

## Pioneers

D.E. Lesh retires from the sheriff's office to become sergeant-at-arms of the lower house of the state legislature.

His election was engineered by Representative Snively and it is a fact that the only time that Yakima has received any consideration from the legislature were when it sent democratic legislators. The previous time being when Hon J.B. Reavis represented this county and then Colonel Henry Cock captured an official billet-Yakima Herald, January 8, 1891.

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Who is a pioneer?

How long must a person have lived in North Yakima or the Yakima valley to be considered a pioneer?

These are questions that are being asked today relative to the silver jubilee celebration which will be held on Saturday of this week. There appears to be a question in the minds of many as to who are pioneers and who will be recognized as pioneers at the celebration.

Secretary H.P. James of the Commercial club says that all persons who have had anything to do with the development of this section, bringing into the position of prominence which it now holds in the state, will be welcomed. No limit of age or residence has been fixed. The desire is to have all take part in the event

.....In this connection why would it not be a good idea for the older settlers to organize a pioneers' association on next Saturday? Surely it would be an appropriate time. An association of pioneers was organized some years ago and I believe any one who had settled here prior to 1884 was considered eligible for membership. I think it might be well to continue that association but I also believe that an old settlers' association should be formed in which the period of residence to become eligible should be definitely fixed. For instance, if the period of residence were fixed at 20 years, that would permit of the membership constantly growing from year to year."

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The committee on the program met Tuesday evening in the rooms of the Yakima Commercial club and made final arrangements for the event.

Beginning at 2 o'clock Nagler's Juvenile band will render a selection in front of the Yakima hotel. It will then march to the depot where the speaking will be started at 2:30 o'clock

and continue until 4 o'clock. Everybody is invited to follow the musicians down to the depot.

At the conclusion at the depot the band will again parade Yakima avenue returning to the Yakima Commercial club to continue exercises. ...

A.B. Weed will act as chairman of the day. The committee on dancing and music is F.C. Hall and George Vance... The refreshment committee is James Loudon, John Lynch and Charles Marsh--

The Yakima Republic, January 14, 1910.



## Pioneers--Longmire

James Longmire, one of the oldest pioneers of Washington and the proprietor of the Longmire springs, died on Wednesday, September 15 at the residence of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lou Jackson Longmire, in Tacoma.

He had been very sick for 10 days past and had but little hopes of recovery from the first. His wife and all his children except Robert Longmire, who was in Alaska, were at his bedside.

Two of his sons, Charles and David, are residents of the Wenatchee valley and have the sympathy of a long list of friends in the hour of their bereavement.

Mr. Longmire was born near Bono, Washington county in 1818. He crossed the plains to Washington in 1858, settling at Yelm prairie where he improved an excellent farm.

He was an intimate friend of Governor Stevens and in territorial days represented his district in the legislature. Yakima Herald, Sept. 23, 1897.

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### William Foster Meloy

William Foster Meloy, 81, died Friday afternoon in the home of his half sister, Mrs. Mary Ingalls in Centralia where he had been visiting for the past month and a half. He was a retired civil engineer and had made his home in Yakima for 37 years.

He served two terms as Yakima county commissioner and one term as county engineer when it was an elective position.

He worked for the Northern Pacific railroad for several years and made the first highway survey across the Cascade range by way of Naches and American River. He was born in Gresham, Ore. and moved to Washington when he was seven years old and lived here since. He was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge in Yakima.

The body will be brought to Yakima from Centralia. Shaw & Sons has charge of funeral arrangements--Yakima Herald, April 17, 1937

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William Shaw

On Last Friday morning, June 17, William Shaw, a pioneer of this coast and one of the early and most honored citizens of Yakima county; passed away.

He was in his 74th year but up to less than a year ago was very strong and robust. Last fall he suffered a severe stroke of apoplexy which left him paralyzed. He was yet able to walk around but he continued to gradually fail.

Most of the service was held at the cemetery conducted by Rev. U. F. Hawk. A wife and six adult children survive; Mrs. C. F. Navaree, J. W. Shaw, H. M. Shaw and A. J. Shaw all residing in North Yakima; one daughter, Mrs. B. C. Eglin now living in Colville and Mrs. Dennison, residing in Fairhaven.

Mr. Shaw was one of the pioneers of the Pacific coast, having crossed the plains with his wife to Oregon in '53 when he settled in Douglas county. In 1864 with his family he removed to Union county where they remained until 1877 when they emigrated to this county settling about six miles west of the present townsite in the Wide Hollow district. Here Mr. Shaw aided very materially in the development of the country and promotion of irrigating enterprises.

