

Chief Justice White served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War; practiced law among the people of Louisiana; and became a sugar planter on his lowlands. His ability and high character were recognized by the people in repeated commissions as a public official. In 1874, he was elected as senator in the Louisiana legislature. Four years later, he was appointed associate justice of the Supreme Court of the State.

In 1891 Mr. White became a national figure. A senatorial contest was waged in Louisiana, and he entered the race. He had managed the campaign of Governor Nichols for reelection and had been prominent in the reform element of Louisiana. He had fought vigorously in favor of the anti-litterary movement. The legislature finally chose him to succeed Senator Eustis.

**On Bench Since 1894.**  
Chief Justice White was in the Senate three years before he was elevated to the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States by President Cleveland in 1894. During that period, he distinguished himself on two occasions. Once was in the debate on

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#### BODY OF LANE IS CREMATED

ASHES WILL BE SCATTERED TO CALIFORNIA WINDS.

Request Made By Former Secretary of Interior Before His Death To Take Ashes to El Capitan Peak.

CHICAGO, May 19.—The body of Franklin K. Lane was cremated here today. The ashes will be taken to the top of El Capitan Peak in the Yosemite valley, California, and scattered to the winds, in compliance with the request by Lane before his death.

#### Poles Are Believed To Be Marching On City Of Danzig

Premier Briand Calls Correspondents and Tells Them France Insists on Execution of Versailles Treaty in Line Between Poland and Germany.

AMSTERDAM, May 19.—According to the Kreuz Zeitung, of Berlin, a large number of Poles are moving toward Danzig. A number of bridges over the Vistula were blown up by the Germans, who believe that the Poles intend to raid Danzig.

Korfantry Urges Surrender.

LONDON, May 19.—Reports through the Polish channels say that Adalbert Korfantry has issued a proclamation urging the people of Upper Silesia to surrender their arms, and resume work after the conflict with the Germans.

Must Follow Treaty.

PARIS, May 19.—Premier Briand told the correspondents that France insists upon the execution of the Versailles treaty in drawing a line between Germany and Poland in Upper Silesia.

#### TO WATCH FOR ALCOHOLIC SIGNS

WASHINGTON, May 19.—To guard more closely the only revenue by which alcoholic beverages may enter the country, the state department has issued new regulations under which members and employees of embassies and legations may import liquor.

#### MANY ATHLETES TO PARTICIPATE

REDLANDS, Cal., May 19.—Many athletes prominent in eastern amateur circles have promised to attend the National Amateur Athletic Association track and field meet to be held at Pasadena in July, according to four Redlands University runners who returned here recently from Philadelphia, where they entered in the Penn relays.

Charles Paddock, University of Southern California's star sprinter, who has smashed several world short distance records this spring, will enter the national meet at Pasadena and make an attempt to set new world marks. Paddock said recently that the A. A. U. meet would be his last.

#### UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL HAS MODEL BUILDING

EUGENE, May 19.—The University of Oregon high school is now housed in its new building, which will be formally dedicated May 27 and which has already created much interest in Oregon communities that are planning school buildings in the future.

The building was constructed for a maximum of 200 students at an approximate cost of \$80,000. It is a brick structure of the one-story type becoming so popular in mill districts in the past few years.

#### AT HOT LAKE FOR DAY

Don Sargent is spending the day at Hot Lake.

#### NEW HATCHERY SITE PURCHASED

Carl D. Shoemaker, master fish warden, concluded the purchase of 10 acres of land on Salmon river near Salmon, Idaho, to be used as a hatchery and feeding station by the state of Oregon. The Salmon river is a tributary of the Snake and when water conditions are favorable, during March, April and May, salmon reach this tributary and are taken there for a season. The property was purchased from Frank Marton for \$2500. This is the first hatchery to be established by the Oregon fish commission outside the state. The station will be operated in cooperation with the United States bureau of fisheries.

#### COLUMBIA AND OTHER STREAMS ARE RISING.

PORTLAND, May 19.—The Columbia and Willamette and other streams in the Columbia Basin continued rising today, due to the rains and melting snows in the foothills. The lower dock levels were flooded here with the Willamette at seventeen feet. At The Dalles, the Columbia is thirty and five-tenths today, the flood stage there being forty feet. Reports from the upper reaches indicate that the flood stage will probably be reported Sunday.

