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Dr. Thomas Griffin Redfield

Dr. Thomas Griffin Redfield, one of the oldest residents of Yakima valley died Monday at his home, 101 South Sixth street after a brief illness. Recently Dr. Redfield was under treatment for ear trouble which developed into pneumonia, ultimately causing his death.

Dr. Redfield was born in Springfield, Ill in 1851. In 1879 he married Metta Davis of Grant's Pass, Ore. Two years later he came to Yakima City where he held the position of councilman.

When the first foundation of North Yakima was laid Dr. Redfield and his family moved here, opening a jewelry store. He occupied an office in the Sloan building until 1910 when fire caused him to take an office in the Miller block at which stand he worked until his death.

Besides having the honor of being the first councilman of this city, Dr. Redfield was offered the position of postmaster three different times which position in each case he turned down...

The Yakima Herald, Dec. 11, 1912.

In the early days of North Yakima, and even before that time when Yakima City was the county seat, there were two well known men by the name of George W. Carey.

Considerable confusion resulted and to obviate this one was called No. 1 and the other No. 2. This did not entirely correct the difficulty, so the then merchant Carey, who is still a resident of this city, dropped the "e" from the spelling of his name. The other Carey was appointed postmaster of North Yakima, succeeding J.C. MacCrimmon and from that time forward there was no further trouble on the score of names. ✓

Postmaster Carey was somewhat of a spiritualist, a free-thinker and a follower of strange gods. He became the local agent of Dr. Eugene Jordan, of histogenic fame and finally branched out into a full fledged doctor, sounding the praises of alQO line of medicine which he termed biochemics or cell-salts.... (He went from Yakima to Spokane and then to San Diego) Yakima Republic, Feb. 3, 1899.)

Dr. Wilgus, for the past ten years physician of the Yakima reservation was in the city on Monday.

He went to Pendleton where his family is visiting. Thence he goes to Washington City to exchange places on the first of August with Dr. G.W. McCloughlin, a clerk in the third assistant postmaster general's department.

Dr. Wilgus greatly endeared himself to the Yakima Indians by kindly and sympathetic treatment. He is greatly pleased to get back into civilization again--the Yakima Republic, July 20, 1900.

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Timothy Joseph Lynch

He died coming unexpectedly during an acute attack of gastritis, Timothy Joseph Lynch, 78, one of the best known pioneers of the Yakima valley, died at 7 o'clock Monday morning in his home, 116 South Naches avenue.

Apparently the only warning of impending death came last evening when the aged man suffered severely while down town. At that time he was hurried to the office of his son, Dr. C.J. Lynch from which after receiving treatment, he was taken home. He seemed entirely recovered, putting in an uninterrupted night of sleep last night. The end came this morning not more than 10 minutes after the symptoms of serious sickness were apparent.

The deceased is survived by a widow and seven children, all of whom live in or near North Yakima and have taken prominent parts in the life of the community. These are Mrs. Kathrine Lynch of the Antanum; Timothy D. L. Lynch of the Lynch-Taylor Produce company; Mrs. Harry Myers, Dr. C.J. Lynch, Attorney John H. Lynch and Mrs. R.E. Bailey of North Yakima and B.J. Lynch of Buhl, Ida. The deceased is survived also by a brother, John Lynch of Fish Lake, president of the Aurora Mining company and by a sister in Cardiff, Col.

Born in Cork, Ireland, Jan 3, 1832, Timothy Joseph Lynch was during early life a ship's carpenter. In that occupation he attained distinction having been employed in the finishing of the Great Eastern. He made several trips during his young manhood to the U.S. At the age of 24 he was married, the ceremony taking place in Ireland.

His work taking him to many parts of the old and new country Mr

Lynch finally reached San Francisco. From that city he came to Portland and thence up the Columbia river and minor streams to the place where hehalis, "ash. is now located. There he settled in 1870 and devoted himself for the next nine years to ranching. In 1879 he journeyed to this valley settling in the Antanum. He was the owner of a large ranch there.

During the last 15 years Mr. Lynch had resided in this city, having retired from active ranch life--Yakima Republic, September 16, 1910.

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George W. Goodwin

At 8:30 o'clock Wednesday evening George W. Goodwin, one of the first settlers, best known and most respected citizens of Yakima county died at the Guiland house, North Yakima, after a long struggle with consumption.

Mr. Goodwin was born 45 years ago in Illinois and crossed the plains in 1865 with his father, Dr. Lewis H. Goodwin and his uncles, Benton and Thomas. The Goodwins settled in Yakima county and built the first house ever constructed in Yakima city.

The deceased early showed excellent qualifications in business. He engaged in the cattle business and every year drove bands of cattle to supply the miners of Idaho. In addition he embarked upon other business enterprises and made considerable money. His goodness of heart, which lead him to endorse the notes of various people, seriously involved him on several occasions but his energy and hard work pulled him through and at his death, he was in comfortable circumstances.