Ten years ago he moved into the city where he has lived a quiet and unobtrusive life ever since ---- Yakima Herald, June 23, 1898.



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### Masters

And now a still younger old timer drops out in the persons of J.W. Masters, who came down from his homestead on the Cowychee last year and went to merchandising. He was probably known to nearly every one in the county--certainly to all the old settlers; yet he was a trifle ~~older~~ under forty. He too, was one of the early county officers, having been auditor for two terms, some ten or eleven years ago.

Many of the settlers hereabouts who came to the United States land office to see about their claims talk about having "filed with Masters at the Old Town. What they mean is that they made application and affidavit before him, which he sent to Walla Walla in the old days when this was in the Walla Walla land district. He came from Oregon--<sup>Yakima Herald</sup> January 23, 1890.

With the death early this morning of John Lindsey at the age of 80 years another of the Yakima valley pioneers has passed on. The number of those who remember the early days is rapidly dwindling. After having been ill for less than a week the old man died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ann Mabry, 301 North Third avenue.

~~The body of John Lindsey~~ Lindsey was born in Ohio in 1843 but moved to Missouri to spend his boyhood. Later in Iowa he married Mary Lyday. Immediately after their wedding they joined an imigrant train for the West which became their honeymoon train. This was in 1865. Their train was one of the first to arrive in Walla Walla and in the Yakima valley.

The city of Yakima then consisted of about five families. The first child born to the Lindsey's who afterward became Mrs Dora Short, was credited with being one of the first Yakima babies. The youthful adventure settled first at Old Town and afterward ranched in various parts of the valley and also in Oregon. During those stirring days the settlers freighted their supplies from the Dalles. If their families were left at home it was necessary to barricade them safely because of the Indians. Their cattle and sheep were herded across the mountains to the west to be marketed by the Sound.

The pioneer retained clearly his memory to the last of incidents connected with the early settlement of Yakima and the valley. During the later period he served at one time as assessor of Yakima County.

In 1910 his wife died and since that time he has made his home with his daughter. Of the eight children born in the family five are still living. Beside Mrs. Mabry there are Mrs. J.E. Eberle of Yakima, Mrs. Ella Churchill of Aberdeen, John Lindsey, Jr. and Ernest Lindsey of Toppenish. A sister, Mrs. Sarah Thorp resides at Seattle. --The Yakima Republic, March 11, 1924.



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H.J. Bicknell

Henry J. Bicknell, one of Yakima county's oldest and most respected pioneers died at his home on South Sixth street Saturday evening.

He was stricken with paralysis four years ago and never entirely recovered. For a year or two he was able to attend to affairs but other attacks followed and for months past he has been without the use of the organs of speech.

Mr. Bicknell was born in New England in 1834, being 77 years old at the time of death. When a lad of 19 summers he embarked for San Francisco on a merchant vessel and made the trip around the horn, arriving there in 1853.

After a number of years in California he came to Yakima valley in 1881, purchasing a ranch in Parker Bottom.

Even at this early day a considerable interest in horticulture was evidenced in the valley and Mr. Bicknell was among the first to espouse this industry.

He further maintained that the bench land was superior to land along the river bottom and acted upon this assumption which he helped demonstrate to be correct by planting an orchard of about 50 acres and brought it to maturing successfully.

Coincident with his removal to Parker Bottom Mr. Bicknell became associated with those who had undertaken the building of the Konevitch ditch, the first irrigating canal in that locality. Later when the Washington Irrigation

company promoted what is now the Sunnyside canal Mr. Bicknell's ranch occupied the place for real estate men who were selling land under the system. It is said of Mr. Bicknell that none knew better than he how to prune and grow an ideal fruit tree.

By reason of this talent his orchard was the ideal of the

whole lower valley.

Becoming advanced in years he sold out a few years ago and retired to the city.

He was an active member of the Christian church and presented that institution with the pipe organ which adorns the new edifice. He was a member of the local lodge of Elks, having been selected to turn the first shovelful of earth in the ground of eaking ceremonies for the erection of the temple in 1909. Sickness at that time however made it impossible for him to attend.

He leaves no children, his nearest relatives being his sister-in-law Mrs. A.L. Bicknell of Puyallup and her children--Yakima Herald, January 18, 1911.



## Congdon

Chester A. Congdon, son Walter of Duluth, Minn. and Mr. Congdon's law partner, W.W. Billson have recently arrived here on a visit of two or three weeks to the country.