#### HISTORY IS TO BE REPEATED

THE DALLES, May 19.—There have been assigned to more than 1000 people, who will participate in the historical pageant to be staged in The Dalles on May 27. The historic games start with the discovery of the mouth of the Columbia river in 1792 by Captain Robert Gray. From the coming of the first white man, the pageant portrays the gradual colonization of the great northwest, the journeys of Lewis and Clark down the Columbia river and their landing at Quenett creek, now known as Mill creek, after which the pageant is named, and where the explorers are known to have spent one night. Scenes depict the founding and growth of The Dalles Methodist mission and St. Peter's Catholic church, the Whitman massacre, the life of the Wasco Indians and a grand finale, when Oregon, represented by a pretty girl enters the union of the United States.

#### CONNECTED WITH WALL ST. BOMB

BAYONNE, N. J., May 19.—The police have announced that three persons have identified Giuseppe De Filippo, Bayonne truck man, arrested yesterday, as the man seen in Wall street a few hours before the explosion last September.

A federal warrant has been issued at New York for DeFilippo.

#### WEATHER FORECAST.

Tonight and Friday, occasional rain.

#### BEAVER DAM IS SAFE SAYS MR. GARRETT

ENGINEERS RETURN FROM TRIP OF INSPECTION OF DAM AND PIPELINE

LITTLE DANGER OF DAM GOING OUT THIS SPRING

Effort Made to Dynamite Logs and Stumps Below Spillway but Frost Had Ruined Explosives; Water in Jordan Creek Higher Than for Many Years.

There is little danger of any break in the Beaver Creek dam according to George Garrett, City Manager, who returned last night from an inspection of the dam and the pipeline with R. E. Koon, consulting engineer, who is making surveys for the proposed new water supply system for La Grande.

Mr. Garrett left for the dam Monday noon following a report that the west end of the dam had been damaged and Mr. Koon accompanied him to look over the present dam and pipeline, a report on this being included in his work covering recommendations for the new system.

**Jordan Creek High.**  
Jordan Creek is higher than it has been in many years, Mr. Garrett said. The caretaker at the dam told him. Garrett's party got stuck at the bridge over Jordan creek. This bridge has six and ten inch logs for a floor and the logs were loosened by the onrushing waters of the creek. The party got half way across and then got stuck. The car was abandoned for the night. The party, which included Neal Sedan of the La Grande fire dept., besides the two engineers, packed their outfit to the Standard ranger station and camped there.

Through the night one of the party was on duty waiting for the dam to break and the roaring creek caused them often during the night to think that the dam had gone out. Going forth with searchlights to investigate they found that the thunderous roars were produced probably only by an exceptionally large boulder being torn off from the bank.

**Dam is O. K.**  
When morning came they proceeded to the dam and found it was in good condition. An inspection was made of the intake and the

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#### OVER 20,000 ACRES FLOODED; UNION BRIDGES THREATENED

#### EX-PRESIDENT TAFT IS MENTIONED FOR PLACE

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The choice of a successor to Chief Justice White was widely discussed today. Although speculation centered chiefly about the name of former President Taft, there were indications that Harding was far from a decision and might find a selection difficult. Another name mentioned was that of Secretary of State Charles Evans Hughes, though his prominence in pending diplomatic exchanges was suggested as a barrier. Some suggestions were made that Justice Day, of Ohio, or Justice Holmes, of Massachusetts, might be honored.

#### C. O. EVERSOLE SHOWS EVIDENCE

CHICAGO, May 19.—C. O. Eversole, chief complainant, presented to the committee investigating the charge of inefficiency in the air mail service, a telegram from William H. Jones, air mail pilot and former director of the Pacific coast air club, supporting the charges of Eversole. Jones said that the accidents were due to defective parts in the machines.

#### RENTERS REJOICE OVER LOWER RATES

CHICAGO, May 19.—Rent concessions as an inducement to prospective tenants to rent an apartment were offered in Chicago last week for the first time in several years.

#### CONGRESS URGES BIG CONFERENCE

CHICAGO, May 19.—Congress, on the reduction of armaments, adopted a resolution urging President Harding to invite Great Britain and Japan to an immediate conference on the limitation of naval armaments.

President Harding has signed the immigration restriction bill.

#### PORTLAND MARKETS.

PORTLAND, May 19.—The price of cattle was weak, hogs steady, sheep slow and eggs and butter firm.

