

Daniel Bagley

Pioneer of 1852

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Rev. Daniel Bagley

b. 07 Sep 1818 Greene County, New York

d. 26 Apr 1905 Seattle, King County, Washington

buried [Mount Pleasant Cemetery](#), Seattle, King County, Washington

s/o David Bagley and Martha Huffmire

m. 15 Aug 1840 Crawford County, Pennsylvania

Susannah Rodgers Whipple

b. 08 May 1819 Massachusetts

d. 11 Oct 1913 Seattle, King County, Washington

buried [Mount Pleasant Cemetery](#), Seattle, King County, Washington

d/o Jeremiah R. Whipple and Nancy A. Pelton

1850: Hayfield, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, October 10, 1850; Nancy Whipple, 54, \$6940, Mass; Edna, 24, Mass; Jane, 20, Mass; Lucy, 19, PA; Elmira, 9, PA; Emily A., 5, PA; Daniel Bagley, 30, M.P. clergyman, PA; Susan R., 31, PA; Clarence D (sic-B), 6, PA; A.P. Pelton, 50, PA; A.J. Whipple, 26, farmer, PA; Ambro Whipple, 21, farmer, PA [living next door is Sarah Whipple, 70, CT]

1860: Salem, Marion County, Oregon, May 31, 1860; D. Bagley, 41, Prot Meth clergyman, \$1200 \$500, PA; S.R., 41, Mass; C., 16, IL

1870: Seattle, King County, Washington, June 22, 1870; Danl Bagley, 51, minister, \$300 \$600, PA; Susan R., 51, housewife, PA; Lizzie Lebien, 10, adopted, BC

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# DEATH COMES TO REV. DANIEL BAGLEY

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Pioneer Missionary and Frontiersman Passes Away at Age of Eighty-seven.

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Known as "Father of University" for Part He Took in Upbuilding It.

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He Was President of Commission That Established State School.

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**INTERESTING POINTS IN THE  
STRENUOUS LIFE OF THE  
REV. DANIEL BAGLEY.**

Born in Greene County, New York, September 7, 1818; ancestors settled there in 1740.

Died in Seattle, April 27, 1905.

Married in August 1840 to Susanah Rogers Whipple, who since marriage has been an invalid, and of late years a cripple. She survives her husband and is 86 years of age.

Admitted to the ministry of the Methodist Protestant church in 1842.

Took a prominent part in the great anti-slavery meetings, and was one of the most pronounced and active abolitionists in the United States.

In 1852, came to Oregon as a missionary, accompanied by his wife, Thomas Mercer and family, Dexter Horton and family and other great pathfinders.

In 1860 moved to Seattle and in 1865 became pastor of the historic Brown church at Second Avenue and Madison Street.

In 1861 became president of the board of State University commissioners.

In 1870 took prominent part in opening and developing Newcastle mine.

**T**HE Rev. Daniel Bagley, pioneer and missionary, better known in late years as "The Father of the University," died at 5:35 o'clock this morning at the residence of his son, C. B. Bagley, 900 Second Avenue North. Only the son and a nurse were present when he passed away. His wife, aged 86 years, a cripple, the companion and comfort of this aged trail-blazer for sixty-five years—they were married in August, 1840—was in an adjoining room. The end was a mere sinking into sleep and came so quietly as to be scarcely noticeable.

Mr. Bagley did not regain consciousness before he died. He has been unconscious since Sunday and his friends have been expecting his death at any time. In his youth and young manhood as circuit rider and frontier missionary Mr. Bagley did not spare himself and old age told on his constitution at 87. The widow and son are the only blood survivors of the deceased.

