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## The Army's Greatest Indian Fighter General George Crook

### Also Fought for Fair Treatment of Native Americans

In spite of his reputation for enlightened patience and integrity in dealing with Native American affairs, General George Crook was considered the army's greatest Indian fighter.

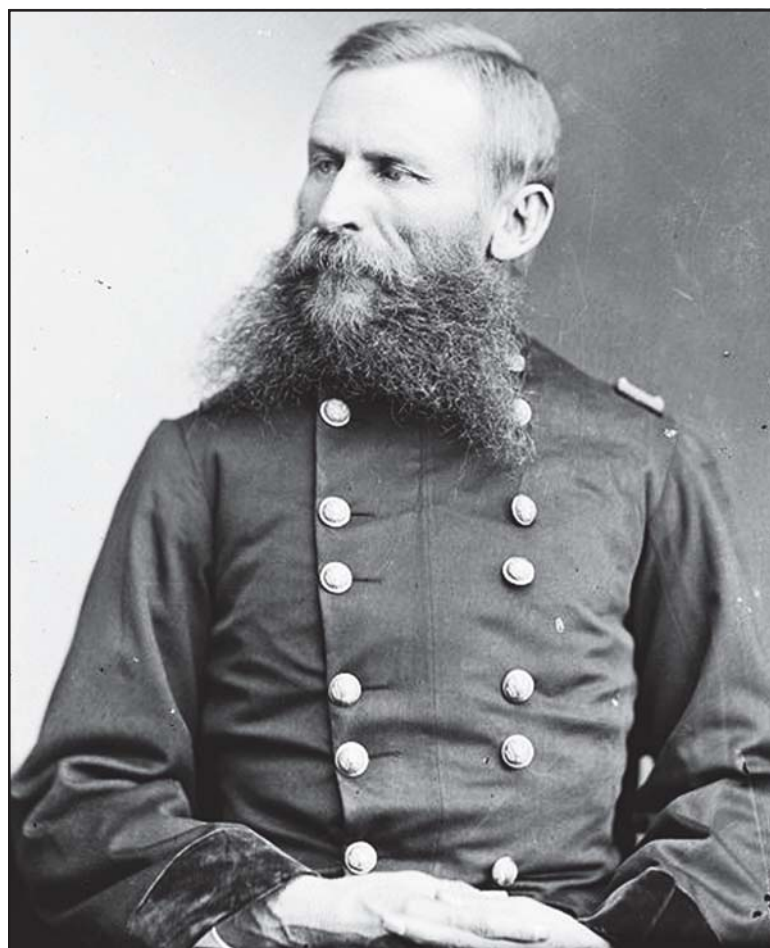
Born in 1828 into an Ohio farming family, Crook graduated from the US Military Academy at West Point in 1852 near the bottom of his class. He spent the first part of his military career in Northern California and Oregon fighting several Indian peoples and learning how to operate under frontier conditions that left his troops short of supplies, but well-provisioned with hair-trigger, often hare-brained local volunteers. He also received his first experience

with Indians and saw first-hand how they were betrayed when the US Senate rejected several negotiated treaties, leaving them with no rights.

"When they were pushed beyond endurance and would go on the warpath, we had to fight when our sympathies were with the Indians," Crook later said. Nevertheless, he led successful campaigns against the Shoshone and Nez Perce and others in Washington, Oregon and California.

The outbreak of the Civil War in 1861 brought Crook back to the East, where he was promoted to captain and served in guerrilla actions in West Virginia at the battles of

(See General on Page 6)



## Miners Faced Difficult Conditions at the Comstock

When the discovery of silver in the Virginia Range, near present day Reno, Nevada, was made public in 1859, it sparked a rush of prospectors to the area. The discovery, known as the Comstock Lode, eventually would yield millions of dollars from a series of spectacular strikes around Sun Mountain, now known as Mt. Davidson. It also would give birth to the nearby boomtown Virginia City.



