

DIRECTORS ELECTED

The Opposition Fails In Its Threat

NO FACTS MATERIALIZE

Directors Meet and Elect Officers.—Applegate's Election Unanimous

The second annual meeting of the Water Users Association has passed into history. It was chiefly notable for the total absence of the windmill oratory that was promised by the so-called anti-administration stockholders. One or two attempts were made to indulge in an arm swinging contest, but Jim Driscoll had his mind on his long drive to Bonanza and did not want to be kept in his seat listening to a lot of hot air, and suggested that "it was about time to cut out stuff that was out of order and get down to business and not waste time." This was like pouring oil on the troubled waters for all efforts at discussion at once subsided and business moved along rapidly.

Perhaps another reason for the silence that seemed to prevail throughout the ranks of the opposition was the fact that, while they might accuse someone of sucking eggs, it would be another thing to find the shells, and they did not want the task of hunting them.

On Friday night and Saturday morning, when a sort of a caucus, under the direction of his lordship, the County Judge, was held, there was oratory enough to float a ship. Many embryonic spellbinders unloaded themselves of the load that had been weighing them down for many weeks and explained how anxious they were to save the poor, suffering, overworked, shelled, skinned, fleeced land owner. The honorable Judge delivered himself in a manner befitting his exalted office and his ambition to be a delegate at large. One would honestly believe that he was a self-appointed Moses that was to lead the poor and suffering Klamathites into a land filled with water and money. But his efforts availed him not, for behold there arose a man of worth and laid the noble Judge and his ambition low. When J. Frank Adams pulled in on the track all the Judge could see was dust and the redoubtable Frank came under the wire with a kick and jump that made some of the reformers sit up and take notice.

One of the surprises of the day was the entrance into the race for director of "Kip" Van Riper. "Kip" thought he had not the time to take away from wrapping up sugar and salt to use these commodities in the catching of a directorate bird, and it was supposed that Dan Driscoll would have a free field to himself. But that "speculators ticket" that thing that was conceived in sin and brought forth in iniquity, happened to have "Kip's" name tagged on it and that was a little too much for him. He had played square for too many years to be classed as a speculator, especially when it was the speculator that did the job, and he made up his mind he would seek re-election. But everyone knows that Dan Driscoll takes to politics as a duck takes to the proverbial pond, and he put up the prettiest little game of hustle ever seen in these parts. As a result "Kip" went down in defeat, but it was with colors flying.

Equal in interest was the defeat of "Bac" Grigsby. Here was a man who has always been as independent as a hog on ice, and never missed an opportunity of forcibly expressing his mind whenever he ran up against a fellow who was intimating around that the Board of Directors was the whole show, and that that show was being run at a loss, the landowners footing the bill. Well, there were several of these fellows that gave "Bac" a ticket of exit with a vengeance, but his defeat was brought about by a narrow margin and those who were responsible for it are not crowing very loud. They seem to have a frog in their throat caused by their hard work.

R. A. Emmitt was the cynosure of all eyes Saturday. Strenuous efforts had been made to get him to stand against O. A. Stearns, but "B-b" has always been a believer of the maxim that right wrongs no man and steadfastly adhered

to this determination to place in nomination Mr. Stearns. When he arose to do so some of his hearers seemed to have been struck with a chill. It was the work done by Mr. Emmitt that keeps Mr. Stearns on the Board, and he need have no regrets for his labor for he placed the right man in the right place.

Did you ever see a scared wolf run? Well, if you did you can have a fair idea of how "Billy" Dalton went under the wire in his race for representative for California. He went down the line like a stampeded deer and landed as fresh as a daisy. The interesting race was between Alex Martin, Jr., and S. T. Summers. Both have reputations as sprinters and when they come in neck and neck no one was surprised. After supper when both had to go down the line again, it was a case of Alfonso and Gaetano, and neither seemed anxious to undertake the job, but "Sam" was a little more vigorous in his efforts and beat Alex in the game of you first. The result was that Alex was elected director and is now President of the Board.