In the early days when Kittitas and Yakima counties were one, Mr. Goodwin was elected sheriff and served with credit. In 1887 he contested with T.J.V. Clark to represent Yakima county in the legislature but weakness of the democrats, of which the party he was a steadfast follower, and his temperance views, caused his defeat.

Nearly a year ago Mr. Goodwin married Mrs. A.V. Bailey, a worthy lady of this city. Religious services were held at the Guiland house January 10, being conducted by Rev. Mr. Uren. Mr. Goodwin was a past master of the Yakima lodge No. 24, F and A M and it was under the auspices of this order that he was buried. Mr. Goodwin was a member of the real estate firm of Goodwin and Pugsley. --Yakima Herald January 9, 1890.

Mrs. Marie Guillard, who for 30 years until two years ago was a resident of this immediate valley died at Portland, Sunday, Dec. 26. She was 76 and the widow of David Guillard who died six years ago. Her body arrived in North Yakima last night and the funeral will be held this morning at 10 o'clock at the Episcopal church.

The five surviving children of Mrs. Guillard are Mrs. J.B. Huntington and Miss M.S. Guillard of Portland; Mrs. J.J. Rudkin of Kennewick and David Guillard of Lewiston, Idaho and George Guillard who lives in Canada.

The name of the Guillards will long remain identified with the history of Yakima City and North Yakima.

They owned the Guillard hotel at Yakima City which was the first building removed from the old town to North Yakima.

The work began early in February, 1885 and the building when brought to this city occupied the site of Chestnut and South First street where Pat Mullins is just finishing the erection of a four-story brick structure. Portions of the original building remained on the site and were better known as the Varian hotel. They were but recently removed.

The Guillard hotel, both at Yakima and North Yakima was the home of the best visitors to this city in those days and at that time were many people of importance making visits to this section. Paul Schulze and others had a temporary home in the structure.

The Guillard family also owned the property west of the city now called Elliott Heights and which has since become very valuable. Probably no pioneer woman in this section of the state was so widely and favorably known.

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Dr. Thomas McAusland

Dr. Thomas McAusland died Monday at the residence of his niece, Mrs. W.J. Ostrander, 311 South Second street. Death was due to old age. His health had been failing for the past year and very rapidly for the past six weeks. He was 89 years old last April, a native of Scotland and had been a resident of this county for thirty-four years.

For over 30 years the doctor had lived in Yakima City and it was not until his health failed him that he came to make his home in North Yakima.

He was born at Scotland in 1815 and was educated in the best schools of that city.

He came to new York at the age of 27 and remained there until the discovery of gold in California when in 1849 he sailed around the horn and joined the throng of gold seekers. His search for riches met with varying success until 1870 when the wanderlust seized him again and he set out upon his favorite occupation, exploring new and untried fields.

Highly educated and accomplished linguist even in his younger days, versed in the works of all great poets, study in literature and the experiments in chemistry and the sciences were his favorite pastimes.

He taught school in Yakima City for a number of years and among his pupils were some of the most prominent businessmen of the county today.

He also maintained in the Old Town a drug store for several years. His political affiliation were always with the democratic party but he refused to become a candidate for any other office than that of mayor of Yakima City to which he was elected several times. His married life extended over a period of

years during his residence in California, his wife dying before he came to this state. Rev. Henry of the Methodist church conducted the services from the family home--The Yakima Herald, Oct. 12, 1904.

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W.H. Chapman

The many friends of W.H. Chapman were shocked on Saturday to learn by telegraph of his death at Seattle that day. He had left Yakima in a condition of health that caused much anxiety but all hoped for the best.

Mr. Chapman had been one of the foremost citizens in every sense. Liberal, public spirited and a staunch friend..He was the son of Dr. William Chapman, formerly of Klickitat county, now of Seattle and was one of the most early and progressive businessmen of North Yakima. In 1886 he was a member of the city council and again in 1892 and during his incumbency in office he was one of the most active and efficient members constantly laboring for the good of the city.

He was a working member of the fire department and for two terms was master of Yakima Lodge No. 24 F and A M. In 1890 he was married to Miss Antoinette Schanno, daughter of the owner of the townsite of Yakima City and the alliance was most happy. He was 40 years of age. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. S.H. Oheadle ..Yakima Herald, May 23, 1895.

Arthur Chapman and wife of Goldendale were in this city this week to attend the funeral of W.H. Chapman, a brother. Mr. Chapman is treasurer of Klickitat county--May 23, 1895.

Mr. and Mrs. Guillard came to this state from Virginia. They, however, lived for a time at The Dalles where Mr. Guillard engaged in the cattle business. From there they removed to Yakima City and thence to North Yakima.