### **Life of Daniel Bagley.**

Daniel Bagley was born near Durham, Greene County, New York, September 7, 1818, his ancestors having settled in that region about 1740. In his early childhood his parents moved into Western Pennsylvania, near Meadville, Crawford County. Jeremiah Whipple, father of Susannah Rogers Whipple, who became the wife of Mr. Bagley, moved with his family from Massachusetts about the same period, and the two families became near neighbors. Here the young Daniel and Susannah grew to manhood and womanhood, gaining their education and sharing in the labors and privations of that then rough and sparsely settled region. Living not far apart, they met, and acquaintance ripened into love, and on August 15, 1840, they were united in marriage. A few days later they started for the prairies of Illinois, and there settled on a claim near Somanauk. The husband farmed and taught school for two years while the wife performed the household duties of their small and primitive cabin.

In 1842 Mr. Bagley was admitted to the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church, which had become separated from the great parent body, not in creed, but upon more liberal rules of church government, the ministry and laity having an equal voice therein, and all the higher offices being elective and for definite terms.

For ten years he was engaged in active ministerial work, nominally being stationed at one place each year, but in reality traveling summer and winter from the south, near Springfield, to the



DANIEL BAGLEY.

northern boundaries of the state. Buffalo and Indian trails then gridironed the broad and thinly settled prairies and were not succeeded by the iron rails of the early railroads of the state until 1850 and the decade succeeding. At Princeton, Bureau County, the first home of the still young couple was established, and here Mr. Bagley was an active worker in the anti-slavery agitation then beginning to arouse the attention and conscience of here and there a few of the earnest thinkers of the day. Owen Lovejoy's and Mr. Bagley's churches stood within a few yards of each other, and their pastors united in religious and philanthropic work.

#### Was Active Abolitionist.

They held anti-slavery meetings frequently and in different places in the surrounding counties, and in a few years Bureau County became noted for its strong anti-slavery sentiments and as a central station on the line of the "underground railroad," by which fugitive slaves were passed from the South to the North and Canada and freedom. Time and again these meetings were broken up by the pro-slavery roughs of the vicinity. The speakers were pelted with decayed vegetables and rotten eggs, and in two or three instances they were brutally assaulted.

### Starts for the Coast.

During the closing years of the forties and early in the fifties California and Oregon attracted a great deal of attention, and the more enterprising of the younger generation began the westward movement ahat has for more than fifty years gone on in an ever-swellling tide. in 1852 Rev. David Bagley was chosen by the board of missions of his church as missionary to Oregon, which then extended from the summit of the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean, and from California to the line of the British possessions. On the 26th of April, 1852, a wagon train started from Princeton westward. In that train were Rev. Daniel Bagley, wife and child, also Judge Thomas Mercer and family, Dexter Horton, Esq., and family, William H. Shoudy, Esq., and wife, and Aaron Mercer and wife, of Seattle, besides many others.

Those moving to the Pacific Coast that year were an army in numbers, so that the danger from Indians was not great, but the hardships and sufferings of the emigrants were increased. The difficulties of securing water and feed for the stock were great and cholera became epidemic. However, the fifteen or twenty families of this particular train, after nearly five months of almost constant travel, arrived at The Dalles, on the Columbia River, without the loss of one of their number and with practically all their wagons and stock. Here they separated, only two or three families accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Bagley to Salem, Or., where they ended their journey September 21, 1852.



### **Engages in Missionary Work.**

Mr. Bagley at once began active ministerial and missionary work and labored unremittingly in all parts of the Willamette Valley the next eight years. He established about a score of churches and probably half that number of church edifices were built mainly through his instrumentality. This was long prior to the advent of telegraphs and railroads and the conveniences and comforts of modern travel. His labors extended from the Umpqua on the south to the Columbia River on the north, and it was rare indeed that he remained at home twenty days in succession, and, in fact, a large part of these eight years was employed in itinerant work, traveling through heat and dust, rain, snow, mud and floods, by day and night, nearly entirely on horseback, so that at 40

sponsibility of the sale of lands, erection of the buildings, and establishing of scholastic work fell upon Mr. Bagley, and during the succeeding three years much of his time was devoted to the university interests, and those labors have borne abundant fruits for Seattle and her citizens.

