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Dear Bob :

Just back from a late vacation. I don't know, how without a major project of weeks of research, your questions can be answered, but I have unearthed the record of Yakima newspapers as they were known to exist and their years. This cannot be broken down to exact months without the major research, and then not completely. It just doesn't exist. So by comparing the papers listed with things you need to know, perhaps you can come up with some of ~~our~~ your answers.

Remembering that midwinter of 1884-85 marked removal of Yakima City to the new town, and the controversy, it was this ~~that~~ time that the "fire" rumor evidently started. Seems there was a lot of pros and cons concerning removal and one of the papers involved, because of references to removal was "raided," and some damage done. But there is no indication the place was "completely " destroyed by fire. To what extent, even the specific paper is a little hazy except beyond that listed in the Layman's History of the Yakima Valley. So a few more quotes from it :

P. 497 (History of the Yakima Valley Washington, S.J. Clarke Publishing Company, 1919 "...In Mr. Bagley's collection we find a copy of the first paper published in Yakima. This is the Yakima Record. The date of Number 1, Col. 1, is September 6, 1879. It was published by the Record Publishing Company, Richard V. Chadd being general manager.

"...p 501 in 1883 Mr. Chadd sold the Record to Capt. C.M. Holton (name changed to Yakima Republican). "The Republican was conducted on that historic migration from Yakima City in 1885 and located in the new town by Capt. Holton , who disposed of the paper to L.E. Sperry. In the meantime, in 1889 , the name Yakima Republic was adopted...

"...p.502 "The Record naturally could not monopolize so inviting a field for many years and in 1883 a rival appeared. This was the Yakima Signal...editors and proprietors were J M. and Mrs. P.D. Adams....

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"...the Signal was opposed, of course, to the removal of the town to North Yakima, but perforce had to go along with the rest of the reluctant citizens of the Old town.

Mr. Adams had made a deal with James R. Coe for the transfer of the Signal and was just on the eve of moving in 1886 to the new town, when some evil minded enemy blew up the Signal Building.

"Mr. Coe is a resident of Yakima at the present time and he detailed to the author most interestingly the event of the blowing up of the building and the hopeless scattering of the type. However, what was left of the paper was moved according to plan and Mr. Coe became established there in 1889 as the second newspaper man in North Yakima..."

(There is no reference to fire).

There are, however, well founded local stories, not on record, that when the late W.W. Robertson acquired newspaper properties around 1900, he declined to pay additional money for any old files, and those in control of them said if they were not worth ~~that~~ something, they are worth nothing and burned them. That is just the often repeated story here and there is no written record, account etc. of it, what was burned, what date, by ~~whom~~ who. Perhaps this is something you have bumped into. Anyway, it's a dead end ~~there~~ there.

Neved did receive a note from Lottinville of UO concerning Strangers, but can't see that it would be of more than general Indian interest to him. As to the model of the fish fountain, things like that are of fairly short life unless cast. It was impossible to cast it of course, but the "formula" for its reconstruction was worked out and "remains" in my head, etc.

Thanks for your interest in the sagebrush gal. Not anxious to turn many handstrips over it. Got others, who raised the point off on better trails or ones that they themselves raised.

The Yakima Record Sept. 6, 1⁸79 (became Republican, then Republic)

The Yakima Signal, Jan. 6, 1⁸⁸3

The Washington Farmer, Sept. 20, 1⁸⁸4

The Yakima Sun, Feb. 17, 1⁸⁸5 (one issue only)

The Yakima Democrat, 1⁸⁸⁸

The Yakima Herald, Feb. 2, 1⁸⁸9

The New Deal, 1⁸94

The Daily Dispatch, 1⁸94

The Daily Times 1⁸95

The Argus, 1⁸95

The Independent, 1⁸94

The Ranch, 1⁸94

The Yakima Epigram, 1⁸97-9⁸

The Yakima Democrat, succeeded the Epigram in 1⁸9⁸

Ranch & Range 1⁸97

The Pastor's Visit 1⁸97

Daily News 1900-1901

The Washingtonian, 1901-04

Horn & Hoof, 190⁸

Fancy Fruit, 1907

The Irrigator 1910-11

The Independent, 1930s