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Jesse Evans

A Cold Blooded Killer

Jesse Evans was an outlaw and gunman of the Old West, and leader of the Jesse Evans Gang. Best known for his involvement in the infamous Lincoln County War, Evans was a cold-blooded killer. Even Billy the Kid, in a letter to New Mexico governor Lew Wallace, wrote of his fear of Evans.

Jesse J. Evans was born in 1853 in either Missouri or Texas. His first brush with the law came in June 1871 in Elk City, Kansas, when he was arrested with both his mother and father for passing counterfeit money. This was interesting, because up to that point Jesse had led a promising life, even graduating from Washington and Lee College in Virginia.

After that incident, Evans began working as a cowboy, even spending some time in the employ of famed cattle baron John Chisum. After a time, Evans ventured to both Las Cruces and La Mesilla, New Mexico, where he became associated with a

man named John Kinney. At the time, Kinney was leading one of the more well-known criminal gangs of the New Mexico Territory. Evans joined the gang, and over time he and Kinney became close.

On the night of December 31, 1875, Kinney, Evans, Pony Diehl, and Jim McDaniels went into Las Cruces. While there the gang members became involved in a disagreement and later a brawl with soldiers of the U.S. Cavalry stationed at Fort Seldon. The outlaws lost the fight, and left, only to return and open fire on the saloon, killing two soldiers and one civilian, and wounding several others.

Kinney had been badly wounded in the earlier fight, and went into hiding. Soon after that night, while Kinney was still healing, Evans, gang member Samuel Blanton, and possibly another outlaw named Morris, shot and killed Quirino Fletcher in Las

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Jesse Evans

The Captivity of the Oatman Girls

CHAPTER 2:

Nineteen Apaches Approach Them - Profess Friendliness

By R. B. Stratton

“Whether my father had read that notice left for our warning by Dr. Lecount, and had from prudence concealed it, with the impression it may have made upon his own mind, from us, to prevent the torment of fear it would have enkindled; or whether a campfire might have been discerned by him in the distance the night before, warning of the nearness of the savage Apaches; or whether by

On August 9, 1850, the Oatman family left Independence, Missouri, headed for a new life in California. They would never reach their destination. On the trail in Arizona, an Indian party attacked the family. The only survivors were sisters Olive and Mary Ann and their brother Lorenzo. Lorenzo was left for dead and the sisters were taken captive. In 1857, R. B. Stratton wrote a book titled *The Captivity of the Oatman Girls Among the Apache and Mohave Indians*.

The *Territorial News* is serializing the book in its entirety. Look for a new installment in every issue of the *Territorial News*.

spirit law or the appointment of Providence the gloom of his waiting doom had been sent on before to set his mind in readiness for the breaking storm, are questions that have been indulged and involuntarily urged by his fond, bereaved children; but no answer to which has broke upon their ear from mountain, from dale, or from spirit-land. For one hour the night before my father had wept bitterly,

while in the wagon thinking himself concealed from his family, but of which I was ignorant until it was told me by my eldest sister during the day. My mother was calm, cool, and collected; patient to endure, and diligent to do, that she might administer to the comfort of the rest of us. At one time, during the severest part of the toil and

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In Their Own Words

Capturing Wild Mustangs

Nat Love was born into slavery in Tennessee in 1854. Freed by the North's victory in the Civil War, Love's family tried to sharecrop for their former slave master. Young Nat, however, wanted to see the world and the desire leave the farm and head west burned in him. His luck took a turn for the better when he won \$100 in a lottery. With that money, Love struck out for Dodge City, Kansas. From then on, Nat Love made a name for himself in the West. He was nicknamed “Deadwood Dick” and he



counted among his friends and acquaintances well-known westerners such as Bat Masterson, Jesse and Frank James, Billy the Kid, Buffalo Bill Cody, and many others. Love published his memoirs in 1907. In the excerpt that

(See Nat Love on Page 8)

Jesus, gentle Shepherd,
Bless Thy lamb to-day;
Keep me in Thy footsteps,
Never let me stray.
Guard me through the daytime.
Every hour, I pray;
Keep my feet from straying
From the narrow way. Amen.

