

## APPLEGATE IS REMOVED

### Directors of the Water Users Association Take Summary Action

#### ACTION WAS GREAT SURPRISE

##### Claude Chastain Appointed to Fill the Vacancy and the Retiring Secretary Will Now Instruct Him

Wonders will never cease! When the sky was clearest and not the least sign of trouble anywhere in sight, when the Upper and Lower projects were busily engaged in singing paeans over the glad tidings that the Clear Lake dam would be commenced next year, there came a clap of thunder from the room in which the Board of Directors of the Water Users' association was holding a meeting Saturday evening about 10 o'clock. It was caused by the passing of a resolution removing from office as secretary of the association Elmer I. Applegate. No charges were preferred and none are of record. All of the directors agree that Mr. Applegate is a competent, honest, hard working secretary, but there are six of them that say his removal will be conducive of harmony in the administration of the affairs of the association. This is the only reason given for the summary removal of the first secretary of the association and a man who is admittedly the most efficient secretary of any of the water users' organizations in existence.

The decision to remove Mr. Applegate was reached Saturday afternoon, although the movement had been on foot for several days. When the Board was called to order late in the evening the matter was brought up. Mr. Applegate said some rather pointed things in very plain English and was not at all backward in expressing his opinion of the action taken. He demanded to know on what grounds he was removed and asked if there were any charges that he be given an opportunity to meet them. There were none, however, and all that he heard was the expression of good will towards him.

When seen by a representative of this paper, Mr. Applegate said:

"Yes it is true that I was removed. I did not resign. The action of the board was summary and without notice I was informed that there were no charges against me, aside from the indefinite statement that my removal would be productive of greater harmony, and that I had been too loyal to the Reclamation Service. If it is harmony they are after and my removal from the office of secretary will bring about such a result, well and good. Irrespective of the action of the board I am and will continue to be as deeply interested in the welfare of the Klamath Project as I ever was. Whatever I have done has always been directed towards the promotion of the interests of the people who will eventually have to pay the cost and even my most bitter enemy cannot accuse me of ulterior motives."

Further than this Mr. Applegate would not go. It was plain to be seen, however, that notwithstanding the fact that he seems relieved to be out of the troubles incident to conducting the office, he does not feel complimented over the action taken by the board. And that the board acted hastily and ill advisedly is quite apparent. Mr. Applegate is recognized as the ablest secretary of any of the associations. The organization of nearly one-half of the associations is patterned after his system. This association, now in a formative state, needed his services and it is to be regretted that the board saw fit to act as it has.

A formal statement was drawn up embodying the one charge against Mr. Applegate, that of lack of harmony, and was signed by J. G. Stephenson, W. T. Anderson, W. C. Dalton, Alex. Martin, Jr., D. F. Driscoll and E. R. C. Williams. The directors voting against the removal were J. Frank Adams, Jacob Rueck and O. A. Stearns. Six directors were necessary to effect the result accomplished.

When Mr. Applegate informed the board that he would accede to its request, he was asked if he would remain for a month and instruct his successor.

To this he readily assented, stating that while he was disposed to step down and out at once, he would do nothing that would in the slightest hamper the work of the association or interfere with the progress of the reclamation work. Claude Chastain was elected as successor to Mr. Applegate. Mr. Chastain is too well known throughout the county to need any introduction to the readers of the Republican. He is a young man of exceptional ability. He has had splendid training for the work he will have to do. For years he was an employe of the Klamath County bank, entering that institution as clerk and rising to the position of assistant cashier. At present he is employed by the McIntire Transportation company as head bookkeeper. He is well qualified to take up the work under Mr. Applegate's instructions and will undoubtedly prove that the confidence of his friends is well placed.

### Council Meeting

The regular meeting of the council was held Monday night. Councilman Maston in the chair. An ordinance was introduced and passed under a suspension of the rules providing for a license of \$2.50 per day for merry-go-rounds. No license is issued for less than five days and they are not to be operated later than 9 p. m. The ordinance also provided for the licensing of shooting galleries and pool tables, the former to pay \$2 per month and the latter \$1, and no license to be issued for less than three months.

Liquor licenses were issued to Forrest Berry and George Behn. Jasper Bennett was granted a permit to erect a feed barn on Sixth street, near the Martin mill.

Lights were ordered placed at the corner of Fourth and Oak and Seventh and Plum streets.

