

JACKSON COUNTY PIONEER PASSES AWAY IN SALEM

Robert Francis Yocum died at Salem, May 9, from a gallstone attack, aged 77 years. Deceased was born at Springfield, Illinois, in 1847 and was one of the early pioneers crossing and recrossing the plains. His first trip across the plains was made in 1878, settling in Yamhill county, then returning to Illinois, going by boat from Portland to San Francisco, then taking the train. On his return to Oregon he drove a team of horses from Springfield, Ill., to Yamhill county, Oregon.

He had been a resident of Jacksonville and Jackson county since 1884, leaving here and residing at Walport for the past 16 years. He was taken sick at the home of his son, Granville Yocum, where he died very suddenly.

He was a member of Warren Lodge No. 10, A. F. & A. M., Jacksonville, Ore., and Oregon chapter R. A. M. No. 4, and was a veteran of the Civil War, being a member of the Second Illinois Artillery, serving from 1862 to the end of the war.

He leaves his wife, Melvina Elizabeth, and eleven children, seven sons and four daughters: A. W. Yocum, Myrtle Creek; W. F. Klamath Falls, Ore.; T. J. and S. F., Medford, Ore.; G. S., Silverton, Ore.; R. M. and Paul, Tidewater, Ore.; Mrs. Zella Welch, Mrs. Yada McLanahan, Mrs. Mary Paul, all of Medford, Ore., and Mrs. Susie Stouder of Tidewater, Ore.

The funeral services will be held at the Perle Funeral Home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. E. P. Lawrence officiating. Services at the grave in charge of Warren Lodge A. F. & A. M. Interment in Jacksonville cemetery.

MAJOR PEDRO WILL DISREGARD SOVIET

TOKIO, May 12.—(A. P.)—Objection of Soviet Russia to the landing of Major Pedro Zanni, the Argentine globe circling aviator, on Russian territory along the northern Pacific air route will not deter Major Zanni from continuing his flight.

The Argentine aviator announced today that he would land at sea if necessary rather than abandon his hop-off because of the Russian prohibition. Unless he received word from Buenos Aires, the Argentine ambassador here will not consult the Russian ambassador, Victor Kopp, regarding permission for Major Zanni to land on Russian soil.

Patrick Murphy, advance agent for Major Zanni, arrived here from Seattle, and announced that Major Zanni expects to hop off for Psaki within a few days.

MEDFORD BABY IS AWARDED PRIZE

Marjorie Edith Goddard, 19 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Goddard, 324 Plum street, has been awarded a gold lined silver cup as fifth prize in National baby contest conducted by Nestle Food Co.

Over one million babies were entered, including babies from five different countries.

Ye Letter Box

Flood Talk Is Deplorable

To the Editor: I wonder if the few who started this hysteria about the danger of the dam breaking were really sincere in the belief that there was the remotest danger of such a thing happening. None in Ashland or the twenty miles between Medford and the dam seem to worry about it and I doubt if anything would have ever been said if the opposition could have thought of a legitimate argument against the P. & E. site. As long as this has simmered down to a "wet" and "dry" issue, to illustrate that we do not live in a pot-hole I would like to say that in the eleven years I have lived in this house, the basement has never been even damp. To my knowledge there has never been the necessity for a pump in any basement on the same level with the proposed P. & E. site.

Did any of you ever stay away from the former Page theater for fear of being swept away? I dare say that you all know that there's not the slightest danger but your leaders have selfishly made it an east and west side wrangle and the real issue has been lost. Stop and think, folks, what it would mean to the city to have a beautiful setting for our high school which would be a show place for all the tourists going to Crater Lake and on the Pacific highway.

MRS. B. L. DODGE.
15 Geneva avenue.

Mr. Heath Is Answered

To the Editor: In answer to Mr. Fred Heath:

Any one whose shoe fits may wear it. Morally and financially we are responsible for anything we say.

Take a look at the high school building as printed above your communications and draw your own conclusions.

By the way: Congratulations to "Pop" Gates, the only member of the "Better Site Committee" who had the nerve to come out in the open.

His statement, of course, will make lots of votes for the Holly street site. Executive Committee Holly St. Site.