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(13 Letters)

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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

When it was payday at Clifton during the 1870s, copper miners were paid promissory notes instead of money. The only thing they could buy was merchandise at the mining company store. The notes were worthless anywhere else.

There was an 1895 Flagstaff city ordinance that prohibited women from frequenting saloons, as a customer or an employee. One woman was fined ten

dollars for playing piano in one to provide income for her family when her husband was sick. A district judge said she didn't have to pay.

At Williams in 1898, feelings were high against the federal government's plan to control timber cutting and livestock grazing in the forests. Ranchers and sawmill operators wanted to send a representative to Washington to "head off the scheme" which they claimed

violated their right to unlimited access to wood and grass on public land.

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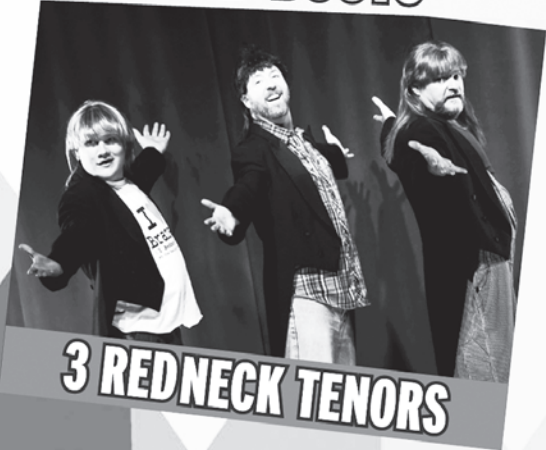
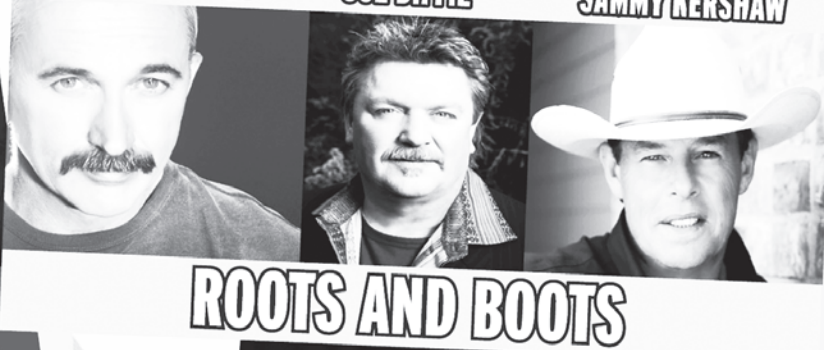
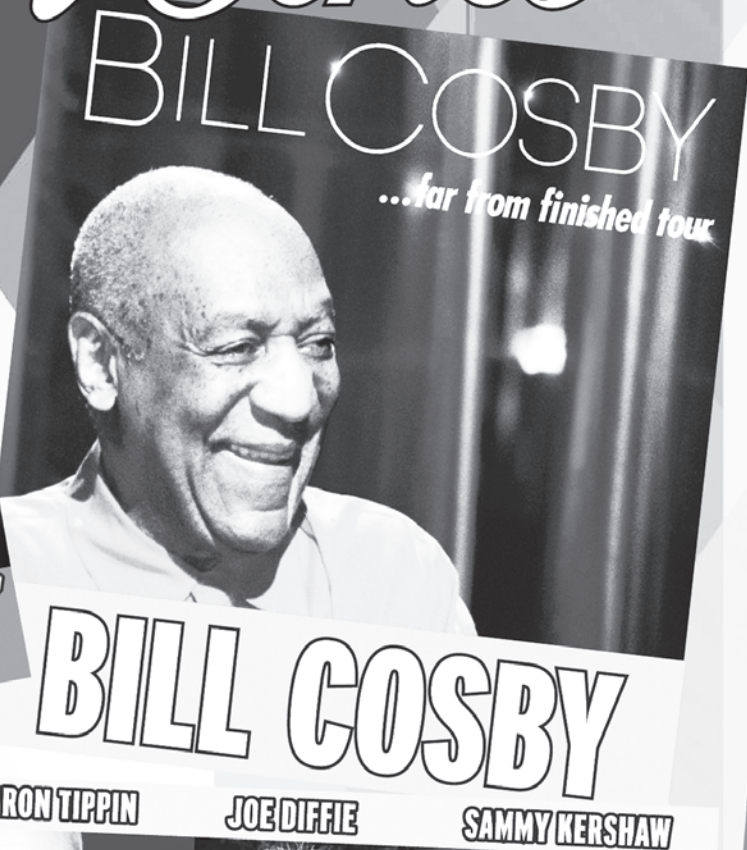
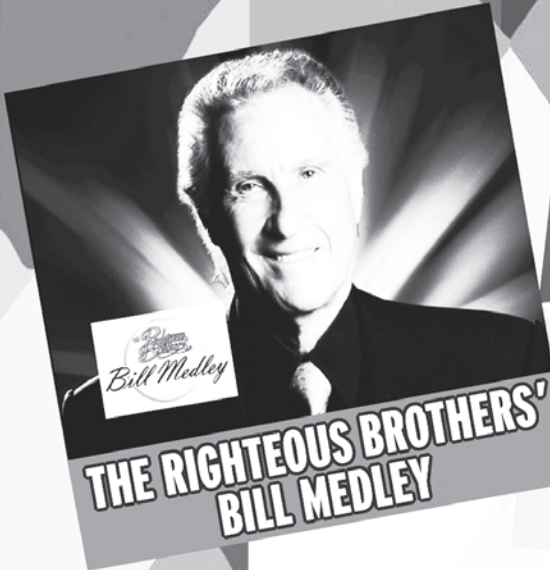
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The Oatman Girls

