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DEATH OF REPRESENTATIVE

Hon. S. J. Appleman Fails to Recover From Surgical Operation and Long Illness.

Funeral Services To Be Held Friday Afternoon at 1:30

At St. Luke's Hospital, Spokane, Tuesday morning occurred the death of Hon. S. J. Appleman, of Newport, representative-elect from Pend Oreille county. Although it was quite generally known that Mr. Appleman had been in a critical condition for several days, his passing came as a great shock to the community and his friends in all parts of the state.

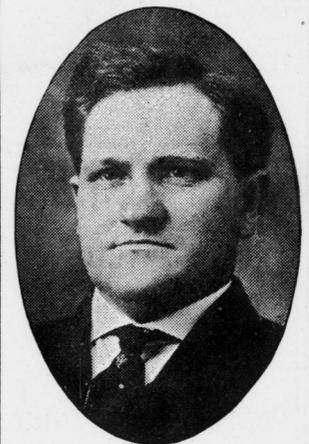
For several years past Mr. Appleman has not been in the best of health, being subject to frequent attacks of abdominal troubles. During the campaign for re-election last fall he was again attacked, but did not give up until a few days after election. Since that time he has been confined to his home, with the exception of but a few days. On Dec. 17 a consultation of physicians was held, and it was deemed advisable to take him to Spokane for an operation, in the hope of prolonging his life. The operation was performed on Wednesday, Dec. 18, and it seemed for a time as if he would be restored to health, but on Monday afternoon he began to fail rapidly and the end came early the next morning. The body was brought to his home in this city Wednesday evening.

Funeral services have been arranged to take place at the Congregational church Friday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The various fraternal orders of which Mr. Appleman was a member will attend the services, and the body will be consigned to the grave in accordance with the rites of the Odd Fellows.

S. J. Appleman was born at Viroqua, Wis., Nov. 16, 1877, and was but little over 35 years old. After receiving a common school education he for several years followed the profession of teaching. Abandoning that profession he

came west to Livingston, Mont., and entered mercantile pursuits. It was at Livingston that he met and married his wife, their wedding taking place on Nov. 16, 1904.

In July, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Appleman came to Newport and they have since resided here. Mr. Appleman entered into a partnership with David Caldwell, and the firm continued in the general merchandise business, and later



HON. S. J. APPLEMAN.

clothing and furnishings, until a year ago, when the partnership was dissolved, a brother of Mr. Appleman becoming associated with him.

Besides his wife, who is now prostrated with grief, and who for the past six weeks has been his faithful and constant attendant, Mr. Appleman

leaves to mourn his death his aged father and mother, residing at Viroqua, Wis., two brothers and six sisters.

In political life Mr. Appleman has been prominent since his arrival in this section, as a Republican of the Progressive type. In the general election of 1910 he was elected to represent Stevens county in the state legislature, and last fall he was elected again, this time to represent the new county of Pend Oreille, to whose birth he gave so much of his time and labor.

As a legislator Mr. Appleman early in the session earned the high regard of his associates. He was ever faithful in his attendance on all sessions and the important committee work to which he was assigned. To all matters that came before the legislature he gave as careful and conscientious attention as the time would permit. His principal work during the session was in connection with the measure introduced by him for the division of Stevens county and the creation of Pend Oreille. To this task he bent every energy, and, although there were many difficulties to surmount, he was able to bring about its passage, it being the only county division bill that passed of five that were introduced. His name is thus connected with the history of our county in a way that will not be forgotten.

An incident in connection with the passage of the division bill illustrates the character of the man. When he was reminded on the floor of the house, during consideration of the measure, that it would legislate him out of office, he replied: "I don't care if I never hold office again. Our people are entitled to this new county and must have it."

As a citizen of Newport, Mr. Appleman has always been identified with every movement that was directed toward the development and upbuilding of the town and country. As president of the Commercial Club he devoted much time to the work, and was at all times ready to respond to the call for volunteers to work for the good of the community.

Always honorable in political and business life, aggressive in working for what he thought was right, above reproach as a citizen in public and private life, Newport mourns, and the usual joy of the holiday season has been saddened by his demise. The flag flying

at half mast in the park expresses the feeling of our people, and is a just tribute to one of our foremost citizens. Many of us have the sense of a personal loss in parting from a valued friend.