DR. W. H. EATON OF BREMERTON WILL SUCCEED LEACH

The First Baptist church has secured as successor to Rev. F. R. Leach, Dr. W. H. Eaton of Bremerton, Wash. The church by this action calls the pastor of the church to which Mr. Leach goes as pastor. This exchange is rather unusual, but indicates that both churches feel that they have had strong pastors and there will be no loss to either church.

Rev. Eaton had the very highest of testimonials as to his ministry at Bremerton, where he has been for over seven years, and has done a great work, which attracted the attention of the pulpits committee here when they lost their present leader. For a still longer period of time Rev. Eaton was pastor of the First Baptist church at Roseburg before going to Bremerton. He is known as a good pastor and preacher and one that builds up rather than destroys, always leaving a church devoted to him.

Mr. Leach will close his ministry in Medford the last Sunday in May and the next Sunday the new pastor will preach his first sermon. The good work started will therefore be continued without a break. Mrs. Eaton is also a great help in the work of the church, and both will be heartily welcomed to Medford. Mr. Eaton will visit Medford Wednesday and Thursday for the purpose of securing a home.

11 RAILROAD MEN HELD FOR ROBBERY

BOSTON, May 12.—Under cover of clouds of steam purposely released from a locomotive in the South station here, between 20,000 and 25,000 worth of American Railway Express company shipments have been stolen by a group of railway employees in the last three months.

Eight more men, including an engineer, are expected to be taken into custody tomorrow.

Police said the thefts were made from baggage trucks on the station platforms. The trucks to be loaded were drawn along the platform, and as they reached a point opposite a certain locomotive, the engineer allowed clouds of steam to escape from the cylinders. Under cover of this screen, packages containing furs and valuable clothing were removed.

Newspaper Is Sold. BELMONT, Wash., May 12.—The Puget Sound Mail, a weekly newspaper of Laconner, was sold yesterday to W. M. Bailey of Eugene, Ore., by F. L. Carter, publisher of the paper for the past 38 years. The Mail was founded in Bellingham in 1873 by the late James W. Power and moved to Laconner in 1879.

STILL EXPLAINING OREGON 'SHAKEUP' SECRECY DENIED

EUGENE, Ore., May 12.—Though an official statement was issued yesterday from the University of Oregon, showing the full action taken by the board of regents at their session of May 7, considerable dissatisfaction was still being expressed here today over the manner in which the news of the meeting was suppressed.

A total saving of \$67,250 was made by the regents, the official statement said. The summary shows:

Saving of \$10,000 for paving of city streets crossing the campus; \$10,000 from the extension division budget; \$1250 additional infirmity fees; \$5000 increase in gross incidental fees, due to increased number of students; \$1900 saving in staff salaries; \$13,000 savings made by reducing the original estimates of the amount needed for salary increases; \$2500 saving in equipment for the new science hall; \$5000 saving in site of proposed student union building; \$2500 increase in 1926 summer session fees.

Unrest among several university professors, who stated that they were "uncertain as to when something might happen to us," was rumored. The main contention, however, has centered on the secrecy methods said to have been employed by the regents at the May 7 session.

Fred Fisk, member of the board of regents, said here today that the meeting was open, and not secret. Newspaper men, however, refuted the contention that the session was open, citing the news that was given out as the official business of the board and the news of the shakeup which later leaked out.

EUGENE, Ore., May 12.—Denial that there was a note of secrecy at the meeting of the board of regents of the University of Oregon on May 7 was issued here today by State Senator Fred Fisk, a member of the board. "No member thought of any secrecy and nothing was thought nor said concerning the proceedings of the day in connection with withholding publicity of the same. The regents neither at this meeting nor at any meeting, have exercised a censorship over the news that is given out concerning their proceedings or authorized giving the press misleading 'canned' statements regarding their proceedings."

"At this meeting, the board met, transacted its business, with no thought of publicity, or non-publicity, did its duty as it was seen and went home. At no time during the session was the board in executive session consequently anyone so desiring could have been present."

"No policies of any sort whatsoever have entered into the board meetings or any part of the board's proceedings."

Regular communication of Reames Chapter, Wednesday evening, May 13th, at 8 p. m. Josephine chapter will put on the initiatory degrees. Visiting members welcome to all meetings.