### **Establishment of University.**

For the ensuing five years his work was made the subject of legislative investigations. He was assailed most ruthlessly by a partisan press, charges of illegal acts, defalcation and mal-administration were sown broadcast over the land, payment for his services refused, and his cup of bitterness filled to the brim. But he had made many strong friends and they stood by him loyally and bravely and helped him to fight his battles to a triumphant conclusion. The most searching investigations established the absolute honesty in the disbursement of university funds and the accuracy of his accounts, and in due time he received a full quittance from the regents of the university and payment in most part of his claims for services.

Of late years he has been called the "Father of the University" as a term of honor and endearment. The generous and graceful attentions showered upon him in recent years by the management and the students of the state institution have done much to brighten his declining years.

### Opens Newcastle Mines.

Just prior to and following the year 1870 the development of what are now known as the Newcastle coal mines began. Daniel Bagley, George F. Whitworth, Josiah Settle and C. B. Bagley were the pioneers of this work, which was the first to become commercially successful in the territory. Again Mr. Bagley was the responsible leader and superintendent, and although the company then formed was succeeded by a number of others, the credit of the opening of this great source of wealth to this county belongs to him and his associates.

The building of the university and the successful opening of the Newcastle mining industry were two important epochs in Seattle's history and material development.

Until 1885 he continued a pastor of the church here, and after the twentieth year in charge of the "Brown Church," he resigned that position. Since then, while not constantly engaged, he has done a great deal of church work in Seattle, Columbia, Elliott, Yesler, Ballard, Renton and Duwamish.

In connection with his church work he was ever a consistent and earnest worker in the temperance cause from the days of the Washingtonian movement.

During the first thirty years of his residence here he was not only devoted to his church work, but was prominent in all that went to the upbuilding of the city.

Even were the part the deceased played in founding the state university and preparing for opening that institution to be passed by, Mr. Bagley would still remain a prominent figure in the early development of Seattle and this state. But as the president of the commission that established the school and the object of partisan attacks for years, vindicated in every way by the most searching of inquiries, Mr. Bagley

earned the title of "Father of the University" as he has been called lately. The students and faculty of the university appreciated his position and at the institution today a deep sense of loss was expressed.

Funeral arrangements have not been entirely completed, but the services for the dead pioneer will likely be held Sunday. At the house there will be private funeral services for the family and immediate friends. The Grand Lodge of Masons for this state will have charge of the public services to be held later in the day. The honorary pallbearers, all personal friends of Mr. Bagley and all of them pioneers of this state, are: Judge Hanford, David Graham, O. J. Carr, D. B. Ward, E. Calvert and Edgar Bryan. The active pallbearers have not yet been named.

As soon as news of the death of the Rev. Mr. Bagley reached the State University this morning a meeting of the faculty was held and Dr. Kane was chosen chairman of a committee that includes Profs. Milnor Roberts, Henry Landes and H. D. Caprington and Dean Condon, which will prepare suitable resolutions and arrange for the University's participation in the funeral services.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, April 27, 1905 p. 1-2]

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## MRS. SUSANNA R. BAGLEY SUSTAINS SERIOUS FALL

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**Aged Woman, Pioneer of This Section,  
Confined to Her Bed as Result  
of Her Injuries.**

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Mrs. Susanna R. Bagley, 94 years old, widow of the late Rev. Daniel Bagley and mother of C. E. Bagley, secretary of the Board of Public Works, is confined to her bed from injuries sustained by a fall yesterday. It will require several days to determine to what extent Mrs. Bagley is injured.

For fifty years she has been a cripple and required to use crutches. Her fall was not the result of paralysis, and for that reason it will require some time to determine their extent.

Mrs. Bagley is a pioneer of Seattle and the Puget Sound country and is probably the oldest of the pioneer settlers now living in this section.

[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Thursday, September 25, 1913, p.7]

## MRS. DANIEL BAGLEY, SEATTLE PIONEER OF 1860, ANSWERS CALL

Widow of Trail-Blazing Methodist Protestant Minister  
Had Followed Frontier From  
Atlantic to Pacific.