When President Churchill called the meeting to order and roll call had been completed, 142 had responded to their names. Every man was on the tip-toe of expectancy, for, if one were to judge from the talk heard for the past month or so, it looked like it was going to be a regular Donnybrook fair, with a crack for every head that came in sight. Everyone thought that an age was consumed in reading the minutes of the previous meeting and getting down to business. When President Churchill announced that "the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year is now in order," stockholders all over the house began to sit up and take notice. The question of whether the Secretary had complied with his instructions of last year regarding the districting of the project was raised by Abel Ady and it looked like it was the opening gun. But as the minutes did not show anything of the kind and since they had been approved, there was so going back of the records.

But the Rev. W. C. Smith "did not think so." 'Twould have been strange if he did, and he flapped his wings and was just getting ready to float into oratorical space, when Jim Driscoll had a sudden thought of the condition



W. C. DALTON
One of the new Directors

of the roads and the distance to Bonanza and delivered himself of the dictum that "there was no use in taking up time in useless discussion." It was like a wet blanket on Mr. Smith's efforts and he sat down with a shiver that shook the house. This put a period to all discussion and the following nominations were made:

- Langell—E. R. C. Williams.
- Poe Valley and Bonanza—G. K. Van Riper, D. F. Driscoll.
- Yonna Valley—Jacob Rueck, William E. Welch. Mr. Welch refused to run.
- Merrill—Henry Anderson.
- Keno—C. R. DeLap and O. A. Stearns.
- Spring Lake and Pine Grove—J. G. Stephenson and B. S. Grigsby.
- Klamath Falls—Alex Martin, Jr., and S. T. Summers.
- California—W. C. Dalton and C. J. Laird.
- At-Large—J. Frank Adams and J. B. Griffith.

The question of changing the time of holding the annual meeting was brought up for discussion by O. A. Stearns announcing that it was the opinion of many that it should be changed to the first Saturday in June. J. G. Stephenson served notice that he would ask an amendment to the by-laws changing the date to the third Saturday in May. The matter was settled at the evening session by R. S. Smith serving notice that he would ask that the by-laws be amended so that any future amendment thereof could be made by a three-fourths vote with the usual thirty days notice, and Abel Ady asking that the adjournment, when taken, be until the third Saturday in May, 1907.

The canvass of the vote for directors consumed so much time that an adjournment was taken until seven o'clock in the evening, when the following was

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WHO WILL BE MAYOR?

All Important Question That Agitates Public Mind

Who will be the next Mayor of Klamath Falls? That is the question that is agitating not only the politicians but the business men and property owners of this city. The only candidate in the field so far is B. St. George Bishop. He is making a whirlwind campaign and working just as hard as if he had a dozen candidates against him. He is as confident of his election as can be and is willing to take on all comers. The only reservation that he makes is the statement that if a better man is put in the field he is willing to step aside, inasmuch as his only desire is to serve the best interests of the city. But there are many who take a different view of the situation.

The action of two of the banks last week in refusing to accept city warrants for 90 cents gave rise to the assertion that it was simply a move to defeat Bishop. Mr. Martin, of the Klamath County Bank, emphatically denies this, simply stating that he can find better investments for the money of his institution. Nevertheless, this act has had a decided effect on the mayoralty fight. The more conservative citizens demand that a man be elected who will so strongly inspire confidence that it will no longer be necessary to dispose of the warrants at a discount, but that they will be sold for their face value. This, they claim, will not be the case if Mr. Bishop is elected, but that on the other hand it will have a depressing effect on the finances of the city and put them in a more precarious condition than they are at present.