O. E. Gates requested the city to remove the city jail from its present location on Third street. It is located close to the telephone office, and on account of the rapid growth of the city is fast becoming a nuisance. It was referred to the street committee, with power to act in the matter.

Bills amounting to \$1648.40 were approved and ordered paid.

### W. R. Davis Manager

A meeting of the board of directors of the Oregon & California Stage company was held in this city Monday, attended by Messrs. Davis, Laird and McIntire. Much business of importance to the company was transacted. W. R. Davis was elected manager of the company. This office has been held by Captain McIntire, president of the company. This places Mr. Davis in full control of the passenger traffic between this city and Poekama and Dorris.

The ticket office will be removed to its old quarters in the Navigation company's building and will be under the control of Manager Autenreith.

No change has as yet been announced in the matter of transferring the freight at Keno. All such freight as is handled by the stage stock is transferred at this point, but it is likely that after the wharf and warehouse have been completed all freight will be placed aboard the Steamer Klamath. With the completion of the new channel it will be possible to bring in much heavier cargoes.

### Produces Results

The move made by Engineer Murphy, offering \$3 a day for laborers, produced the desired result, and they are flocking in here from all over the Coast, and he has about enough to answer his purpose. Some believed that increasing the pay to \$3 was unwise, but it will be shown that it was the proper thing to do. When the reports are made showing the cost of the part of the Keno canal upon which these men will be employed is made public, it will show that the cost is below the figures submitted by the contracting firm that bid for it.

### DIRECTORS MEETING

#### Take Important Action to Induce Further Enrolling of Land

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Water Users was held last Saturday, and in many respects it was the most important of any since the organization of the association. Engineers Murphy and Sanders were present and a general discussion of the condition of the project was indulged in. The question of work to be done next year was brought up, but no definite statement was made.

It was decided by the board to suspend for ninety days the enrolling fee of sixty five cents per acre. The purpose of this suspension is to make it an inducement for some of the land owners of the Upper Project to sign up with the association. The original fee was ten cents per acre and that is what will be charged during the next ninety days.

In order to clinch the commencement of work on the Upper Project next year it will be necessary to secure fifteen per cent more land signed up with the association. This matter was gone over thoroughly by the directors and representatives of the Upper Project, and it is pretty generally understood that sufficient land will be signed up to bring the percentage up to the required amount. It is the intention of several of the enterprising residents of that section of the county to purchase one or two of the large tracts, provided the owners will sell them at a reasonable figure. Assurance have been given by several of the land owners, however, that they would sign up, and enough of these will do so to make up the fifteen per cent that is required, so that it will not be absolutely necessary to purchase any of the large tracts.

The board evidently saw the lack of wisdom exercised last August when it appointed an auditor to go over the books of the Reclamation Service, for it rescinded its action.

A resolution was passed protesting against the leasing of the Clear Lake dam site to sheepmen. It was stated that this lease is liable to precipitate a range war between the sheep and cattle men, since that range has always been recognized as the domain of the cattlemen.

### Horse Returned

The horse that was stolen by E. E. Smith, the fellow who forged the name of Guy Merrill to a number of checks, returned to his old range in Langell Valley. When found it had a halter on, but no saddle, and it is presumed that he broke loose and returned to his old haunts.

Several more checks for the same amount, \$31.75, have turned up, indicating that he made a good haul while he was at it. Word was received from New Pine Creek stating that a man answering to the description of Smith passed through there last week, and Sheriff Obenchain wired officials all along the line to watch for him.

In addition to the five checks reported last week, three more have made their appearance, one through the Duffy Company, another through George Behn and a third through the Owl Saloon. The Behn check only realized \$10, for that is all he would advance on it, and not that until he was secured by a third party.

### Surveying Line

Engineer O. R. Zetner and party are engaged in making the permanent location of the telephone line from this city to Pelican Bay Lodge. The reason for making the survey at this time is to secure permission from the government to make the location across the reserve. In order to do this it will be necessary to file with the Department of the Interior a plat, showing the cross sections. This will be done during the winter, and it is likely that next spring the permanent work will be done.

It is understood that it has been decided to follow up Link river and over to the McCormack place and thence in a direct line to the Lodge. By doing so upwards of five miles will be saved.

### Hogs

While attending the Toronto fair a few weeks ago Rex Bord, of Olene, saw two young White Yorkshire pigs that struck his fancy. He has been raising this breed for some time, and he thought that the two young pigs would be a valuable addition. After a thorough investigation he purchased them and had them shipped to this city by express, the charges for which were \$96.05. Though but six months old, they weighed 250 pounds each.