### DEATH CLOSES EVENTFUL CAREER OF NONAGENARIAN

**S**USANNAH ROGERS WHIPPLE BAGLEY, mother of Clarence B. Bagley and widow of the late Rev. Daniel Bagley, died yesterday morning at her son's home on Queen Anne Hill. She was 94 years old, and was the last living link binding the people of the present city to Seattle to the band of thirty pioneers who crossed the plains in 1862 by ox team and who helped lay the foundation stones of the metropolis of the North Pacific. She had been ill for many months from causes incident to her remarkable age.

In the party of which Mrs. Bagley was a member and which endured almost incredible hardships as well as terrifying encounters with hostile Indians, were the following whose names are indissolubly bound up in the history of this city, and all of whom passed to their great reward ahead of her:

Dexter Horton, Thomas Mercer, William H. Shoudy, John Pike and Aaron Mercer.

Mrs. Bagley was born near Chester, Mass., May 8, 1819. In 1830 the family moved to Hayfield Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, and there cleared a farm in the primeval forest. On August 15 she was married to Daniel Bagley, who was born and reared within a few miles of the home of Jeremiah and Nancy Whipple, her parents.

#### Emigrate to Illinois.

Two weeks after the wedding Daniel Bagley and his bride left their home and neighbors to settle on a prairie farm in Illinois, not far from the present city of Aurora. There Mr. Bagley worked a farm "on shares" and taught school during winters. In 1842 he entered the ministry of the Methodist Protestant Church, and in 1851 the authorities of the church engaged him to go to what was then Oregon Territory to establish a branch of the denomination.

During the winter preparations were made for the long overland journey. Mrs. Bagley's father had died a few months before, and her slender inheritance of a few hundred dollars went toward the purchase of an outfit. April 20, 1852, the start was made, Mr. Bagley and his wife being members of a party including twenty-three men, seven women and seven children.

From the east bank of the Missouri River to the Columbia was all Indian Territory with no white man's habitation save at Forts Laramie, Boise and Hall. Each night guards were set to keep prowling Indians away from the camp. May 24 the party left what is now Omaha and started to trek toward the Oregon country.

Hardships were many and terrible to endure, including flies, mosquitoes, dust from thousands of hoofs of cattle and horses; rain, hot winds, alkaline water and cold winds in the mountains. To these was added the awful horror of cholera, which broke out in June of that year.

#### Graves Mark Trail.

Along the trail were hundreds of new made graves of victims of the plague. Still the sturdy pioneers made their way to the Pacific with undaunted courage and a patience which seemed sublime. The party in which were the Bagleys, the Mercers and the rest suffered no loss of life, but cared for many of the afflicted on their way.

The summit of the Rocky Mountains was reached July 4; Fort Hall, July 12; Fort Boise, August 14; Fort Dalles, September 3, and Salem, Oregon, September 17. Here the five months' journey ended.

For eight years Mr. Bagley built churches and preached to congregations all over the Willamette Valley and the wife and her little son took up the lonely life that had been their portion in Illinois. For four years the nearest neighbor lived a mile away. She and her little boy cared for their cows and pigs and chickens. Sometimes a little girl lived with them, but they were mostly alone during the long trips of the husband and father.

During all these years Mrs. Bagley maintained her characteristic cheerfulness and fortitude. In October, 1860, the family moved to Seattle. Here the husband taught in the schools and preached on Sundays. The legislature located the University of Washington here, and Mr. Bagley was one of the commissioners named to handle two townships of property, the sale of which was to be used to build the university structures.

While engaged in that work, in 1861 Mr. Bagley, accompanied by his wife, went to Olympia. There she slipped on an icy walk and sustained an injury to

*Pioneer Who Is Called by Death After  
Residence of Half Century in Seattle*



Mrs. Daniel Bagley

her hip. Medical treatment was obtained later in San Francisco, where it was found that a small bone had been broken. It was too late to set the bone, and for years she suffered much pain, and was obliged to use a crutch.