This sentiment has caused many conferences and it is understood that a movement is to be started to force L. F. Willits into the field. He possesses an element of strength that many of the proposed candidates lack. When his name was mentioned before Mr. Bishop entered the field he frequently stated that if Mr. Willits wanted the nomination he could have it if his support would give it to him and that he would support him if he ran. In the meantime Mr. Willits went to California and Mexico, with the parting admonition that he would under no circumstances accept the nomination. With this understanding Mr. Bishop entered the field. The radical change in condition between then and now, however, and the great pressure that is being brought to bear on Mr. Willits may have the result of causing him to change his mind and finally bow to the demands of those desirous of forcing the honor upon him. If he does, it is possible that Mr. Bishop will do as he says he will—retire from the field and throw his influence to Mr. Willits. No one doubts Mr. Bishop's political astuteness, and the shrewdness of such a move must be admitted. Mr. Bishop is a fighter worthy of the finest steel and if he decided to withdraw from the field it could never be charged that he did so through fear of defeat. He has never learned the meaning of the word "fear," and it is not likely that he is going to start in doing so now. He is a young man with the future before him, a future that is full of great opportunities to the man who takes advantage of them. He can well afford to lay off his armor and await the time when greater honors are at stake, and to those who know him it is a safe prediction that if Mr. Willits decides to run he will have no opposition from Mr. Bishop.

It is a well known fact that many people have tried to purchase this stock of goods outright, but it was a little too big for their capital, and Mr. Jacobs has been obliged to continue in the business much longer than he has wanted to. His decision to dispose of it direct to the public as well as job it out to merchants in the county was only reached this week and he immediately began preparations for the sale which starts next Monday.

It is to be regretted that he has decided to retire from this line of business for he has been one of the most enterprising merchants in the county. Being a big advertiser the papers of Klamath will feel his absence from their columns, for he was one of the heaviest of advertisers, to which fact he owed so much of his success.

While in California Mr. Buell visited San Jose, his old home, and while there was interviewed by the San Jose Mercury. About a column and a half is devoted to Klamath County and it has already had the effect of bringing many inquiries. When away from home as well as when he is here, Mr. Buell never misses an opportunity to bring the advantages of this section prominently before the public, and his wide acquaintance in our sister State greatly aids him in this work.

Fine watch repairing. L. Alva Lewis.

JACOBS & CO. QUIT

L. Jacobs & Co. of the Boston Store have decided to quit the mercantile business and engage in other lines. For the past two years Mr. Jacobs has conducted one of the largest stores in the County and has been very successful. He has an immense stock of dry goods, men's, boys', children's and ladies' furnishings and shoes, and has decided to dispose of them through a great reduction sale.

Buell Returns

J. L. Buell, manager of the Klamath Falls Land and Transportation Company, who has been in California for the past few weeks on business connected with his Company, returned home Sunday. While in San Francisco he interviewed the Southern Pacific people and learned that it is the intention of that Company to run several excursions into this section during the coming summer. He also secured a thousand copies of the pamphlet, "The Klamath Country," just issued by the railroad company and is disposing of them judiciously. He states that another and better pamphlet is now in course of preparation that will contain much more information and a greater number of scenes.

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AT IT AGAIN

W. J. Broderick Makes Another Record For Quick Work.

Wednesday afternoon Officer Broderick's attention was called to a case of assault and robbery in the rear of the Klamath House. The work, it is alleged, was done by Sam Walker and a companion, with robbery as the motive. All the parties are Indians. It is claimed that Walker and his companion beat the other Indian over the head, and when he was unconscious dragged him to the rear of the Klamath House and left him. As soon as Broderick heard of it he went to work, and a few moments afterwards had Walker in the toils. When Walker saw him coming he began to do a hot foot, and it required a couple of shots from Broderick's gun before the Indian stopped running. Broderick is demonstrating his efficiency every day for the promptness with which he goes after a case and gets his man.