LOOK FOR \$700,800 HOARD PUT AWAY BY L. A. SWINDLERS

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—Unravelling of the tangled "ten for one" profit with which Harry Hibbs and Thomas Hennessey are alleged to have ensnared several hundred southern California investors in a six billion dollar rail merger swindle was the task faced by the county grand jury here today.

At the same time the jury was scheduled to look into the alleged promises of Frank E. Willard, collection agency man, to recover money for investors out of a \$700,000 hoard hidden away by Hibbs and Hennessey in a half dozen safety deposit boxes.

Questioned at the district attorney's office last night Willard denied having held out any such hopes to the alleged victims of the "merger magnates," but when several of the alleged victims contradicted his denials he was subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury today.

Release of the suspects on \$75,000 bail finally was effected yesterday after they had been in the county jail since last Thursday on charges of larceny by trick and device.

CHICAGO JUDGES PLAN TO PROHIBIT CAMERAS IN COURT

CHICAGO, May 12.—Rules prohibiting taking of newspaper photographs in court rooms and barring the use of typewriters, telegraph, telephone or radio instruments in sending forth news matter were before the judges of the superior, circuit and criminal courts for consideration.

The judges planned the action as the first step in the program designed to reflect in the newspapers a dignified administration of justice.

Typewriters and telegraph instruments which have been condemned especially, have been used extensively in the past particularly during the trials of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb for the Franks murder and the W. E. D. Stokes case.

"With such an opening wedge," said Attorney Andrew W. Sheroff, of the board of managers of the Chicago Bar Association, which sponsored the movement, "the next move will be easy. The opportunity of making a mockery or source of amusement of a solemn judicial proceeding or presenting revolting details of sensational trials or of depicting judges in undignified attitudes or of describing lawyers in festive and lowly wrangling will in time disappear."

U. S. AIR MAIL PILOT REFUSES TO QUIT HIS TRIP

CHEYENNE, Wyo., May 12.—Kipling's hero of the overland mail has a counterpart in Pilot Frank H. Yager of the air mail service. "The overland mail rider's trail, according to the poet, was all cluttered up with many varieties of impossible obstacles which had to be passed, but Yager's troubles loomed up in the form of barbed wire fences.

Leaving Omaha early yesterday morning with a cargo of mail, Yager soon ran into a dense fog he reported on arrival at the air mail field here. The fog was so dense he was unable to see either blinkers or the huge highpower beams that were supposed to light his way. He made a forced landing in a small field in western Nebraska. In a short time the fog lifted and he took off again, only to be forced down a second time in the space of a few minutes. Yager made five forced landings in this manner in the course of 100 miles, he asserted here, the fifth being at Archery, Wyo. There, determined to get ahead in spite of the fog he decided to taxi his way across the wide open spaces. But even the wide open

KLAMATH COUNTY STUDENTS TO JOIN LOCAL EXCURSION

KLAMATH FALLS, May 12.—(Special)—Some 50 Klamath county boys and girls who have successfully completed their county club work during the past year, may occupy a special train on the S. P. railroad bound for Corvallis on June 14, where they will attend a two weeks special summer school session at the Oregon Agricultural college, if the plans of H. C. Seymour, state club leader, and Frank Sexton, county club leader, are carried out.

The plan is to load the local club members on the special train at Medford, where 50 Jackson county boys and girls will be picked up, then at Grants Pass the Josephine county group of 25 would be taken aboard, and 25 more at Roseburg.

spaces have occasional fences, and the air mail pilot began to encounter them. He hopped the first three or four blithely in spite of the darkness but on hurdling the seventh he began to tire of it. He then waited for the first streak of dawn and then took the air for a chance, arriving here at eight o'clock in the morning.

Letters Explaining High School Site Situation

The following letters are self-explanatory, though it might be well to add that Mr. Steward has been the chief advisor, consultant and propagandist of the school board. Mr. Smith, superintendent of schools, and Mr. Campbell, principal of the high school, have never been consulted or asked for advice relative to a new high school. These letters are on file with the secretary of the City Planning Commission and are public property, open to any citizen's inspection.

The comparison of the two school sites as recently published by the "Better Site Committee" contains the gist of Mr. Steward's letter to Messrs. Rainey and Douglas.

BERT B. LOWRY,
Chairman Executive Committee
North Holly Street Site.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
(School of Education)

Eugene, May 7, 1925.