Mr. Congdon is a brother of the ~~Yakima~~ A.S. Congdon, chief promoter of the Yakima Valley canal and the law firm of Congdon, Billson & Dickson, of Duluth, sustains a fine reputation. Walter Congdon is a student at Yale university.

The party, together with Vestel Snyder, the local attorney, will leave tomorrow for a week's camping trip up the Natchez. They will also visit the Sound country before returning home--Yakima Herald, August 26, 1902.



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Harley Jacob Taylor

After living in the Selah district for 58 years of his 68, Harland Jacob Taylor, better known as Harley Taylor, died this morning at St Elizabeth's hospital. Taylor was taken ill last evening.

As a lad of 10 he came across the plains with his father, "Uncle George " Taylor and the family settled near the present site of Selah.

The dead pioneer who numbers among his acquaintances most of the real old timers of the valley was in his earlie<sup>r</sup> day renowned for his great physical strength. He could lift more than any of the oth<sup>r</sup> youths of his day and could likewise outwork most of the men.

He inherited his father's ability to make friends and keep them. "Uncle George," who died many years ago when a rock he was trying to roll down the hillside as a joke rolled upon him served as an informal judge and handled many of the ~~disputes~~ disputes that arose in the early day.

Mr. Taylor had farmed all his life but during recent years had not engaged in active work and had made his home with his brother, Geo ge W. Taylor SON of Selah. He is also survived by another brother, E.W.R. Taylor of Prosser and a sister, M<sup>rs</sup>. Rose Brooker of Vancouve,r., Wash. Yakima Republic, May 14, 1925.

Sheriff Jasper Day, who took office Monday morning has received a commission from the department of the interior making him a deputy special agent for the suppression of liquor traffic on the Yakima reservation.

The commission was received Monday afternoon. Sheriff Day's new office gives him much needed authority if the government expects to cope with the situation on the reservation which is said to be getting worse each year. His authority is over the signature of William E. Johnson, chief special agent of the department....Yakima Herald, January 11, 1901.

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### Daniel Sinclair

Daniel Sinclair, formerly a commissioner of Yakima county, died at his home, 103 North Sixth street yesterday morning. He was 67 years old.

He had been a resident of Yakima since 1879, was a native of Nova Scotia where he lived until his 19th birthday when he removed to Seattle in 1872, making the trip across the plains.

He conducted a logging camp on the Snohomish river, purchased land where the city of Everett now stands. In 1879 he pre-empted claim of 120 acres and homesteaded 80 acres in the "Waches valley. Later he added by purchase to his holdings and for a score of years was a farmer and stock raiser. He moved to the city of North Yakima in 1901.

He married Miss Annie M. Cameron of Nova Scotia in California. Three children were born but none are living. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Mary M. Bishop of this city and a brother, John H. Sinclair who is a member of the Canadian parliament. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and the Odd Fellows lodge. The Yakima Herald, Sept. 25, 1912.



pioneers--Homesteading-Granger

Miss Kate L. Brown

Kate L. Brown, Gracemere ranch. It seems a long time ago now, but when comparisons are made it really is only eleven years since my friend and fellow sufferer, Miss Grace G. Snyder and myself arrived in Toppenish, Washington to find a new home in the west. "The little knew the meaning of the word, west," in those days.

"The sight that met our eyes on alighting from the train did not look good to us.

"A row of unkept Indians being lined up on the platform of a very dingy uninviting depot and having for a background a vast area of sagebrush. Oh what a feeling passed over us just at that time no tongue can describe.

The journey to our ranch eleven miles distant was made in a lumber wagon and thanks to the twilight that fell upon us before we reached the ranch.

"We began life in the Yakima valley with our purses ~~showing~~ showing an invoice of one hundred dollars between them and a very large amount of enthusiasm. Previous to coming here we had brought through an agent and made one payment on a twenty-seven acre piece of land at forty dollar per acre, a part of the old Dicknell homestead near now what is Granger. "Oh blindness to the future kindly given."

Miss Snyder's brother was here to listen to our woes when we were willing to tell. That helped some. "We had an irrigated farm but most of our irrigation the first season was with our tears.

However we determined we would do the very best we could and vowed never to let the loved ones at home know just how we felt and what we were enduring.

"After a while we began looking around for some tangible means of support; some bread and butter proposition. We found it in Zillah, Wash. A school, made application, appeared before the board for

This land had to be leveled, flumed and seeded. You will never know what that forty acres cost us. I sold twenty acres to Miss Snyder, principal, interest, labor, lumber, seed, weary moments of anxiety, all went into the cost.