Mrs. Mary A. Lewis

Mrs. Mary A. Lewis died at the family residence on the west side Monday afternoon, where she has lived for the past nineteen years. For the past several months Mrs. Lewis has been ill, but few realized that her condition was so serious and the news of her death came as a shock to her host of friends. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon from the Presbyterian church, of which she has been a member for many years, and was one of the most largely attended ever held in this city.

Mrs. A. (Brunner) Lewis was born at Circleville, Ohio, January 28, 1849. In her early years she moved to Iowa and later to Colorado, where she lived till coming to Klamath County twenty-one years ago. In 1871 she was married to Leonard A. Lewis. Seven children were born to them, five of whom—Arthur, Charles, Alva and Leon, and Mrs. Nellie Moore, survive her.

A. O. U. W. Entertains

At the hall of the Ancient Order of United Workmen last evening the members of that order and the Degree of Honor, with a number of invited guests, had a most enjoyable time, one hundred and twenty being present.

The A. O. U. W. was organized in Klamath Falls in December, 1886, and has the largest membership of any fraternal or beneficiary order in Klamath, having nearly 200 members. It owns its hall and has paid the beneficiaries of deceased members of Linkville Lodge the sum of \$25,000.

The A. O. U. W. is nearly forty years old and has paid to its beneficiaries over \$140,000,000 and not a dollar of the beneficiary fund has ever been misappropriated.

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surprise. The building is about 70x85 feet, handsomely fitted up and equipped, not being surpassed by any building between Sacramento and Portland. While Klamath Falls is not yet reached by the main line transcontinental railway trains, it is the trade center of a large and prosperous agricultural section, and as can be inferred by the above photo, its business men are fully abreast of the times in all matters. Judge Baldwin is one of the largest dealers, and his trade always shows a substantial growth and increase each year.

This is the class of advertising that is doing so much for the prosperity of Klamath County.

HOME AGAIN

C. E. Willson is Glad to Return to Klamath County

C. E. Willson, who last December left all his cares behind him and sought rest and recreation in a trip up and down the coast, into old Mexico, down to New Orleans and through the middle west, returned home this week. He is glad to get back here, and freely states that in all of the thousands of miles he has traveled he saw no section that equalled this. When he left it was with the belief that he would find many better places than Klamath Falls and Klamath County, but it is a case of "none of them for mine," with him now.

Additional Briefs

Fine line of stationery at Newsom & Underwood.

A. A. Cunningham of the Mason, Davis Co. arrived here Tuesday evening.

For rings go to L. Alva Lewis. New line just arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. William Houston arrived from South English, Iowa, this week to visit their nephews, J. A. and J. V. Houston.

Buy a lot in the Hot Springs Addition on the plan which guarantees your family a home.

Sheriff Obenchain returned Tuesday from Salem, where he had taken the two Mexican robbers for incarceration in the State penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Campbell of Lorella, who have been on a visit to their old home in Texas and other southern points, returned home Friday.

POTATOES! Why buy marbles when Jim Straw has potatoes big as pumpkins? Telephone 105. 3-28 2*

George Grizzle was down from his Bly ranch this week. He says he thinks it will be there when he returns, for he left it covered with five feet of snow.

When you buy a lot in the Hot Springs Addition, you will NOT be called upon to pay about \$150 additional for clearing lots, for shade trees, sidewalks and improving streets.

The telephone office was moved Tuesday to its new home on Klamath avenue. The service was cut for a while, but when everything is adjusted it will be better than ever.

WANTED—Five or ten dozen chickens. See Dulaney at the Midway. Highest cash price paid.

W. W. Baldwin, who has been in Portland attending one of the business colleges, returned home Tuesday evening. He was one of those who accompanied Sheriff Obenchain in the tramp from Thrall to Pokegama. Will says it would have been all right if Silas' legs were not so long, but that it nearly killed him trying to keep pace with those long strides.

FOR SALE—Seed oats, barley and wheat; also hay, all of which will be delivered in this city. Inquire of J. D. Carroll, Henley.