It was fifty-three years ago that Mrs. Bagley came to the little sawmill village of Seattle. The old Oregon Territory grew during her lifetime from a sparsely settled country of 20,000 people to two great commonwealths of more than 2,000,000 population. She was a pioneer of four great states, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Oregon and Washington. Her husband died here in 1905, and lies buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and she will be laid to rest beside him.

Two of Mrs. Bagley's sisters, Mrs. O. J. Carr and Mrs. Myra Carr, accompanied her across the plains to Oregon. The former died here about a year ago. Mrs. Myra Carr, the sole surviving member of the Whipple family, is living at 3627 Ashworth Avenue, this city.

[The Seattle Sunday Times, Seattle, Washington, October 12, 1913 p.19 & 23]

Child of Daniel Bagley and Susannah Whipple:

1. Clarence Booth Bagley
- b. 30 Nov 1843 Troy Grove, Dekalb County, Illinois
- d. 26 Feb 1932 Seattle, King County, Washington
- buried [Mt. Pleasant Cemetery](#), Seattle, King County, Washington
- m. 24 Dec 1865 King County, Washington

Alice Mercer

- b. 26 Oct 1848 Princeton, Bureau County, Illinois
- d. 09 May 1926 Seattle, King County, Washington
- buried [Mt. Pleasant Cemetery](#), Seattle, King County, Washington
- d/o Thomas Mercer and Nancy Brigham

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# MRS. ALICE M. BAGLEY SUMMONED BY DEATH

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Oldest Woman Resident of Seattle, Member of Pioneer Mercer Family, Succumbs.

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**D**AUGHTER of one of Seattle's first pioneer families and known throughout the Northwest as one of the few survivors of the early pioneer days of the city, Mrs. Alice Mercer Bagley, wife of Clarence B. Bagley, secretary of the Board of Public Works, died yesterday morning at the family home, 900 Second Ave. N.

Crossing the plains in a covered wagon train, Mrs. Bagley arrived in Seattle with her father, Thomas Mercer, when she was only 4 years old. That was in 1853, and in the seventy-three years that have intervened since that time, the history of Alice Mercer Bagley's life has run parallel with the growth and development of Seattle.

### Occupied Family Home 40 Years.

For more than forty years she had lived in the Bagley family home at 500 Second Ave. N., the site of which was part of the original claim taken out by her father in 1855.

On December 24, 1865, from her father's home on this claim, near the point where Roy Street and Taylor Avenue now meet, Alice Mercer journeyed in a lumber wagon to the little church that stood where the Seattle National Bank now is, and there on Christmas Eve she was married to young Clarence Booth Bagley, who with his father, Daniel Bagley, pioneer Seattle minister, had made the perilous trip across the plains in the same wagon train with his future wife. Last Christmas Day Mr. and Mrs. Bagley held open house to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of their wedding day and of the open house which followed their wedding.

Mrs. Bagley was born in Princeton, Ill. She attended private schools and the territorial university in Seattle.

### Oldest Woman Resident.

For many years Mrs. Bagley had been an active member of the Washington State Pioneer's Association and of the Women's Auxiliary to that organization. Mrs. Bagley was the oldest woman resident in Seattle in number of years here, and shared honors with Roland Denny, whose arrival here antedated hers, as the oldest residents of Seattle. Mrs. Bagley, her sister, Mrs. Susie Graham, now in Los Angeles, and Mrs. Laura Bell Hall, also in California are believed to be the last surviving members of the little band of pioneer citizens who took refuge in the old Seattle blockhouse during the Indian War.