Captivity

(From Page 1)

efforts of that day to make the summit of that hill, my father suddenly sank down upon a stone near the wagon, and exclaimed, ‘Mother, mother, in the name of God, I know that something dreadful is about to happen!’ In reply, our dear mother had no expressions but those of calm, patient trust, and a vigorous, resolute purpose.

“We found ourselves now upon the summit, which proved to be the east edge of a long table-land, stretching upon a level, a long distance westward, and lying between two deep gorges, one on the right, the other on the left; the former coursed by the Gila River. We had hastily taken

our refreshment, consisting of a few parcels of dry bread, and some bean soup, preparatory to a night’s travel. This purpose of night travel had been made out of mercy to our famished teams, so weak that it was with difficulty they could be driven during the extreme sultry heat of the day. Besides this, the moon was nearly in full, giving us light nearly the entire night; the nights were cool, and better for travel to man and beast, and the shortness of our provisions made it imperative that we should make the most of our time.”

Up, upon an elevated, narrow table-land, formed principally of lime rock, look now at this family; the scattered rough stones about them forming their seats, upon which they sit them

down in haste to receive the frugal meal to strengthen them for the night’s travel. From two years old and upward, that group of children, unconscious of danger, but dreading the lone, long hours of the night’s journey before them. To the south of them, a wild, uninhabited, and uninhabitable region, made up of a succession of table lands, varying in size and in height, with rough, verdureless sides, and separated by deep gorges and dark canyons, without any vegetation save an occasional scrub-tree standing out from the general sterility. Around them, not a green spot to charm, to cheer, to enliven the tame, tasteless desolation and barrenness; at the foot of the bold elevation, that gives them a wider view than was granted while winding the difficult denies of the crooked road left behind them, murmurs on the ceaseless Gila, upon which they gaze, over a bold precipice at the right. To the east and north, mountain ranges rising skyward until they seem to lean against the firmament. But within all the extended field swept by their curious, anxious vision, no smoking chimney of a friendly habitation appears to temper the sense of loneliness, or apprise them of the accessibility of friendly sympathy or aid. Before them, a dusty, stony road points to the scene of anticipated hardships, and the land of their destination. The sun had scarcely concealed his burning face behind the western hills, ere the full-orbed moon peers from the craggy mountain chain in the rear, as if to mock at the sun weltering in his fading gore, and proffering the reign of her chastened, mellow light for the whole dreaded night.