### GETTING READY

#### Final Touches Being Put on Exhibits For the Fair

One week from today will occur the opening of the Klamath County Fair, and if the plans that are being made mature along the lines mapped out by the residents of Fort Klamath, Bonanza and Merrill it will be one of the greatest fairs in the history of the county. Each section is to compete for the honor of being the leader. Fort Klamath has been making a still hunt, as it were, and reports that Grift down from there indicate that that section will be on hand in full force with a collection of not only grains and grasses, but vegetables that will be phenomenal not alone for this county, but for the state. This news was carried to Merrill and Bonanza, but neither seemed to be at all worried. They claim they have the prize stuff in their neighborhood and that they will leave all comers away in the rear.

The bronco busting feature of the program is arousing a great deal of attention. That it will be one of the most interesting performances ever pulled off here is certain, and there are going to be some mighty interesting times. This entire section is being scoured for the worst outlaws among the broncos, and several men are willing to back their steed with plenty of money. It has gotten to the point that the big purse offered for the worst horse is playing second part, the principal desire seeming to be the entry of a horse that will get away with all of the riders.

In addition to the competition between Fort Klamath, Bonanza and Merrill and the bronco contests will be the stock exhibit. J. Frank Adams is coming with a string of prize horses and will probably have some cattle. H. E. Willard of the Riverside Dairy is going to have some of his prize Jersey herd on exhibition, and other owners of fine cattle will also have some entries. Another feature of the stock show will be the entry of horses, sheep, cattle and hogs by those who have these for sale. It is recognized that no better opportunity will be offered to give prospective purchasers a chance to see what is on the market and make a selection from among the best.

That the attendance is going to be large is certain. The farmers are about through with their harvest, or that part of it that is pressing, and they will take advantage of the fair for a few days lay off. The different towns will try to get the credit for the biggest attendance on their day and this will attract many who otherwise would not come, for they do not feel inclined to have their town take second place in the matter of attendance.

### At the Land Office

Scarcely ten hours had elapsed after the opening of the timber land near Bly before applicants began to line up before the land office in Lakeview. The weather was bitter cold and snow was falling when they rushed up to the door, there to remain night and day for thirty days. It was a dreary prospect, but it evidently had no terrors for those who were determined to file on a claim. The following from the Lakeview Examiner makes interesting reading, and shows how finally an arrangement was reached whereby the all-night vigil was avoided and worn out nature had an opportunity to rest. The officials of the land office are to be congratulated upon this same and charitable course. Under the operation of such a rule no one can suffer and it removes the infliction of a punishment that might result seriously to some whose determination is stronger than constitution. The Examiner says:

A scene of throbbing metropolitan life is now being enacted in Lakeview, on occasion of the preparation for entry on Government Lands in the Forest Reserve, which are to be opened to entry on October 28th. At unseasonably hours on Saturday morning, Sept. 28th, at which time all other affairs were relegated to slumberland, certain persons began to line up before the doors of the local land office, which will not swing open to receive them, and relieve them from irksome duty of "standing guard" of their interests in line, until the 28th of October, thirty days hence. All day Saturday the line continued to increase in length, in spite of the fact that a blinding snow storm was raging and making the temperature anything but comfortable. Huddled together in the cold, narrow passage-way extending to their goal, stood those ambitious, patient and persevering individuals whose sole thoughts seemed to be of the harvest they should reap at the end of thirty days.

When nightfall, with its bitter cold, seized the opportunity to inflict its ravages upon the shivering aggregation, a rather uninviting predicament offered itself.

### Prof. Robinson Here

Professor Robinson returned to this city Monday evening, and immediately began preparations for the rehearsals for the comic opera that he is to produce here. He is meeting with his usual success and it is certain that he will give as satisfactory a performance as he did when he staged the cantata.

## ANOTHER BIG EXCURSION

### Business Men of Portland to Pay This County a Visit

#### PROMOTED BY FRANK I. WHITE

Party Will Arrive Here October 18 and Will Have Opportunity to Take in the County Fair

Frank Ira White is hard at work again, this time promoting another excursion of the Portland business men to this city. This is the second Portland excursion for which he is responsible. The results accruing from the first one are still felt, and if the one he is now engineering will be as productive of good as that one was, Mr. White will have a great deal to be proud of. It is particularly fortunate that he is bringing the business men of Oregon's metropolis here at the time of the holding of the county fair, for they will then have an opportunity to see Klamath County as she is, only in a condensed form. The excursionists will be convinced that this county is essentially an agricultural one and that it is destined to become the truck garden of the Pacific Coast.