In addition to her husband and sister, Mrs. Bagley is survived by five children, all of whom reside in Seattle. They are Mrs. Rena Gaiffith, Mrs. Myrta Jenner, Mrs. Ethel W. Allen, Mrs. Alice Claire Hammons, and Cecil Clarence Bagley.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bagley will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Butterworth Mortuary. Burial will be in the family plot in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

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[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Monday, May 10, 1926 p.10]

# C. B. BAGLEY, 88, SEATTLE PIONEER, DIES IN HOSPITAL

Northwest Historian and  
Beloved by Citizens, Is  
Taken Away; Grandsons  
Named as Pallbearers

Funeral service for C. B. (Pop) Bagley, pioneer Seattle historian who died yesterday at the age of 88 years after a short illness, will be held Monday at noon at the Butterworth Mortuary. He died in Providence Hospital yesterday after an illness since Sunday.

Mr. Bagley will be buried in old Mt. Pleasant cemetery on Queen Anne hill. There the bodies of his father and mother and wife now lie. He will be placed in the same plot.

## Will Carry Coffin

The active pallbearers named are grandsons: Earl B. Jenner, Lawrence M. Jenner, Fred J. Jenner, Richard B. Allen, Robert M. Allen and Park D. Bagley.

The honorary pallbearers will be W. D. McKay, Prof. Edmond S. Meany, Rolland H. Denny, Loren Hanford, Will A. Dickey, Paul C. Harper, R. J. Ferguson, and J. Willis Sayre.

Seventy-one years ago, in October, 1860, a slim youth ran into Seattle, feet tripping over logs and ruts, hands clinging to the rear of a two-horse buggy. It was Clarence B. Bagley—"Pop" Bagley to his thousands of friends—who died today.

"Lots of men have run out of Seattle," he used to laugh, "but I'll bet I was the first and only one to run into town. It was a fifteen-day run, too, all the way from Salem, Or., holding onto the buggy, the first vehicle to reach Seattle on its own wheels."

The buggy was occupied by his parents, the Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Bagley, Methodist Protestant missionaries.

"Pop," whose reminiscences enlivened virtually every Board of Works meeting, from 1899, when he became its secretary, until 1929, when he was retired, was Seattle's unofficial but most ardent historian.

#### Born in Illinois

He was born in a log cabin November 30, 1843, at Troy Grove, Ill., 100 miles west of Chicago. And when a wagon train left Princeton, Ill., April 20, 1852, for the Oregon Country, the small boy whose life became inextricably linked with the development of Seattle was a member of the party.

So was Dexter Horton.

So was Thomas Mercer, whose daughter, Alice, then a babe in arms, wed the stripling Bagley in Seattle's first church wedding, Christmas, 1865, in the "White Church," the Methodist Episcopal structure, at Second Avenue and Columbia Street.

Mrs. Bagley died at the family home, 900 Second Ave. N., May 9, 1926. They had lived there forty years. The home is on the site of her father's original homestead, laid out in 1853.

Mr. Bagley is survived by five children, all of Seattle. They are:

Mrs. F. S. Griffith, Mrs. Earle R. Jenner, Mrs. H. Eugene Allen, Mrs. Frederick D. Hammons and Cecil C. Bagley.

### At Birth of University

Mr. Bagley was the last survivor of the historic party which cleared the ten-acre site for the territorial University of Washington in March, 1861. His father, arriving here the fall before, had started teaching school and left Clarence, a pupil, as teacher of the fifteen other pupils while he obtained territorial officials' consent to the university project.

The site, now the Metropolitan Center, was between Seneca and Union Streets and from between Third and Fourth to between Fifth and Sixth Avenues.

As soon as the first building was erected, Mrs. Bagley's uncle, Asa E. Mercer, became the first "university" teacher, teaching his niece and Clarence Bagley among his sixty students.

### Married Alice Mercer

The wedding of the 17-year-old Alice Mercer and the 22-year-old Clarence Bagley was a social event of the holiday season in 1865. Every one of the 200 residents was a guest at the church ceremony and at the "open house" at the home that later was to become Bagley "Brown Church" parsonage, at Second Avenue and Madison Street, afterward. A kindly providence permitted the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary, in the same city, but now grown two thousand fold.