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Virgil Earp Once Walked The Dusty Streets of Prescott

By Richard W. Kimball

Virgil Earp, older brother of Wyatt Earp, once walked the dusty streets of frontier Prescott. He lived in the former capital of Arizona Territory for slightly more than two years.

In 1876, Virgil and his wife Allie moved to Arizona Territory from Dodge City, Kansas Territory. When they arrived in Prescott, Virgil had only one silver 50-cent piece in his pocket.

He found work driving a mail wagon for a while and then tried his luck at gold mining. He eventually built and operated a small sawmill at the base of Thumb Butte, the town's landmark. His sawmill supplied lumber for many of the houses being built in Prescott at that time.

Virgil once assisted the Prescott sheriff who was trying to arrest a couple of Texas cowboys, considered to be outlaws. The cowboys got themselves good and drunk in the saloons on Whiskey Row. When they finally staggered out to the street, they decided to have a little fun with their six-shooters.

They picked out a woman who was walking her dog across Montezuma Street. At the first shot, the frightened woman gathered up her skirts and started running up the street. The cowboys tried shooting through her legs trying to get the dog that was running along with her. The woman ducked into a store to escape her tormentors and later contacted the sheriff.

Sheriff Ed Rowen went down to Whiskey Row and

tried to arrest the rowdy cowboys, but they threatened him with their pistols and rode out of town.

The sheriff deputized a few of the men he saw hanging around outside the saloons and commandeered a buckboard. Since the two outlaws had ridden up a canyon past Virgil's home, the sheriff stopped to deputize him, too.

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Killer

(From Page 1)

Cruces, for reasons still not known. Evans stood trial for the murder, but was somehow acquitted.

It was around this time that Evans broke away from the Kinney Gang to form his own. Several of Kinney's men followed him including Billy Morton, Frank Baker, Jim McDaniels, Buffalo Bill Spawn, Dolly Graham, Tom Hill, Bob Martin, Nicholas Provencio, and Manuel Segovia. Although usually referred to as the Jesse Evans Gang, they referred to themselves as "The Boys". They became involved in numerous acts of robbery and cattle rustling between 1875 and 1877.

Jesse Evans

Meanwhile, tensions were growing in Lincoln County between factions controlled by two sets of wealthy businessmen in the area. In late 1877 Evans and his gang were hired by the Murphy-Dolan group to face off against Billy the Kid and his boys, known as the Regulators, who were under the control of the McSween-Tunstall faction. Despite the fame that Billy the Kid would eventually receive due to the conflict, by many accounts Evans was the most feared of the gunmen. Evans and members of his gang harassed rancher John Tunstall, and on February 18, 1878, Evans, Frank Baker, William Morton, and Tom Hill murdered Tunstall, which ignited the bloody Lincoln County War.

Evans would figure prominently in the range war, often taking the lead on operations against the Lincoln County Regulators. His role is often downplayed, but in most documented accounts, Evans was at the front. In later letters written by Billy the Kid to Governor Lew Wallace, Evans was mentioned, and the Kid even stated in one that he feared being assassinated by Evans. William Morton and Frank Baker were tracked down by the Regulators and killed for the Tunstall murder, and on that same day Tom Hill was killed and Evans was wounded when they tried to rustle some sheep but were thwarted by the rancher.