Mr. O. C. Boggs, City Planning Commission, Medford, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Boggs: Enclosed find a copy of a letter from us to Mr. Steward and of one to the Mail Tribune. In case Mr. Steward's "report" is circulated in Medford and the Mail Tribune does not use our reply you may make whatever use you desire of our reply.

With best personal regards, sincerely yours,

HOMER P. RAINEY,
HARL R. DOUGLAS.

P. S.—Congratulations on the passing of the bond issue.

May 7, 1925.

The Medford Mail Tribune, Medford, Oregon.

Dear Sirs: We have received from Mr. Steward, instructor in mathematics in the Medford high school, a communication which set forth his arguments in favor of the P. & E. site for the new high school. There is nothing in Mr. Steward's report which, when given a careful and fair consideration, would cause us to feel differently about our report from what we felt at the time we made it. He informs us that he proposes to publish his "report" on the sites. While we feel that he is probably sincere in his stand, his arguments are so partisan and fallacious and his facts so questionable, we feel that, if published, they ought not be unanswered. We are therefore sending you a copy of the reply which we are mailing today to Mr. Steward. In case Mr. Steward publishes his report we should like to have it accompanied by the publication of our reply. We feel that it would be only fair to us and the people of Medford to have our answer to his criticism published in case the criticisms are published.

Frankly, we hope that neither is published as it is our opinion that the less controversy there is, the better off Medford schools will be. Eugene has just gone through a school fight that has had the school system in the mire for six years and the end is not yet in sight. May you be more fortunate. Sincerely yours,

HOMER P. RAINEY,
HARL R. DOUGLAS.

H. D. Sheldon, History of Education R. W. DeBusk, Educational Psychology
H. P. Rainey, School Administration F. L. Stetson, Secondary Education
Harl R. Douglas, Theory and Practice Peter Spencer, Education Practice

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON
(School of Education)

Eugene, May 6, 1925.

Mr. F. Steward, Instructor in Mathematics, Medford, Oregon.

My Dear Mr. Steward: We received your letter and report of the Medford school situation today and we have examined them carefully.

In regard to the cost of the respective sites, we do not consider that it is an item that should influence the community one way or the other. The difference in the first cost of the two sites is small enough to be negligible in planning a building program for Medford. The cost of the site does not necessarily have to be paid for out of the bond issue. It can be provided out of the annual budget by a small tax levy, or it can be paid for by issuing short-time warrants which will not affect the bonding limit. This was not an oversight on our part. The school board understood that our estimates were only for the cost of the building. We cannot see that there is any possibility of "much injury to the community and its schools" from this source.

In the second place, you question our estimate of the cost for constructing a building large enough to house 600 high school pupils. Our estimate for the cost of this building was \$185,000, which would be little in excess of \$300 per pupil. We are willing to stand by that estimate. You made a fundamental error in the cost figures which you give in your letter. It makes no difference what it may have cost to construct high school buildings in the east and middle west so far as the cost in Medford is concerned. The only criterion is "What does it cost in Oregon?" The figures you quote have no meaning with respect to Oregon. In the main, the figures which you quote are taken from large, wealthy cities in the east and middle west as, Omaha, Chicago, Philadelphia, Yonkers, N. Y., Camden, N. J., Bridgeport, Conn., Columbus, Ohio, Trenton and East Orange, N. J.

On the other hand, our estimate is based upon actual building costs in Oregon in the Willamette valley and in cities comparable in size to Medford. Our figure is based upon three specific cases. Roseburg, very near Medford, is just completing a high school which will not exceed \$330 per pupil. This figure includes site and all furnishings. Eugene is just completing two new junior high schools which will cost, complete with site and furnishings, less than \$250 per pupil. Salem built a junior high school last year complete for \$225 per pupil. Each of these junior high schools contains auditorium, gymnasiums, offices, etc.

You further stated that you will find that "any reputable archi-

tect will also state that your figures are too low." You are certainly ill-advised on this point. In fact, all architects we have consulted assure us our estimates are quite accurate. Mr. P. M. White, an architect with offices in Portland, recently in conference with us told us that our estimate was entirely adequate. He stated further that he personally had given the Medford board of education an estimate of \$165,000 for the cost of their building. With these facts in mind we see no reason for changing our estimate.