#### Double Union



Besides being united in wedlock, Rev. John F. Fisher of Cleveland and Mrs. Fisher are united in teaching. They have been called to the University of California, Rev. Fisher to be dean of the MacLay College of Theology and his wife professor of Christian missions.

#### ANTI-GAMBLING LAW IS AHEAD

PORTLAND, May 19.—Oregon's new anti-gambling baseball law, recently passed by the state legislature, goes into effect May 25. Violation of any of the four different sections of this bill render the violator liable to imprisonment in the state prison for not more than five years or by a fine of not exceeding \$5,000, or by both.

Section one deals with persons who attempt to bribe players not to use their best efforts to win a game. Section two deals with players who accept bribes and section three is in reference to any persons attempting to bribe umpires, managers or directors of a game not to use their best efforts to see that the game is played honestly.

Section four provides a penalty for any umpire, manager or director who does not use his influence and ability to see that the games are played honestly.

#### MCCULLY AND WIFE CONFESS

THOMPSON FALLS, Mont., May 19.—Mrs. Mona May McCully, convicted of murdering her son-in-law, Leon Richardson, and her husband, Fred McCully, who pleaded guilty last night to the charge of murdering Richardson, were sentenced today to life terms in the penitentiary.

#### TWO VETERAN WELTERWEIGHT BOXERS TO VIE

TACOMA, Wash., May 19.—Two veteran welterweight boxers, Travis Davis of Everett, claimant of the Pacific Coast title in his class, and Johnnie McCully, of San Francisco, meet in a six-round bout here tonight.

**REV. CLARK RETURNS.**  
Rev. G. L. Clark, formerly pastor of the First Presbyterian church of the city but now pastor of the Presbyterian church in Pendleton, arrived here this noon. He will preach the inaugural sermon at Cove tomorrow night, and will also preach the baccalaureate sermon at Elgin later.

Stock driven to Mountains Today and Farms Abandoned; Some Levees Reported Repaired, Others Threatened; Catherine Creek Subsidizing Somewhat This Morning

The rains and warm weather of the past few days have caused the worst flood in 25 years in Union county. Over 20,000 acres of farm land, approximately one-fourth of the farm land in the valley, is under water. About half of the inundated section is in that section immediately tributary to Catherine creek near Union and the other half is land near the joining of Catherine Creek and the Grande Ronde River. While reports from Union today are hopeful because of the water subsiding somewhat this morning, this is believed to be largely due to the change in temperature early this morning and with the warm weather of this afternoon the creek may rise again.

Great damage is being done to crops and property, many houses having been abandoned by farmers and haystacks being ruined. Small stock such as chickens and pigs have in some instances been drowned, but the majority of the stock has been driven to the mountains. Levees and bridges are menaced and it will probably be several days before the critical stage of the flood is passed.

W. J. Townley, one of the best-known farmers in the flooded district, stated this afternoon that the flood is the worst since the year 1896. Townley's ranch is practically surrounded by water and a large part of it is inundated. Above Union, he reported, the water was going down this morning. However, because of the heavy rains in the mountains last night and this morning, this was probably due to the change of temperature that comes late each night.

**Hay Is Ruined.**  
Many haystacks are ruined and farmers are driving their cattle and other livestock to the mountains. Twelve houses have been surrounded by Mr. Townley's knowledge, he declared. The two bridges at Union are undermined and either one may possibly be carried off by the mad current. All roads excepting the foot-hill road via Union Junction are impassable.

**20,000 Acres Flooded.**  
Between Union and the river probably 10,000 acres of land are under water, and in the Cove section and down the river another 10,000 acres are under water. This is approximately one-fourth the farming land in the valley.

Several of the dikes that have broken during the past few days have been repaired, but others, including the one at the Dobbin ranch, are in a bad condition and have been weakened so that they are liable to break.

David Stoddard, who has a ranch in the flooded area this morning stated that he had received word that the water on his place had slowly receded since yesterday morning. There was a difference of one foot in the level of the water since yesterday morning, he declared. He believes that the creek will now gradually go back into its rightful channel.

**Damage Great.**  
The property damage done is hard to estimate. It seems unlikely that the flood will recede immediately. If it should, however, a large amount of the grain and alfalfa flooded will not suffer. As the amount of water is so great it seems improbable that the water will go down entirely for three weeks, or until about June 10, and, in the case, the damage, including the hay and other produce that is bound to be ruined, whether the crops are

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#### The Port of Missing Men

