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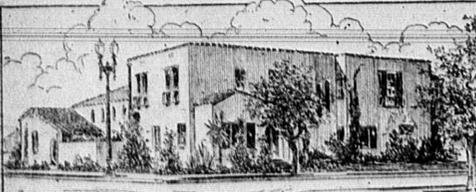
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Centenarian Had Full Life of Fine Service To Mankind (Continued From Page 1-A)

days longer he would have been exactly 100 years and six months old, for he was born April 1, 1831, near Friendship, N. Y. Later, by a process of division Friendship was separated into three parts, and the Wightman family found themselves in Wrt. Dr. Wightman, however, always claimed the former as his birthplace. His father was Edward H. Wightman. Dr. Wightman attended the public schools of the section until he was about 17 years of age. Teaching school and going to school is so interwoven in his life-history that there is little of it not connected in some manner with education. For more than half of his century he was engaged in the profession of teaching. At 17 he was going to Kitchburg and Alfred academies, and teaching in the winter months, his first school having been in his home district, when he was 18 years old.

Teacher's Salary \$13 According to a biography given the Herald shortly before the centenarian's attaining of his 100 years last April, the salaries of school teachers then were not what they are today. His first school paid \$42 a month, the next \$45, and then it advanced to \$52 and "board around," which meant that he roomed and boarded a per capita part of each term in the homes of the pupils.

In company with an old friend and fellow teacher, young Wightman then went to Waterford academy, in eastern Pennsylvania, where he was to board with the principal and teach two classes in the school, which in Mr. Wightman's case was geometry, and he studied Greek meanwhile.

Returning to Alfred academy, a year of study followed, and in 1850 Dr. Wightman graduated, and the following fall entered Union college at Schenectady, N. Y., as a junior, making up what studies he lacked and graduating in the classical course in 1857.

That same year, in company with a friend, Dr. Wightman went West, to Illinois, then a comparatively new state. At Elgin he opened a private school, which, however, due to a financial depression, lived only one year.

So, Dr. Wightman returned to old Allegany county, New York, and in August of 1858 married Miss Jane Stanton, and they together accepted a call to the faculty of Union academy, near Knoxville, Pa., now a suburb of Pittsburgh. This was a private institution, conducted by Prof. S. T. Price, and in the course of a year Professor Price withdrew and Mr. and Mrs. Wightman assumed the responsibility of the institution. After two years he accepted the principalship of a union school at Osceola, not far from Knoxville.

Resumes Career Followed a physical collapse due to overwork, and the Wightmans returned to the family farm, where, after months spent in outdoor work and life, and with returning health, Dr. Wightman was one day surprised to be informed that he had been elected to the department of chemistry and physics at Alfred University, a flourishing institution in Allegany county, New York, the one from which he had graduated in 1856. The work at Alfred university was very pleasant, Dr. Wightman

retains interest in life

After coming to California Dr. Wightman retired permanently from the profession of teaching, but never ceased to be interested in the activities and in interests of the outside world.

Following his own rule of "Do not drink, do not smoke, do not look with derision upon religion," Dr. Wightman proved in his long and active life that "100 years young" is sometimes more than a mere term. His faculties were unimpaired to the end.

Seventy Attend Meeting The speaker, who intends to form a class in sales training and modern business methods among merchants and employees here, outlined four things which tear down a community as suspicion and prejudice, self-satisfaction and indifference and stated that there were five things which build up a city. These, Arnold explained, were organization, with the Chamber of Commerce as getting "the wheel of civic enterprise"; cooperation, loyalty, "community advertising and confidence."

Nearly 70 business men, employees and professional men, were present at the Kiwanis meeting to hear Arnold. C. A. Paxman was chairman of the evening.

Three appearances were made by the Torrance Drum and Bugle corps at the Los Angeles County Fair Sunday and as result of their hearty reception by fair visitors, the corps has been booked as one of the exposition's main features next year.

During their stay in Pomona, the members of the Legion organization were guests at a dinner given by the Chamber of Commerce, attending as special friends of J. M. Page, the secretary of the club. While on the fair grounds, the corps was given reserved seats in the grandstand and treated, as one member said, "like we were movie stars making a personal appearance."

Arrangements for the Legion Drum and Bugle corps' presentation at the fair were made through the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, it is reported.

relates in his biography, and it was while there that a son, Everett J., was born, and two years later a daughter, Vina Grace.

Alfred University had been founded as a Seventh Day Baptist school, and this, with the confusion arising from the fact of two Sabbath following, each other finally convinced Dr. Wightman that either he must become a Sabbatarian or resign—and he resigned.

Moves to Nebraska After several years spent in educational work at Springville and Hamburg, New York, Mrs. Wightman's health failed and the family moved west to Nebraska where Dr. Wightman became principal of the Plattsburgh high school. He held this position but one year, due to the school's meager finances, and then took a similar position with the Fremont (Nebr.) school. He served the American Sunday School Union for two years and taught in Brownville and Tecumseh, finally locating in York, Mrs. Wightman had died during the residence in Brownville.

