

Mom and Pop

By Taylor



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN LETTER IS PRAISED

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NEW HAVEN, Conn., Feb. 26 (U.P.)—An unwritten chapter in the life and activities of Benjamin Franklin has been revealed here by the acquisition of a practically unknown letter by the Yale University Library.

This letter, written by Franklin to William Strohan of London in 1753, orders material for the establishment of a printing plant in New Haven to be furnished by his nephew, Benjamin Mecom. It led to the establishment of New Haven's first newspaper, The Connecticut Gazette, and to what afterwards became the Yale University Press.

Franklin decided to establish an office and plant in New Haven on the recommendation of Thomas Clapp, at that time President of Yale College, who wished to have a reliable printer on hand to care for the college text books and pamphlets.

The letter discloses that in those far off days it required only some \$500 to establish a combined newspaper, printing office, book store and publishing business.

The press and equipment arrived in New Haven in 1754, but Mecom, who was managing his uncle's establishment on the island of Antigua, had a will of his own and refused to leave his balmy home to come to New Haven. Franklin then made his friend James Parker of New York, postmaster of New Haven and turned the printing business over to him.

Parker established the newspaper early in 1755 and opened the store and publishing business a little later. Nine years later Mecom finally came to New Haven and took over the business. He printed many of the early Yale books and became noted for his fine workmanship.

In the letter to Strohan, who

was a prominent dealer and bookseller in the London of those days, Franklin, after outlining the basic type and material he wants for his nephew, asks that the press be made to conform to several improvements which he (Franklin) had recently contrived. The press in those days were small, clumsy hand affairs.

The first volume to come off this historic press was the "Laws of Yale College," printed in Latin. Another early volume was a textbook on "Ethics," by President Clapp, which bears Mecom's imprint.

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INTERESTING INTERVIEW WITH JUDGE WATSON GIVEN

Judge C. B. Watson of this city, who is now visiting his son at Laguna Beach, Cal., was the subject of an interesting interview in the Laguna Beach Life, Community newspaper, in a recent issue. Copies of the newspaper were received here today by close friends of Judge Watson.

Following is what the California newspaper had to say about him:

A famous old-time political boss of Portland, Ore., one of the first newspaper men to mould opinion in Oregon, and the writer of books on geological subjects, is sojourning in Laguna Beach for a few months. His name is C. B. Watson, and while that name means much to the readers of geological treatises and a whole lot more to the early settlers around Oregon, nevertheless it is a name connected with the activities of a past generation, although the owner of it is now 77 years old. Mr. Watson is living in Laguna Beach because his son, C. W. Watson, is here to look after the interests of the new water system that Laguna Beach is going to enjoy before very long. Mr. Watson, Jr. was the engineer in charge of the main canal on the Vista project. He will have charge of the pipe line here. The elder Mr. Watson was one of the first white men to see the great and mysterious Crater Lake, which Mr. Watson says was then called by the Indians Lake Majesty or Lake Mystery. He wrote the first description ever published of the wonders of the Crater Lake region. He is now at work at the request of the Historical Society on a history of Oregon and its early days. Mr. Watson, who went to Oregon in 1871, published in 1878 the first newspaper ever printed west of the Cascade Mountains in southern Oregon. He is the author of "Prehistoric Slakhot Island" and of much delightful poetry.

Mr. Watson, keenly interested in the events of the day and still busily engaged in writing, finds time to chat occasionally of the early days of Oregon, and then is the time for the wise ones to listen for the old-time politician, newspaperman and geologist has much on his sleeve to give to this generation. He is a veritable mine of information with the ability to put C. W. Watson, in here to look after the interests of the new water system that Laguna Beach is going to enjoy before very long. Mr. Watson, Jr. was the engineer in charge of the main canal on the Vista project. He will have charge of the pipe line here. The elder Mr. Watson was the goal of conversational trek-

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