

### Young Woman's Ghost Said Haunting Clear Lake Area

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This time our bit of early history is about a very intangible thing—a ghost.

Klamath Falls is such a new little city—only 87 years old—that she hasn't a respectable ghost to her name, not even a haunted house, to give an aura of blue-blooded distinction. But we do not entirely desolate for we do have the ghost of Clear Lake (Clear Lake is about 40 miles from Klamath Falls), the ghost of a young woman killed under sinister and mysterious circumstances; a ghost famous throughout Southern Oregon and Northern California, and dating back somewhere between the 1850's and 1880's, depending upon which tale you give credence to.

Naturally she was young (and no doubt beautiful) and, as ghosts are timeless and persistent, her spirit still haunts the region of her sad, untimely end. There are two stories known to me of the ghost's origin, though there may be others I haven't heard about. The most commonly accepted one is that there really was a woman murdered near the big spring of the old Carr Ranch on the northern shore of the lake; that a man and his daughter were living in a house near the spring; that the father was gone one day and upon his return found the girl murdered in a horrible fashion.

The other story would make it an earlier date, at the time the emigrants were passing through, and places the locale at the other end of the lake. An emigrant train from the east was passing through, and had stopped for the night at Nigger Ben Spring, or somewhere in that immediate vicinity. There the Indians attacked them and killed the whole party with the exception of one young woman who escaped. Later she was burying some small family treasures, near where the dam at the east end of the lake now is, when the Indians got her. In this story the ghost only appears in October.

The Clear Lake ghost never received much publicity for the simple reason that nobody cared to be quoted. As one man says, "I admit nothing—but how do you account for the fact that horses and dogs won't go into the corral near the spring; they sense something—but don't quote me." However we do find the following old printed tale: "Fiddler's Green is the name of a spring at the upper end of Clear Lake, and before the dam was put in, it furnished water for a ranch that has long been abandoned. The water and old buildings attracted freighters, shepherds, and cattlemen alike, who used it for a stopping place until something happened which made them shy from staying overnight at the place.

"Stories are passed about telling of strange things having happened after dark at the spring, and old timers remember and tell about them even to this day.

"When the Clear Lake water rises behind the dam in the spring, Fiddler's Green is beneath the water, but in the late summer it is possible to get out to the old buildings and the spring. To see or hear anything, one must be close to the spring, old timers say.

"Bill D (ticklish) pulled in there one night with a load of freight and six tired horses on his way to Bly and Lakeview. He hitched, fed the horses and made down his bed. After smoking his pipe for a while by the campfire, he went to bed, when something brushed by his cheek. He raised by to see what it was and claimed he saw a woman dressed in white walk toward the spring, where she disappeared. He jumped and hit out for Lanell Valley, leaving his horses and load of freight where they were. This was the start of the ghost tales. The next day he returned, hitched up his horses and drove on to Bly. He stopped there no more.

"Pat Murphy herded a sheep there and tried to camp for the night. After he went to bed something frightened the sheep and they rose from the bed ground and ran, the herder after them. The sheep dog crawled under the covers of the herder's bed and refused to come out. The herder managed to stop his band but the sheep refused to go back to the camp. So he left the sheep and went away, quitting his job the next day. He was working for Conner, who took over the sheep and tried to hold them over night at the camp near the spring. He thought his herder was 'nutty', but when the same thing happened to the band the next night, he decided the sheep and the dog 'saw things' and moved camp.

"Jerry McCoy, hearing that Conner had quit that part of the country because it was haunted, moved his sheep and herder right in to take advantage of the good feed. He did not tell the herder anything about the place being 'spooky' and set up the tent close to the spring, so the water would be handy. Next

day he rode in to see how the herder had made it overnight, but no herder was there. So McCoy went to Bly where he located his man, who was as drunk as a lord. The herder declared that when he lit the fire in the stove, it would not burn so he ate a cold supper and went to bed. At midnight he heard a scream and the sheep stampeded. As he looked out of the tent, a woman in white was walking toward the spring, and as he watched she disappeared into the spring. The herder refused to go back to the band.

"Cow men have stopped at the spring, and their horses, at night, would snort and break loose. If a bunch of cattle were taken there to spend the night, the band would stampede and scatter during the night.