Mrs. S. K. Noel and Mrs. J. M. Nelson of this city have received the sad news of the death of their mother in Covington, Kentucky, which occurred on March 9. The remains were taken to Burrton, Kansas, the family's old home, for interment, the funeral taking place April 11. The message announcing the date of the funeral was received too late to admit of the attendance of either Mrs. Noel or Mrs. Nelson.

For sale—The north half of the north east quarter, the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section nineteen, south of range eleven, east of Willamette meridian. Inquire at this office.

The Bonanza Bulletin has gotten out a copyrighted design for advertising the Bonanza country that is all right. It is in the shape of a four leafed clover, each leaf representing one of the valleys tributary to Bonanza. The idea is a good one and shows originality. The only criticism that can be offered is the railroad that is used for the stem. While there is no doubt that Bonanza will have a railroad, it is a little too early to call it a proposed line.

All kinds of wagon-making and repairing done at the Midway blacksmith shop. All work guaranteed.

CHARGES

FALL FLAT

"Special Meeting" a Grand Fizzle

WAS A BURSTED BUBBLE

Drylander Was Too Shrewd to be Fooled by Such a Fool Trick

"Come all ye who seek enlightenment and I will make ye glad and full of knowledge," was the keynote blarney away between the lines of the invitation of County Judge Griffith when he called a meeting of the stockholders of the Water Users Association on his own account. They came, they heard, but they were not enlightened. Oh, yes, for, notwithstanding that oracle of wisdom, who beckoned all who were laboring in the darkness of knowing nothing about the workings of the Klamath project and other kindred subjects, was going to tell everything and make the very stones—or muck—in the street rise up, the benighted stockholders were forced to go away and wonder what it was all about. The distinguished Judge either lost or forgot his muck rake, for he raised nothing, except a very serious doubt in the minds of those he had been fooling. They asked for knowledge—the Judge gave—or will give—them the horse laugh.

When the stockholders gathered in the court room Judge Griffith announced the purpose of the meeting—that is, the purpose he finally decided on, which was radically different from the one originally proposed. It was the intention to start right from the drop of the gavel and "do things," even if it was doing they "done somebody." But when the trying pan was brought in it was discovered that it was stone cold from the fire of facts that they were going to warm it with would not burn. Figures as they would, they could not connect those facts into a blaze, for there was nothing to them, and none knew them better than those who were going to "muck rake" everyone and everything from a z.

That poo, moth-eaten, buffeted old force account was trotted out once more and made to go a heat or two. Every one who had a grievance took a kick at it as it ran the gantlet, and when it was finally laid away it was heard to murmur "23." Then they said that the Board of Directors and the Secretary of the Association had been negligent in not forcing matters and that if they had gone after the Reclamation Service rough shod definite estimate would have been made. Well, this line of argument was traveling at a lively gallop when W. S. Slough, who had absented himself shortly after it started, returned and when he got an opportunity took the floor. He had a suspicious looking bundle of documents under his arm, and pretty soon he began to read letters after letter that was about the hottest kind of hot stuff. These letters were written by the Secretary, at the direction of the Board of Directors, to the Reclamation Service, urging just the very things that the previous speakers had said had not been urged. That was the blow that killed everyone and everything, including the distinguished County Judge. He glanced around helplessly and sank back in his chair. His aid de camps took the hint and moved adjournment. It was a happy thought, for if it had lasted much longer some more of the honest stockholders who were led to believe that everyone was crooked and that the whole project reeked with graft, would have discovered the falsity of the charges and gone to the other side.

Church Services

M. E. CHURCH
Sunday school at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. Junior League at 3 p. m. Epworth League at 6:45 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. Strangers and all will receive a hearty welcome. P. Conklin, pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH
There will be preaching services next Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by Rev. Jacquin. Prayer service on Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock. B. Y. P. U. on Sunday evening at 6:30. Young men's bible class on Tuesday evening from 7 to 8.