Mr. Bagley recalled Seattle's famous "Big Winter" of 1861-62 when there was skating on six inches of ice on Lake Union for six weeks.

That was the season when two feet of snow, which started falling before Christmas, did not disappear until March.

Also he recalled the city's hottest summer, in 1864, when thermometers one day registered 114 degrees inside wooden buildings.

### His First Party

Mr. Bagley had many birthday parties at which high city officials dined him and praised him and presented him with costly gifts and parchment screeds, but the birthday party he remembered best was his first in Seattle, his seventeenth birth anniversary a month after his arrival here.

His mother invited all the children of his age—there were nine in town, mostly girls. And for refreshments the youngsters ate Oregon apples and fresh-from-the-oven New England mince pies.

Having traveled across the Great Plains and the Rockies by wagon train when a child; having trudged into Seattle at the tail end of a buggy when a youth; having ridden in Seattle's first street cars; having seen the first automobiles in town, Mr. Bagley had his first airplane ride a few years ago, and enjoyed it.

### Took First Vacation

Following his retirement at City Hall in 1929, the then 86-year-old pioneer, took his first vacation by making a hike over the Naches Pass with a grandson and a party of younger men who were winded and outdistanced by the man for whom they had been afraid the tramp across the snow would be too much.

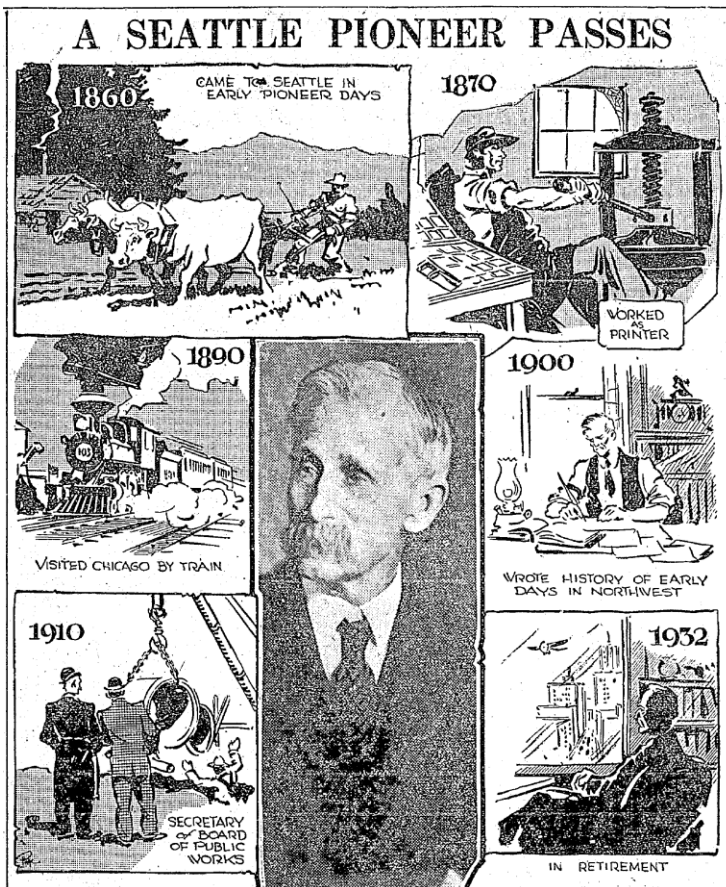
But that was because he was beckoned on by a vision—the remembrance of the time, away back in 1853 when the first and only ox train crossed Naches Pass, a trail led by James B. Biles—and the vision of the other pioneers who had labored across the country to help carve out a new nation on the western coast, and who preceded him across "the Great Divide."



### Newspaper Publisher

Olympia, too, will mourn him today, for between the time he "ran into Seattle," and the time he became Seattle's Board of Works secretary, he published a newspaper in the state capital.