In the Yakima Sun of February 17, 1885, in an article in which announcement is made of the removal of the Guillard hotel from Yakima City the statement is made that it was to be replaced by a three story structure to be erected by Mr. C. J. Taft, who the paper stated had the lumber and other necessary material on the ground.

It was then thought that North Yakima would not have much of a show.

A little later however the trend towards this city became so strong that the conditions were generally recognized--the Yakima Herald, Dec. 29, 1909

Yakima valley 1867

Mr. Joseph Bowzer, an old resident of the Yakima valley, called at our office during the fore part of the week. He informs us that the crops in his section never looked better, especially corn...The discovery of mines in his neighborhood, which are now being prospected, he thinks will assist in developing and opening up the country. There is no doubt but that there are gold mines in the Yakima country, but whether they are extensive remains to be seen.

— The Dalles Mountaineer, June 29, 1867

Digging \$7,000 in \$20 gold pieces from under a broken poplar tree that had stood unnoticed on the main street of old Yakima for years is only one of the pioneer experiences recalled by W.T. Dixon, who came to Yakima in 1880 and who owns the photographs of the pioneer gathering at the Atkins house from which the cult above was made.

Not that Dixon got the \$7,000...the money went to Joe Bowser who had put the clinking gold pieces in a tin can and planted the poplar over it to stand as a silent guardian until the day when he should be in need of the secreted funds.

To use the current slang about the \$7,000 adventure, "That ain't the half of it."

At least it was pioneer rumor that Tom Chambers, noted for his eccentricity always buried his gold and that probably 100,000 or more earnings from the cattle industry in the days when it was a major business along the banks of the Yakima.

There is likely to be a strenuous hunt for angleworms, say as soon as the younger generation hears of this with the digging done with the hope that gold to rival pirate treasure may be found.

Some color to the belief that Chambers secreted his gold treasure may be found in the fact that his grandchildren are said to have dug up some money that had been hidden in the cellar.

Study of the view of the old timers brings an interesting flood of reminiscences to Mr. Dixon.

Now there's Cayuse Jack, he comments, He was a renegade Indian and sent more whites to the penitentiary than any other Indian in history. His testimony was taken against a white man's word and when he said a white man had sold him whiskey the white man would be sent over the road and the Indian pocket a fee for informing on him.

Al Churchill was an old timer saloon keeper and next to him is Phil Benworth, a cook.

Pete Gervais, French was a pioneer merchant and built the first brick store at Union Gap where it stands today. He came in 1880 and has numerous relatives still living in the valley. Dave Ferguson also built a store but it burned and was never rebuilt.

Henry Ditter is the father of Joe and Phil Ditter and started the Ditter business. George Gervais was Pete's brother and tried his hand at farming.

Dan Simmons was raised in this country and after the Old Town was moved to Yakima he served as sheriff for four years. Casper Fehrbach ran a barber shop, but he didn't have anything like so much to do as did most of us did our own shaving.

J.H. Atkins ran the Atkins house which of course had a saloon in connection with it. The hotel was burned down years ago and never rebuilt. It stood next to the Centennial hall which was later moved to Yakima and stands across from the Donnelly hotel. We used to pay \$2.50 for a dance ticket, then go to the Atkins house for our suppers.

Arthur Stone was one of the early valley farmers. Matt Bartholet was in business with the Ditters and later became county treasurer. R. McCaslin was the town's first doctor, one of those pioneer doctors who of course lost most of his practice when the younger fellows came along. He pulled my tooth, I remember. Lee and Jack McDaniel were the sons of Elisha McDaniel and were among the pioneer cattle raisers of the valley.

Joe Bowser was another old time pioneer cattleman.

I drove a stage for him. Later he went to Central America. He had a row of poplar trees in front of his stable and when the Atkins house burned most of the trees were cut down. I remember the day

he came back there to dig at the roots of one. I asked him what he was going to find and he said he had a gold mine. He did too; he dug the \$7,000 up there and used to come around with a gold piece to spend every so often. Years ago he was found dead leaning against a tree, dead.

William O'neal is still alive. He was the pioneer sawmill man and still has a mill up the Cowiche or "enas.

Tom Chambers was one of the characters of those days. There was a time he had a lot of cattle though. He lost most of them in the big freeze, but later he recuperated his fortunes. Well he never banked any money that anyone could find out though he did a big business. He often went out among the trees along the river bank with a grubbing pick and it was believed that he buried his gold at the roots of the trees. Of course the river has changed its course since then but even so I wouldn't be surprised if some of old Tom Chambers' gold would eventually be found."