On April 29, 1878, Evans led a posse that killed Regulator Frank McNab and badly wounded Regulator Ab Saunders. Evans and his gang were a main factor in the Battle of Lincoln, a three-day affair which ended with three dead on the Regulators side, and three dead on the Murphy-Dolan side, along with several Murphy-Dolan men being wounded.

After the Lincoln War ended, Evans and gang member Billy Campbell killed an attorney named Huston Chapman on February 18, 1879, who was the lawyer hired by Susan McSween on behalf of her husband Alexander McSween, who was killed during the Battle of Lincoln, and the gang was again on the run from lawmen.

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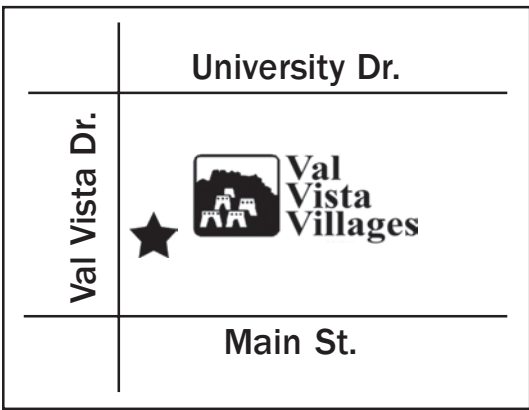
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Florence - The Real Wild West

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Combine cowboys, miners, outlaws, wagons rattling through town in every direction, saloons, and gambling establishments, and you will have early Florence—a real Wild West town. Florence's dusty roads were busy. From the Silver King Mine 35 miles from town, wagons loaded with ore at first and then with shipments of silver bars and concentrates, headed to the railroad at Casa Grande. Stages with the payroll headed through Florence, then through the mountains to the mines. Over 100 mines peppered the mountains surrounding the town. Men came to Florence for a stake or a job, while miners already employed or working a claim traveled to town for supplies and recreation.

Florence's nearby ranches supplied the community with beef. Cowboys were hired to help with the endless work of running cattle. All came into town at one time or another to buy supplies and, just like the miners, enjoyed imbibing or gambling, or both, at one of the many saloons. With the transitory population of miners, prospectors, and cowboys added to Florence's entrepreneurs, there were bound to be some people who operated outside the law. The

mountains, canyons, and caves surrounding town were great places for outlaws to hide. Aravaipa Canyon became notorious for renegade Apache and even murders, leading a corral in the canyon to be described as haunted. Pinal County had many stage robberies—especially on the road from Florence to Globe. Because the county courthouse and jail were in Florence, miscreants were brought to town for trial or safekeeping until they could be sent to the Arizona Territorial Prison in Yuma.

The 20th century did not diminish Florence's role as part of the lawlessness of the real Wild West. The haunted corral was part of news stories again, and Florence's location near major thoroughfares made it a mark for criminals on their way to somewhere else.

The Coke Ovens



Courtesy Pinal County Historical Society

Somewhat mysterious to those who come upon them are these "beehive" ovens located east of Florence on the north bank of the Gila River. The coke, or charcoal, ovens were built in the late 1880s to supply charcoal to mining companies' smelters. Silver ore from the nearby Silver Bell and Columbia Mines was reduced to bullion before being transported to San Francisco for further refining.

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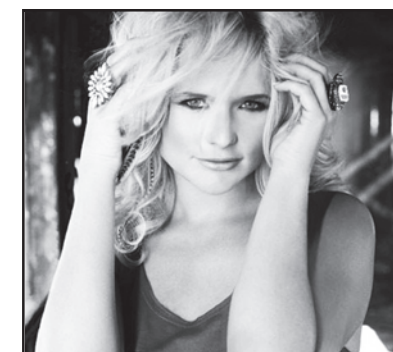
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can help us achieve this goal better than ever by helping us become truly eco-conscious."

This year's Country Thunder will be held in Florence, Arizona, April 10-13. The festival features

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Capturing Wild Mustangs

Nat Love

(From Page 8)

We had not yet seen anything of our cook and mess wagon. It had not arrived at the place agreed upon, although it has had ample time to do so. Our provisions which we carried were quite low, so after waiting as long as we could, and the mess wagon failing to show up, we decided to start the hunt

and take our chances on grub from what we could knock over with our guns.