Seattle's school children will mourn him, too. Several years ago he divided his great collection of Northwest histories, making a gift of hundreds of volumes to the University of Washington, and privately printing a 2,000-volume edition of "Pioneer Seattle and Its Pioneers" as a gift to the public schools here, as a climax to his voluminous writings, which included a History of Seattle and many magazine and newspaper articles and pamphlets.



[The Seattle Daily Times, Seattle, Washington, Saturday, February 27, 1932 p.3]

Children of Clarence Bagley and Alice Mercer:

i. Rena B. Bagley

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d. 1946 Seattle, King County, Washington

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ii. Myrta Bagley

b. 1871 Washington

d. 1964 Washington

buried [Lakeview Cemetery](#), Seattle, King County, Washington

m. Earle Robison Jenner

1880: Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, June 4, 1880; C.B. Bagley, 36, publisher, IL PA Mass; Alice M., 31, wife, keeping house, IL OH CT; Rena, 11, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Myrta, 8, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Ethel W., 2, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Alice C., 7/12 (Nov), dau, at home, WA IL IL; Susan R., 61, mother, at home, chronic rheum, Mass Mass Mass; Danl, 61, M.P. Minister, PA NY NY

iii. Ethel Whipple Bagley

b. 16 Jun 1877 Washington

d. 26 Feb 1965 Washington

m. Harry Eugene Allen

1880: Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, June 4, 1880; C.B. Bagley, 36, publisher, IL PA Mass; Alice M., 31, wife, keeping house, IL OH CT; Rena, 11, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Myrta, 8, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Ethel W., 2, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Alice C., 7/12 (Nov), dau, at home, WA IL IL; Susan R., 61, mother, at home, chronic rheum, Mass Mass Mass; Danl, 61, M.P. Minister, PA NY NY

1900: Seattle, King County, Washington, June 11, 1900; Clarence B. Bagley, head, Nov 1843, 56, m-35yrs, IL PA PA, clerk board of public works; Alice M. (M probably for Mercer), wife, Oct 1848, 51, m-35yrs, 5-5, IL OH NH; Ethel W.,

dau, Jun 1877, 22, s, WA IL IL; Alice C., dau, Nov 1879, 20, s, WA IL IL; Cecil C., son, Jul 1888, 12, s, WA IL IL, at school; Daniel, father, Sep 1818, 81, m-60yrs, PA NY NY; Susannah, mother, May 1819, 81, m-60yrs, 1-1, Mass CT Mass

iv. Alice Clair Bagley

b. Nov 1879 Washington

d. 1975

m. 24 Jun 1903 Seattle, King County, Washington to Frederick Dent Hammons

1880: Olympia, Thurston County, Washington, June 4, 1880; C.B. Bagley, 36, publisher, IL PA Mass; Alice M., 31, wife, keeping house, IL OH CT; Rena, 11, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Myrta, 8, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Ethel W., 2, dau, at home, WA IL IL; Alice C., 7/12 (Nov), dau, at home, WA IL IL; Susan R., 61, mother, at home, chronic rheum, Mass Mass Mass; Danl, 61, M.P. Minister, PA NY NY

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v. Cecil Clarence Bagley

b. 21 Jul 1888 Washington

d. 17 Jan 1971 Washington

buried [Mount Pleasant Cemetery](#), Seattle, King County, Washington

1900: Seattle, King County, Washington, June 11, 1900; Clarence B. Bagley, head, Nov 1843, 56, m-35yrs, IL PA PA, clerk board of public works; Alice M. (M probably for Mercer), wife, Oct 1848, 51, m-35yrs, 5-5, IL OH NH; Ethel W., dau, Jun 1877, 22, s, WA IL IL; Alice C., dau, Nov 1879, 20, s, WA IL IL; Cecil C., son, Jul 1888, 12, s, WA IL IL, at school; Daniel, father, Sep 1818, 81, m-60yrs, PA NY NY; Susannah, mother, May 1819, 81, m-60yrs, 1-1, Mass CT Mass