Lafe Little--say doesn't he keep his age well. Lafe was the bar tender at the Atkins house; now he's a deputy sheriff and lives at Tieton. Lafe is a fine fellow and always had a smile for everyone. Charles McEwen was the first saddle maker and harness maker in the valley and most Yakima people remember old Mr. Lowe. That all of them--The Yakima Republic, February 12, 1926.

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Jacob T. Eschelman
California

Jacob T. Eschelman, the only minister of the gospel elected to the convention is from the Eleventh district. He was elected by the Democrats. He was born near Memphis, Mo, May 8, 1853; came to the coast May 10, 1876; taught school two years in California, Napa county: came to the territory September 1878 lived in Klickitat county till November 1887, thence moved to North Yakima to take charge of the Christian church. He is still its pastor.

Since going to Yakima he was appointed chief clerk of the U.S. land office there and still holds that position, although he has sent in his resignation. He is a resident of Yakima county although nominated by the Klickitat democratic convention, they not having forgotten the service rendered them while he lived there and remembering his running qualities, having been three times elected in Klickitat when the republican majority was about 400 votes. Mr. Eschelman has a high standing as a minister of the Christian church. His ability as a pulpit orator and his worth as a Christian man are well known in his district. He is a man of splendid business habits and judgment and has made considerable money in the real estate business--Yakima Herald, North Yakima, W.T., July 1889.

H.J. Snively

Thirty-three years ago today Yakima, then known as North Yakima, stepped forth into the political limelight with her first and only candidate for governor when H. J. Snively was named for the gubernatorial office by the state Democratic convention.

For three days after the general election he was conceded to have won until the final returns from Seattle swung the total to its favorite, John H. McGraw of Seattle, whose lead over Snively was 2,800 votes .

An inkling of the status of the prohibition question of that time is seen in the naming of the Rev. Jacob Eshelman of Yakima in the same Democratic convention as a dry man. He received two votes. Instead of being located at Pullman the Washington state college should have been in Yakima had he been elected governor at that time, Snively said today in recalling the anniversary of his nomination.

The Yakima man, born in Virginia, was nominated by J.M. Buckley of Spokane who explained that his man came from "the land of sunshine and fair women."

Snively's man was flaunted on the convention as a dark horse at the evening session on August 24, 1892.

Franklin K. Lane of Tacoma, late secretary of the interior seconded his nomination. North Yakima forgot party lines in large measure in the homecoming when the Democratic nominee was welcomed--The Yakima Daily Republic, August 24, 1925.

Settlement

Col. L.S. Howlett of North Yakima has been appointed by the president register of that place vice R.K. Nichols declined.

Col. Howlett would probably be governor of the state today had he allowed his name to be used for lieutenant governor at Walla Walla after his defeat for the nomination of governor. He could have beaten all nominees for lieutenant governor and had he been in that position instead of Laughton, Governor Ferry would probably have carried out his expressed intention of resigning and going to Europe.

During Arthur's administration Col. Howlett was one of the noted newspaper correspondents at the national capital and was the Associated Press reporter on the floor of the house of representatives. He came to Portland in 1882 and it was understood in Washington among his friends that he was to succeed Dr. Newell as governor of Washington territory. In fact Arthur had promised, but New York influence was brought to bear for Squire who was appointed.

Col. Howlett was for a while editor of the Oregonian and was subsequently appointed receiver for public moneys of the North Yakima land office and held that position during Cleveland's administration until relieved by a son of Senator Zeb Vance of North Carolina who in turn was succeeded by Dr. Hare of Ellensburg. He was once managing editor of the Louisville Commercial--Olympia Tribune, February, 1892.

Louis V. Janeck

Louis V. Janeck, a prominent citizen and until recently the senior member of the drug firm of Janeck & Son died in the evening of March 5 after a brief illness.

Mr. Janeck was born in Minden, Germany, Oct. 18, 1836.

He came to this county when a young man and for many years resided in Wisconsin.

He moved to Yakima about four years ago.

He leaves a wife and four children, two of the latter Mrs. Clara J. Devon and Mrs. Marion T. Richter are residents of Wisconsin while Louis O. , Fred L. and Miss Be sie R. Janeck are citizens of Yakima.

The funeral will be held on Saturday at 1:30 o'clock Rev. Hassell of the C^ogregational church officiating. March 5, Herald, 1896.

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Invariety

Captain W.D. Invariety, aged 67, died after a two months illness in the Hyde Block, Spokane, last Friday night.

Captain Invariety was a pioneer of North Yakima and at one time was possessed of considerable real estate holdings here but for the past three years had been a resident of Spokane.

His widow is an aunt of Keith W. Dunlop of this city. He leaves a son, Duncan, now in Alaska and a daughter living in England.

Captain Invariety was a Stockman and a member of the famous Black Watch regiment that served with distinction in the Crimean war. He was a retired officer of the British army--Yakima Herald, Feb. 2, 1899.