"Ernest Chappel and Pete Bell rode in and stopped one night. After dark they heard a scream, the horses started snorting and one broke loose, leaving two punchers with one horse, and two saddles to get back to the ranch. The men claimed they saw a light in the old house.

"Sheepmen say that when they have a herder they want to fire but would rather have him quit, they mention that next week they plan on moving the band to Fiddler's Green. The herder always quits.

"The reputation of Fiddler's Green seems to be an accepted thing among old timers, some of whom have had queer experiences at the springs, or who know a friend who has tried to remain over night and has failed."

Herders said that they saw lighted lanterns approaching, but without a figure accompanying them; that the ghost sometimes went into the old spring house and rattled pans; that all animals seem to "sense something" and are afraid of the region at night. The place was not called Fiddler's Green in earlier days, that being a later appellation; and all traces of the old buildings are now gone.

An acquaintance of ours was on the north shore of the lake one afternoon, a number of years ago. The channel is narrow there and, being a good swimmer, she decided to swim across to the other shore. She rolled up her dress and put it inside of her hat which she wore on her head in crossing. As she came out of the water and clambered up the low, steep bank, she saw an Irish shepherd. He turned and his startled gaze met hers. Perhaps his brief attire embarrassed him for he turned away, and, sensing his presumed embarrassment, she lifted her hat and dropped her dress down over her shoulders. When he looked again to assure himself that his eyes had not deceived him, that there really was a woman standing where an instant before there had been nothing but mile upon mile of uninhabited space, he now saw a woman fully clothed.

First, nothing but miles of empty shoreline, the next instant a scantily-clad woman, replaced in a matter of seconds by a fully clothed one! The ghost of Clear Lake! It was too much for his superstitious mind and he took to his heels. The last he saw of him, he was still running, and they say he never came back.

A friend of ours decided to put the ghost story to a test so he, his small son and his dog made camp there one night, sleeping in the open by the side of his car, near the spring. Sure enough, sometime in the middle of the night he was awakened by a scream. The dog disappeared into the darkness, our friend after it with a flashlight, only to find a treed wildcat. After the rumus was over he returned to bed and they again settled down to sleep.

He awoke about daylight and, remembering the purpose of the expedition, he raised his head and glanced hastily around. A white, ghostly figure was standing by the water's edge or bathing in the shallow water of the lake. He says it surely looked like a woman to him but as our friend is not of the scary type—in fact a sort of scientific research cuss—he slipped from his covers and softly, slowly approached the lake. It was a white egret (sometimes called a heron), distorted in size by the poor light of early dawn and the mists from the lake, thus creating a good illusion of a woman. He returned home a disappointed and disillusioned man.

Another friend while engaged in surveying for the Clear Lake Dam

### "DENNIS THE MENACE"



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### Sportsmen Plan Social

There is going to be a regular old-fashioned box social at the Klamath Sportsmen's Association clubhouse Thursday evening, June 17, starting at 8 p.m.

The ladies are invited to get out their fancy paper, ribbons and bows, shears and paste pot and decorate a supper box to bring to the social. There will be prizes for the most unusual and the most attractive boxes. Each should contain supper for two.

Names of the one preparing the box should be placed inside the box and the successful bidder at the auction is awarded the privilege of having dinner with the lady who prepared the box he purchased. All proceeds go to the Sportsmen's Association building fund.

Coffee will be furnished by the club, but those bringing children are requested to bring milk and a supper box for them as there are no arrangements for exchange of children's boxes. Soda pop will be furnished, also, by the club.

The association promises a full evening's entertainment to precede the auction of supper boxes. The evening is open to the public and no reservations are necessary.

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Local realtors are busy making plans for the state convention of real estate boards to be held in Klamath Falls September 30, October 1 and 2. Al Longe is convention chairman.

Wednesday, June 10, will be the last meeting until September 1, when the new officers will be installed. All members are urged to attend this meeting.



ANDY SILANI

Vernon Durant, vice president; Claire Ellis, secretary-treasurer; other directors are Burton Gray and Coral Sabo.

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It seems that many of us are too materialistic, too skeptical, or "too well educated" to believe or sense the supernatural. Perhaps that is why shepherders, men who spend their lives in the open, and animals are the only ones who can "see" and "sense" the ghost of Clear Lake. But try to this day to get an Irish shepherd to camp for the night at the Clear Lake spring! He'll quit his job first.

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