Now began one of the most important periods of Dr. Wightman's life. He was elected to a professorship in York college, and he remained there until the unification system of the M. E. church was adopted and the Nebraska Wesleyan university was founded. There he was elected to the chair of Latin and Greek and also, in this period he married again. Mrs. Anna Pascoe became his wife.

After several years at York, the Ewing high school called him; then he was elected to the chair of languages at Gates college at North, Neb. The trustees of this school had a need of more extended scope and Gates was transferred to Norfolk, Neb., but after various vicissitudes, Gates struck a sandbar in the financial stream and lay high and dry.

To South Dakota Returning to the continent, Dr. Wightman became rural mail carrier, a position he held for eight years. Going then to Winner, S. D., where he homesteaded a claim, the family moved on to Everett, Wash., where they remained a year, coming then to California, living in a flat about two years. With the exception of one year at Santa Paula, Dr. Wightman had spent the remaining years of his life in Torrance, Long Beach and Pasadena.

Dr. Wightman was fond of relating that his first vote was cast for Andrew Jackson, in 1832, when he was two years old. His grandfather had filled in a ballot for himself and he filled one for the baby, also, who with his own hand dropped it into the box. "It was the only time I ever voted for a Democrat," he said. The degrees conferred upon Dr. Wightman were from leading universities of the East.

Principal Wood Defends Store In High School (Continued From Page 1-A)

very highly by the auditor of the Board of Education for the systematic, careful, and efficient handling of its business. This is in direct contradiction to the statement made by one of the local merchants as quoted in last week's Herald. A modern high school would indeed be delinquent in its obligation to students and parents if it used anything but the best methods of business accounting in its activities," the school principal's statement continues. "This same gentleman stated that 'salaries of coaches and teachers, telephone calls, postage, delivery, overhead, etc., were paid out of tax money so that merchandise could be sold more cheaply.' This statement is incorrect, since, as stated above, all student store expenses are met out of its own profits and no tax money is used toward its support.

"Another well-known merchant's statement that 'not only students but teachers themselves get their merchandise, tennis rackets, paint, and many other articles which I carry, from the large school store in Los Angeles.' This is absolutely incorrect. There is a strict rule that no employee of the Board of Education may buy anything or even have anything given to them from the warehouse. There is no such thing as a general store operated by the board where teachers or students may purchase anything. As for the regular supplies used for instruction which are requisitioned by each school from the business department, any merchant in Torrance is at liberty to bid on such supplies at any time they are being purchased.

"This same merchant, while a member of an Evening High school shop class, found it necessary to buy or supply his own materials for the project on which he was working. His statement that material for shop projects as supplied to the students by the teachers is true for the few projects made by the seventh and eighth grade students only. High school students buy their own material," Wood pointed out.

"Another merchant was quoted as saying that 'high school education is one thing and retail business is another and the two do not mix.' High school education should

be mixed with every activity and every vocation of life. The more education applied to the business the more efficiently the business may be operated. A student store, properly directed, is the best possible place for acquiring an education along business lines.

"Equipment for football and other athletic teams is bought at wholesale prices. The student body can buy such goods at the same price paid by retail merchants. It would be poor economy to pay a higher price than necessary for suits, balls, bats, etc., especially since athletics always show a deficit in most schools," Wood explained.

"It would be ridiculous to expect a local merchant to pay a higher price than necessary for his goods for if he continued that practice he would soon be out of business. The headline for last week's article asserted that the businesses of four prominent Torrance merchants were 'vitally affected by the operation of the student store.' Here are the facts taken from the books of the school store and auditor's report: Total sales for year 1930-31, \$781; total profit, 1930-31, \$121.

"It seems impossible that this small amount of business could seriously affect the retail business of the merchants of Torrance. When the student store sales are analyzed, the effect on local retail business is seen to be even less than the above figures show. More than one-half of student store sales consist of stationery, writing supplies, etc., practically all of which carries the high school insignia. Felt goods, novelties, mechanical drawing and sewing supplies constitute sizeable percentage of sales. The only item sold in the student store which concerns local clothing merchants is that of gym suits, total sales of which last year amounted to only \$150. This item could not seriously affect anyone's business," the principal continued.

"The high school student store is a legitimate, worthy project approved by the superintendent of schools and Board of Education. It is a valuable educational project, costs taxpayers nothing and saves money for parents of local students. Its operation does not seriously affect the business of the retail merchants in the community.

"The high school store is open for inspection at any time; visitors are welcome to visit and see what is carried in stock. The books of the store are available for examination by any interested person. The high school is proud of its store and is not ashamed of any of its activities," Principal Wood's statement concludes.

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