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Mr. Richard A. Nolf, Director,  
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Dear Mr. Nolf:

I enclose the clippings from the July 5 and the July 14 issues of The Oregonian which you requested. The story, you will note, was by Associated Press from Cody, Wyo. Possibly you would want to correct the error by writing to the bureau chief, Associated Press, Cheyenne, Wyo.

Thank you for the brochures and I look forward to the map.

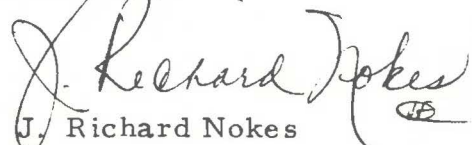
I have forwarded your letter to Miss West to our editorial page editors who supervise our "People's Own Corner" column.

The northern route continued through Casper, Red Butte, South Pass, Rock Creek and Ft. Bridger, Wyo., never going as far north as Cody. The next section of the route was through Salt Lake City and Ft. Crittendon, Utah; Ruby Valley, Ft. Churchill, and Carson City, Nev. The final stage of the route ran through Placerville and Sacramento, ending in San Francisco. A map drawn by W.R. Honnell showing this route may be found in the Aug. 22, 1935, issue of The Kansas City Kansan.

Such historical inaccuracy as is evidenced in such proceedings as Mr. Rikhoff's ride serve only to tarnish the very brilliant history of such an exciting undertaking as the Pony Express.

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Sincerely,

  
J. Richard Nokes  
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## July 5 'Pony Express' Reaches Cody

CODY, Wyo. (AP) — Sun-tanned Jim Rikhoff galloped his Arabian horse down Cody's main street Thursday, winding up a 400-mile re-enactment of the famed Pony Express mail service.

Rikhoff tossed off a leather pouch containing congratulatory letters from mayors along the route to Gov. Stan Hathaway and Cody Mayor Carl Kreuger, then joined other riders for a Fourth of July parade.

The modern day version of the historic mail run was climaxed when officials laid a cornerstone for a new Buffalo Bill Museum in Cody, a city of 5,000 made for Col. William F. (Buffalo Bill) Cody, the western frontiersman.

The 30 Arabian horses and 15 riders were changed every 10 miles during the relay ride across the Wyoming plains and mountains from Cheyenne.

July 14  
'Wrong Route'



To the Editor: Having done a study on the Pony Express, and having received two medals and a letter of commendation for my work from the Pony Express History and Art Gallery in San Rafael, Calif., I feel I am qualified to point out a rather gross misrepresentation of history. I am referring to the article on the front page of the July 5 issue of The Oregonian concerning Jim Rikhoff's "re-enactment of the famed Pony Express mail service."

The article implied that the Pony Express went through both Cheyenne and Cody, Wyo. This, however, is not true. The Pony Express route began at Kansas City, Kan., continued through Ft. Kearney, Neb., to Julesburg, Neb., where it split into two branches, one going to Denver, Colo., and the other on to Ft. Laramie, Wyo. Neither branch went to Cheyenne.