Accordingly the boys all started out for their several stations. After waiting a reasonable length of time to give them an opportunity to reach their positions, we made for the herd, which as near as we could judge contained about seventy-five of the prettiest horses it was ever my pleasure to see. The

magnificent stallion who happened to be on guard had no sooner seen us than he gave a danger signal to the herd, who were off like the wind, led by a beautiful snow white stallion. To get them going was our only duty at present, and we well knew the importance of saving our saddle horses for the more serious work before us. Therefore we only walked our horses, or went on a dog trot, keeping a sharp lookout for the herd's return.

The band of wild horses would run ten or fifteen miles across the prairie, where they would catch sight of the other boys, then off they would go in another direction, only to repeat the performance, as they struck the other side of the circle. In this way they would make from fifty to sixty miles to our ten, and we were slowly working them down. We kept them going this way day and night, not giving them a moment's rest or time to eat. After keeping them on the go for ten days we were able to get within a mile of them and could see some of the stallions taking turns at leading the herd, while other stallions would be at the rear fighting them on. In a few days more we were near enough to begin shooting the stallions out of the herd. Then we could handle them a great deal better. At this time our want of grub began to tell on us. Our cook and mess wagon had not showed up, so we had long since given them up as lost. We believed they had been captured by the Indians and future events proved we were right.

Our only food consisted of buffalo meat of which we were able to secure plenty, but buffalo meat for breakfast, dinner, and supper every day without bread or salt is not the most palatable bill of fare, especially when it is all we had day after day, without any prospect of a change until we got home. But we were game and resolved to stay with our work until it was finished,

(See Nat Love on Page 15)

Jesse Evans

Killer

(From Page 6)

Texas Rangers caught up to them on July 3, 1880, near Presidio del Norte, in Mexico. In the ensuing gunbattle, Evans shot and killed Ranger George Bingham, while gang member John Gross was wounded by the Rangers, and gang member George Davis was shot and killed by Rangers D.T. Carson and

Ed Sieker. Ranger Carson was also shot and wounded. Thr Rangers eventually prevailed and Evans was arrested, tried, and sentenced to prison. He managed to escape while on work detail one day, however he was recaptured a few months later. Sent to Huntsville Prison, he was released in 1882 and was never seen or heard from again. Where he went and what happened to him is a mystery.

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Virgil Earp in Prescott

Dusty Streets

(From Page 5)

Virgil’s wife Allie remembered the eventual shoot-out: “I was in the kitchen when I heard a blaze of guns from down the canyon and across the creek. I flew out the door and headed for the creek. Again, the guns started popping. I ran on with the bullets whizzing over my head like pigeons. The shooting was terrible. I could hear the leaves being cut amongst the willows. Then they stopped, and across the creek the shots popped more slow and careful. And then ...

“I can’t never say what I saw in that little clearing in the cottonwoods and willows. I just seen them there awful plain—the creek and trees and with that young man’s head in the leaves, and his dark curly red hair, and the cigarette still smoking in his mouth like the six-shooters in his hands,” she said.

Allie then ran off toward the creek. “Virge! Virge! It was all I could think of. A man stepped out of the trees and led me up to the sheriff and Virge. They had the other man who was shot in the leg and gave up,” she said.

The *Arizona Miner*

reported that Virgil Earp’s Winchester was perhaps the most effective weapon that the town’s lawmen had at their disposal during the shoot-out.

In early November of 1879, Virgil’s brothers, Wyatt and Morgan, rode into Prescott, accompanied by Doc Holliday.

The newspaper described Wyatt as a tall and thin man with a narrow face and a drooping mustache. His reputation was that of a “gambler, cardsharp and all-around shady character.” Doc Holliday was a skinny, sickly looking man with blond hair, cold gray-blue eyes and a pasty white face.

