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Col. W. W. Robertson
Editor Yakima Daily Republic

Dear Old Friend:

Open by yesterday's Republic that James Dunn is dead. He was the last of the pioneer settlers of 1897, the first year of water delivery from the Sunnyside Canal and the only one of the bunch to improve his place from the sage brush and live therein till death more than 40 years later. My wife and I were his contemporaries during the early years.

Incidentally I heard recently from an old friend in the Sunnyside country, himself a pioneer, who had been shocked to learn of Mrs. Eaton's death, which occurred Nov. 17, ult. #2.
I had seen nothing in the Yakima papers about it. As you once said in an editorial paragraph she was an "honest-to-goodness pioneer." I know the limitations of a newspaper editor but don't you think the event worthy of some mention even at this late day?

I am enclosing a clipping from a Tacoma paper.

Also another from today's "ledger" relating to the serious illness of E. F. Benson, whom you well know as a Yakima citizen and booster in the long ago.

Sincerely yours,

Geo. T. Eaton