Many of our citizens will have as their last recollection of Mr. Appleman his appearance at Moose Hall the evening before the election of last November. Arising to answer attacks that had been made on his legislative career, he brought to his hearers a greater sense of the strength and ability of the man who was addressing them, and won an ovation unparalleled in the history of the community. No one who heard him that evening could have questioned the honesty and sincerity of all his public acts.

Mr. Appleman was a member of the Odd Fellows, the Knights of Pythias and Loyal Order of Moose.

Good Roads Association

The Inland Empire Good Roads Association was organized in Spokane this week by representatives from most of the 20 counties of Eastern Washington. The association is to work along the lines of policy established by the Washington State Good Roads Association at its recent convention. According to this plan, it is left to the mountain counties to decide whether the money provided for their district shall be expended toward a connection with the west side of the mountains or for utility highways.

At the meeting it was determined to recommend the legislature to distribute the \$200,000 apportioned to Eastern Washington to be used on various roads, but the Newport district has been neglected. Fred L. Wolf was selected as representative from Pend Oreille county and will make an effort to secure a portion of the funds for work in this district. The proposed highway from Spokane to Glacier Park through this place should be one of the roads to receive benefits.

A meeting of the trustees will be held early in 1913 at Spokane, when the details of the plan will be worked out.

Fruit tree salesmen state that they are disposing of large numbers of trees to the farmers in this locality. This indicates that there will be a greatly increased acreage planted the coming season.

RURAL ROUTE ESTABLISHED

Country West and North of Town Will Have Daily Mail.

To Be Started on March 1st.

Rural Route No. 1 will be established out of Newport on March 1. The territory to be supplied is located west and northwest of Newport, and the length of the route is 22.5 miles. It will supply a territory well populated and one that is being rapidly settled up.

The work of securing this benefit is due largely to Messrs. R. D. Anderson, John Wortman and Postmaster Johansen. The first two named gentlemen began agitating the question over a year ago, and last spring circulated petitions throughout the district at a considerable inconvenience to themselves, and, with the aid of the postmaster, remained busy until the department allowed the establishment of the route.

This is the first rural route to be established in Pend Oreille county, but others are being agitated with prospects of success. One of these is to serve the patrons residing east and south of Newport as far as Tweedie.

Examination by the civil service commission for the positions of carrier and substitute will have to be held at an early date. The examinations will probably be held in Newport.

Parties residing on the route to be supplied must have letter boxes established, else the carrier will not deliver his mail. There are many different styles of boxes manufactured, nearly all of which have been approved by the department. It will also be necessary for his patron of the route, to insure prompt delivery of his mail, to have his mail properly addressed to his route number.

The salary of the carrier who must supply his own conveyance, is \$1056 per annum. There will doubtless be a number of candidates for the position, which is generally considered an easy job in most localities.

The service will be daily except Sunday, and the mail will leave Newport at 10:30 a. m., after the arrival of the through mails from the west and the night mails from the east, thus insuring

the patron about the same service as a resident of the town. The carrier is expected to make his trip and return to the Newport office before 5 o'clock p. m. As a general rule carriers are able to shorten the schedule made by the department and arrive at their destination earlier. Should this be the case on the new route, it would be possible for the country mail to reach Newport in time to be dispatched to Spokane and western points on the same afternoon.

Business Building Sold

A deal was closed in Spokane last Saturday, whereby C. F. Craig becomes the owner of the Vawter building, located nearly opposite THE MINER building. Mr. Craig turned in a piece of timber land located west of Yocum and other property. The building is a modern one of concrete construction, and was erected by Geo. A. Vawter, to accommodate the business of the Farmers' Co-Operative store, which failed some time ago. Mr. Vawter traded it to a Mr. Janosky, of Spokane.

The building will be improved by the new owner, and should soon be tenanted, as it is nicely located for nearly any line of business. At present the second floor is used as lodge rooms by most of the local lodges.

Ferry Out of Commission

The ferry over the Pend Oreille has been out of commission during the present week. The boat became water logged from leaking at the bows at ends. The trouble was caused by the frequent striking of the boat against the dock, which jarred the calking loose. It has been hauled up stream and is being repaired, but it is probable that it will not be in commission until about the first of the year. Just at this season the stoppage of the ferry means a great disadvantage to many persons residing across the river. There is a large quantity of supplies for several of the camps awaiting delivery, and some of this must be hauled to Priest River to be taken across the river, making an additional haul of about 15 miles.

Teachers' certificates have been issued by the state superintendent to the following, who took examinations recently in this county: Elnora Payne and Marie Marz.

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