The new arrivals told Virgil they were on their way south to the boom-town of Tombstone and wanted him to join them.

While Virgil was considering their request, U.S. Marshal Crawley P. Dake contacted him and made him a Deputy U.S. Marshal of the Territory and assigned him to

(See *Dusty Streets* on Page 18)



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Capturing Wild Mustangs

Nat Love

(From Page 12)

especially as we only had twenty men and everyone was badly needed in the work ahead of us, so we did not think we could spare a man to return home after grub. So we swallowed our buffalo meat day after day and kept the horses moving.

They were now pretty well worked down, and we proceeded to work them

toward a place where we could begin to rope them. There were now only a few stallions left in the herd as we had shot nearly all of them, and the others were too tired to cause us any trouble. We had now been out of grub over three weeks except buffalo meat and such other game as we could bring down with our guns. Our fears that our cook and mess wagon had been captured by the Indians proved well founded, as we about this time met an outfit

who had seen the place where the cook was killed. The said the surroundings indicated that quite a large band had surprised the cook and driver, but that they had put up a brave fight as evidenced by a large number of empty rifle and revolver shells scattered around. Our first impulse after hearing this was to start in pursuit of the red skins and get revenge, but calmer judgment showed that such a course would be useless, because the Indians had a couple of weeks start on us and we did not know what tribe had committed the offense as there were so many Indians in that part of the country and in the Indian territory, and besides our horses were in no shape to chase Indians, so much to our regret our comrades had to go unrevenged at least for the present, but we all swore to make the Indians pay dearly, especially the guilty ones, if it were possible to discover who they were. We continued to work the mustangs back and forth, and in thirty days from the time we started out we had about sixty head hemmed up in Yellow Fox Canyon and were roping and riding them. They were not hard to handle,

(See Nat Love on Page 20)

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Virgil Earp in Prescott

Dusty Streets

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the Tombstone area.

Virgil was well acquainted with Dake by that time because he had been living in Prescott for more than two years. Since no salary was involved—only fees—Dake was probably glad to find a good gunman to take the job.

As far as Virgil was concerned, the Deputy U.S. Marshal position gave him the legal right to carry a firearm in the turbulent town

Tombstone where a city ordinance banned everyone from carrying weapons.

After pinning the marshal's badge to his vest, Virgil joined Wyatt and Morgan for the trip south.

Doc Holiday, in the meantime, was having a run of good luck in the saloons on Whiskey Row. He told the Earp brothers that he wanted to stay in town for a few days longer.

After the Earps saddled up and rode out of town, the editor of the *Arizona Miner* wrote a scathing editorial

saying that Prescott was better off without the services of the Earp brothers. The editor knew full well that the Earps always sought law enforcement positions so they could protect their gambling interests.

Holliday enjoyed an incredible winning streak at the faro tables. He had already won about \$40,000 in the saloons on Prescott's Whiskey Row and was hoping to win even more.

The game of faro is a banking game in which each card player places a bet on a special layout as to which cards will be winners or losers as they are drawn out of a dealing box. Every two cards drawn constitute a turn after which all bets are settled. Historians believe the name "faro" is derived from the word *pharaoh*.

By the time Holliday was ready to leave town, his saddlebags were bulging with money. Of course, no one dared to challenge him about his winnings. His reputation as a cold-blooded killer was all that was needed to keep them at bay.

In addition to his position as U.S. Deputy Marshal, Virgil also became the Town Marshal of

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Captivity

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with success that he often censured the whites for their severity toward them; and was disposed to attribute injury received from them to the unwise and cruel treatment of them by the whites. It had long been his pride and boast that he could manage the Indians so that it would do to trust them. Often had he thrown himself wholly in their power, while traveling and doing business in Iowa, and that, too, in times of excitement and hostility, relying upon his coolness, self-possession, and urbanity toward them to tame and disarm their ferocity. As yet,

his theory had worked no injury to himself, though often practiced against the remonstrances of friends. But what might serve for the treatment of the Iowa Indians might need modification for these fierce Apaches. Besides, his wonted coolness and fearlessness seemed, as the Indians approached, to have forsaken him; and I have never been able to account for the

conduct of my father at this time, only by reducing to reality the seemings of the past few days or hours, to wit, that a dark doom had been written out or read to him before.