### A Fine Home

The Klamath Wholesale Liquor House has rented the room in the Brick Store Block formerly occupied as a grocery store. Manager Dulaney is having it fitted up in magnificent style and when it is opened for business there will be few better than it in the state. While in Portland Mr. Dulaney ordered a large stock of wines, liquors and cigars, and as soon as these begin to arrive they will be placed in the new quarters and the firm open for business. Within a few days Mr. Dulaney will go to San Francisco where he will purchase additional stock. It is his intention to cater to the family trade and special arrangements will be made for this part of the business.

### A New Channel

The Adams dredger was transferred from the railroad grade to the Moore Brothers sawmill this week where it did a small piece of special work. After it gets through there it will be taken to the reef at the lower end of Lake Ewauna. This reef has caused the Navigation company trouble ever since the Steamer Klamath was placed in service. It is Manager Davis' intention to once and for all wipe out the trouble, and he has made arrangements for the dredging of a new channel on the east side of the reef and partly in the tules. With this done it will be possible to bring in much heavier loads of freight on the Klamath. Following the work for Mr. Davis, the dredger goes to Teter's Landing, where it will do some work for Ackley Brothers.

### Drowned in Swamp

Morris Wingfield, a well-to-do rancher of Warner Valley, Lake county, and brother of the Nevada mining millionaire, Geo. Wingfield, has been missing since a week ago last Tuesday. On that day, Sept. 24th, he left the rodeo party, which was camped on the east side of Warner Valley, in the evening, to ride horseback to his home at the John Loftus place, five miles distant, which he bought last year. From thence he was coming to Lakeview to visit his wife, who is very ill, and his newly born child, says the Herald. His horse, saddled and bridled, was found Wednesday evening, twenty four hours later, in the field near home. The coat was wet, the saddle blanket was wet, and the horse appeared to have been in deep water.

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The following from the Oregonian of Sunday, October 6, will prove interesting:

There will be a "Portland Day" at the Klamath County Fair, to be held at Klamath Falls, for which a special excursion will be run from this city, and for which a low round-trip fare has been named by the Southern Pacific. Great preparations are being made for the fair and it is planned to bring together at Klamath Falls the greatest showing of farm, garden and orchard products ever displayed by the region that gained so many first prizes at the Sacramento Irrigation Congress last month. There is a premium list for fine stock that makes one look for some surprising showings from the different parts of the big county of Southern Oregon.

The excursion will be run as a section of the regular train leaving Portland, Thursday morning, October 17, with special Pullmans for the excursionists who make berth reservations, and will be via the Klamath Lake Railroad to Poekama from the Southern Pacific connection at Thrall. It will include a stage ride of 22 miles and a steamboat trip on Klamath river from Keno to Klamath Falls.

Arriving in Klamath Falls, Friday evening the excursionists will have Saturday at the fair, and thereafter will receive courtesies in the way of side-trips that will be arranged for the purpose of showing them the splendors of the valley, where 200,000 acres of land are being brought under irrigation by construction of one of the largest of the government reclamation projects. This feature is left to the Klamath people who have distinguished themselves in entertainment of previous excursion parties.

Active support is to be given the excursion by the Portland Commercial Club, Chamber of Commerce and Board of Trade, all of which take interest in promoting the growth of Oregon districts, although it will not be run as a business men's excursion, strictly speaking. It will be open to all who procure tickets before reservations are taken for the number that can be cared for comfortably on the trip. It is expected that 60 people will be provided for.

Speaking of the excursion last evening Frank Ira White, of Klamath Falls, said:

"Now is a splendid time for Portland people to see the Klamath country, and the people down there are determined to make this fair a notable one for the variety and magnitude of the display. There is a list of prizes that will stimulate the local rivalry between different communities of the county and will result in a showing of products of the soil that will astonish strangers."

"When Klamath County captured first prizes at Sacramento for wheat, oats, forage, garden and farm products, and fruits that, coupled with those of Malheur County, won the trophy, our own residents were made aware of the superiority of that district over other irrigated lands. We want Portland people and people of Western Oregon generally to know all about it and the Southern Pacific is helping us by making a most favorable rate of \$25 for the round trip."