Mr. T. M. Gorow, architect of this city and for the Roseburg board of education, informs us that our figure of \$300 per pupil is adequate and that a satisfactory, modern, semi-fireproof building could be built for less than that figure. His estimates for the Roseburg building alone show a cost of less than \$250 per pupil.

Our figures cannot be read in any way to show that a building for "only 492 pupils" can be built. We know that a 600 pupil building can be built for \$185,000. It has been done right here in Oregon.

We did recommend strict economy for Medford because of her critical building situation. Of course, Medford can, if she desires, build a high school which will cost probably \$500 per pupil, but it would be foolish to do so under the conditions. It would be needless expenditure of money badly needed for other educational purposes.

You make the statement that "when Medford launches upon a building campaign the annual increase will be much greater than what your figures indicate, we have various evidence for this statement." We have figured on your annual maintenance costs and there is no reason to believe that what you say is true. We have no reason to doubt our original estimates.

In regard to the question of a site for the new high school, we made our choice on the basis of the best evidence available and we are willing to stand by our report. As we reported, there is no serious objection to either location, and, that so far as we can see, it is only a matter of personal choice to be settled by the Medford electorate. You can hardly expect us or the people of Medford to take seriously the "report" which you submitted to us. On the face of it, it is but a brief for the P. & E. site and has not in any sense any earmarks of an impartial consideration of the two sites. No advantages of the North Holly site are admitted, none but the most obvious of the defects of the P. & E. site are mentioned. You have presented no new argument for the P. & E. property which to us is worthy of consideration, certainly not of such a nature to warrant us in advising the voters of our opinion. In fact, many of the points which you mention in its favor can be easily refuted with the facts in the situation and we are sure they will all be presented between May 5 and May 12, if the bond election carries on the first date, which we sincerely hope it will do for the sake of the school situation in Medford. We seriously question a number of points which you have stressed in favor of the P. & E. property, but as we suggested in our report, we feel that the matter of a suitable site is an incidental matter to the immediate erection of a new high school building. However, by way of example, permit us to point out to you that:

1. You make no reference to the congested situation of the sewer accommodations of the P. & E. site. You should have consulted your city engineer on this point.
2. Your argument about the football boys becoming infected with boils from the athletic grounds is a petty argument, and none too logical, as boils, epidemics of them are common in all gymnasiums and athletics work where proper locker rooms and laundry facilities are not furnished.
3. An examination of a map of Medford will show you that the P. & E. site is several blocks further from the center of population than the North Holly street site.
4. You make no mention of the possible danger of another flood down Bear creek.
5. You make no mention of the fact that over half of the high school children will have to pass through the business district to get to the P. & E. site.
6. You make no mention of the limited avenues of approach to the P. & E. site and its proximity to main and congested traffic arteries, the Pacific highway and Main street.

In the comparison you have made of the two sites, you suggest that it would be impractical to have student transfers back and forth from the present building to the new one. There is no reason to believe that such transferring back and forth will be necessary, no matter which site is selected, and there is every reason to believe that it would not prove satisfactory to attempt such a procedure. What is needed is a new building large enough to house all of the present high school and to preclude any transferring.

We are sending a copy of this letter to the Mail Tribune with the request that it be published at the same time you publish your report, in case you do publish it. We are doing this in order to protect ourselves in the eyes of the voters against any "eleventh hour" criticism of our report which might arise. We are also sending a copy to Mr. Boggs, president of the City Planning Commission.

It is our sincere hope that the bond issue will carry and that the question of a site will be satisfactory to a majority of the Medford citizens and we believe the only way to accomplish these things is that which we suggested in our report. It ought to be done for the sake of a better school system in Medford.

We are inclined to think, Mr. Steward, that you are acting in good faith, but that you have permitted your desires in the matter to stand in your light. We think the finest service that you can render to Medford is to keep your efforts directed toward the realization of a building program adequate to the needs of Medford and to use your influence to check, rather than to promote and fan the flames of factional strife over school questions.

Mr. Douglas wishes to thank you for the enclosure of the article by Dr. Sears of Stanford, who is a former instructor and colleague of Mr. Douglas. The article certainly has a familiar ring.

Sincerely yours,
HARL R. DOUGLAS.

Paid Adv.

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