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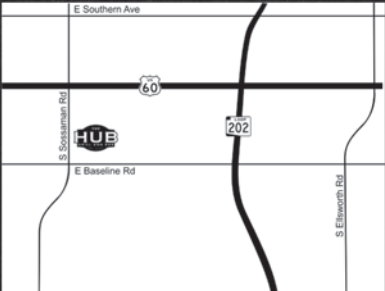
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Virgil Earp in Prescott

Dusty Streets

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Tombstone. Wyatt and Virgil had considerable experience as lawmen—Wyatt had been a constable in Lamar, Missouri, and later a policeman in the tough cow-towns of Wichita and Dodge City, Kansas. Virgil worked the saloons for a while in Dodge City with Wyatt before moving with his wife to Arizona Territory.

In 1881, a few months after the famous shoot-out at the O.K. Corral, Virgil barely escaped a would-be assassination attempt. He was wounded in the back and left arm by unknown assailants using shotguns. His left arm was permanently crippled as a result of the surgical removal of five and a half inches of shattered bone.

While being examined by his

doctor, the severely wounded Virgil managed to tell his wife, “Never mind, I’ve got one arm left to hug you with.”

Nearly 20 years after the Tombstone affair, Virgil and his wife returned to Prescott. Virgil had been nominated for sheriff of Yavapai County by the Republican Convention in 1900.

It was during the convention that Virgil Earp gave one of the best speeches heard all evening: “No doubt many of you have heard of me,” he began. “I want to tell you a few things. In 1874, I went to Dodge City, and I tell you boys she was the wildest town on the American continent.

“The year 1876 saw me in Prescott,” Virgil continued. “On my arrival here I soon found out that some of the boys whom I had driven out of Dodge City were here. As soon as they saw me they concluded that if they were going to make any gunplay or shoot up the town they had better do it before I became identified with the country. So they started in at once to shoot up the town. Ed Rowen was sheriff. Do you remember that time, Eddie?”

“Well I do, Virgil,” responded Judge Edward W. Wells.

“Well, Sheriff Rowen asked me to go with him,” Virgil went on. “I told him I was a newcomer. Go get someone else. But he insisted. Whether I performed my duty, then you ask Judge Wells and the others. A few years later I was in Tombstone, and I tell you, gentlemen and ladies, she was a hot town!”

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Virgil explained how E.B. Gauge had asked him to come back to Prescott to “clean up the disorderly and lawless elements.”

“I didn’t want it,” Virgil said. “I told him to get someone else. They replied, ‘If you don’t, we’ll have to shut down our mines.’ So I accepted.”

When asked about Earp’s character, Gauge said, “I know personally that whatever Virgil Earp did in Tombstone was at the request of the best men in Cochise County and I wish to remark that if Earp is elected sheriff of Yavapai County, all classes and all interests, individual and corporate, will receive fair and just treatment at his hands.”

But the sheriff’s position was “not in the cards” for Virgil Earp. The 57-year-old gunfighter dropped out of the race a few months later because of his failing health.

Virgil spent the rest of his life in various law enforcement positions in California and Nevada, despite being able to use only one arm. He lived for a while in the new city of Colton, California, and eventually recovered his health good

enough to be that city’s first City Marshal.

He died of pneumonia on October 19, 1905, in Goldfield, Nevada. He was 62 years old. At the time of his death, he was serving as Deputy Sheriff of Esmeralda County, Nevada. Virgil was buried a few weeks later at the Riverview Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.



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Capturing Wild Mustangs

Nat Love

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