But it was ours now and yields well and we are satisfied..

After three years we went back to Willah and taught one year, then decided that we should work nearer home so the Granger school was ours for the next three years. All this time the ranch was slowly coming to yield more and we felt that although life had been very strenuous and had endured many hardships, yet we had been blest with good health and good and true friends. .Yakima Herald, April 24, 1912.



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### Felicia Stanton

Felicia E. Stanton, a pioneer resident of the Antanum valley for 55 years died at her home yesterday at the age of 74.

Her people crossed the plains in 1845 and located at Silverton, Ore., where she was born.

In 1869 she was married to Matthias J. Stanton and came to the Antanum valley in true pioneer fashion on the back of a mule over the old government trail via The Dalles in the same year. Stanton had taken up government land there in the preceding year. In those days there were no railroads or even wagon roads except the old trail. Since that time the deceased had resided continuously on the hold homestead. Her husband died in 1902.

She is survived by four children, Anna M. Stanton, Mrs. Esther Hause, Matt Stanton and Percy Stanton, all living in Yakima besides a sister, Mrs. Olivia C. Moser of Silverton.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the Shaw-Huston chapel with Rev. W.F. Inerson officiating. Pallbearers will be Frank Bartholet, Ben F. Eschbach, H. E. Crosno, E.P. Lamb, O.D. Gibson and W.L. Lemon. Members of the Yakima Pioneer Association are to attend the funeral in a body--The Yakima Republic, March 2, 1925.



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Mrs. Tillatha Kandle  
(Longmire)

Mrs. Tillatha Kandle, whose lifetime spanned the settlement of the great Northwest died at her home, 113 South Seventh street this noon.

Mrs. Kandle, as little Tillatha Longmire, toddled about the Yakima valley 73 years ago as she came with the heroic Longmire train that first saw the valley on Sept. 30, 1853. The family continued to Thurston county but moved back to the Yakima valley in 1871. Before that time Mrs. Kandle had married Robert H. Kandle, the ceremony taking place on June 5, 1870.

Mrs. Kandle is survived by her husband and four sons and four daughters. They are James Kandle of Yakima, Walter Kandle of Yakima, Mrs. Maggie Anderson of Tacoma, Mrs. J.N. Reynolds of Yakima; Mrs. W.W. Anderson, of Yakima, Mrs. J.T. Brunner of Tacoma, Mrs. J.N. Reynolds of Yakima, Mrs. T. Brunner of Tacoma, Frank R. Kandle of Yakima and George A. Kandle of Yakima. There are also surviving 15 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren as well as five brothers and a sister. The brothers are David, John, Frank, Robert and George Longmire and the sister is Laura A. Longmire. All but Frank and Robert live in Yakima. They make their home at Tacoma--The Yakima Republic, Feb. 14, 1925.



## Characters

There is living in North Yakima an old man verging on one hundred years whose history is strange and eventful.

Isaac Bastian was born in the province of Montreal, Canada, March 1, 1801. His father was Joseph Bonaparte, eldest brother of the first consul of the French Republic, Napoleon Bonaparte.

In the year 1793 Napoleon, his mother, brothers and sisters were banished from Corsica; Napoleon and Lucien his brother went to Paris while the other brothers drifted apart. Joseph and Jerome came to America. Jerome met his fate in the person of Miss Patterson of Baltimore. Joseph hid himself to Montreal and fell in love with a

French Canadian girl and Isaac Bastian was the offspring of the alliance.

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He ran away from home when he was 10. He spent several years in Paris when he was 12 or 13. Subsequently the lad joined the Hudson Bay company and found himself in the wilderness.

After a service of 20 years with the Hudson Bay company he drifted about the Columbia river and Sound countries and finally served in the Indian war where he was wounded five times and had part of his ear cut off by a wagon wheel in a runaway.



A devout Catholic he never misses a service at the cathedral in North Yakima. He has been married five times, had had 12 children and he thinks about a hundred great grandchildren. He states he has a son, Charles and a daughter, Rosa, married and residing in San Francisco, but he has not heard of them for many years.

The old man lives at the Lillie House where he is kindly provided for by the direction of the proprietor, Al Lillie, now in Oakland. A prominent local physician, Dr. Green, who knew him in the Indian war and Attorney H.J. Snively are endeavoring to get him a pension. He is styled "Old Father Time" or "Dad" by his familiars--Yakima Herald, Jan 26, 1899.

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