A number of obstacles had to be overcome before large-scale mining operations could begin at Comstock. The spot, high on the sterile side of the mountain, was remote and difficult to

reach. Everything—food, fuel, lumber, and the complex machinery necessary for quartz mining—had to be brought up from below, first in great freight wagons drawn by six- and eight-horse teams and, after 1869, over the corkscrew roadbed of the Virginia & Truckee Railroad. But the richness of the mines more than compensated for these inconveniences.

(See Mining on Page 4)

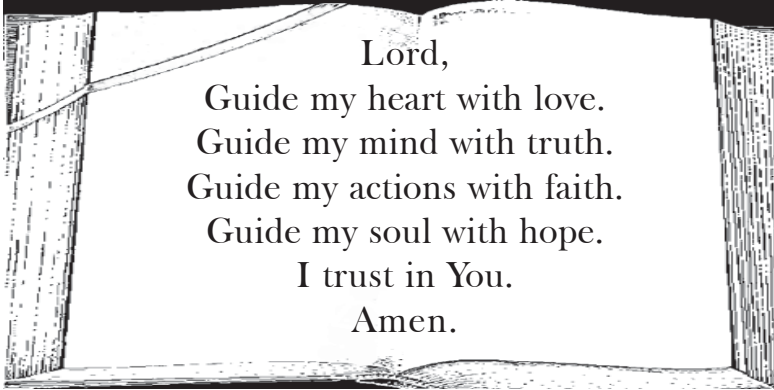
## The Goingsnake Massacre

The Goingsnake Massacre was an incident that occurred on April 15, 1872, during the early days of the Old West. The event occurred at Tahlequah, in the Goingsnake District of Oklahoma, then the capital of the Cherokee Nation in Indian Territory. During the trial of a suspect, arrested for shooting a man then murdering the man's wife, eight US Marshals were killed in an ambush. Though called a massacre, it was actually more of a gunfight.

Zeke Proctor, a Cherokee, fought for the Union Army, while all of the Beck family, also Cherokee, fought for the Confederate Army. Following the war, tensions between the Becks and the Proctors were high; mostly due to those former loyalties, but partly due to Proctor's alleged romantic interest in Polly Beck. Also, Proctor was a member of the Cherokee Keetoowah tribe, which strongly believed in the preservation of traditional ways, including a growing

During the Civil War,

(See Gunfight on Page 8)



Lord,  
 Guide my heart with love.  
 Guide my mind with truth.  
 Guide my actions with faith.  
 Guide my soul with hope.  
 I trust in You.  
 Amen.

## Captain's Bar Presents

### ARIZONA TRIVIA

**This Week's Question:** Which Arizona State Park was officially opened to the public in 1999 after years of secrecy? (16 Letters)

**Last Issue's Question:** The city of Tucson, Arizona, is also known by what nickname?

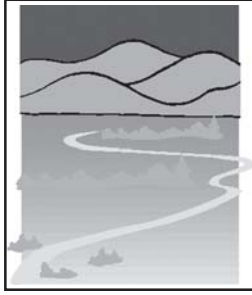
**Answer:** The Old Pueblo

**Congratulations! You got the right answer!**

Sid Clarke, Bonnie Cloutier, Doyle Ekey, Jack Gajewski, Kevin Gartley, Charlene Harms, Robert Lidgett, Roger Ringer, Bill Riordan, Gary Swanson, Richard Valley.

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## Arizona - Web of Time

### Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

The colors of northern Arizona's Painted Desert come from deposits of oxidized iron and magnesium. Parts of the Painted Desert can be seen by highway travelers on Interstate 40 east of Flagstaff and from the road north to Tuba City from Flagstaff.

1826 was the year white English-speaking Americans visited Arizona which was claimed by Mexico. They were fur trappers looking for beaver. Among them was Bill Williams for whom an Arizona mountain and town later would be named.

Charley Meyer was a druggist who was elected justice of the peace at Tucson in 1869. Every man

he found guilty was sentenced to time on a chain gang cleaning the town.

Bars of silver from an 1878 mine near Tombstone were hidden in holes in the adobe walls of an office building to keep them safe from outlaws.

A U. S. Army captain who saw Arizona's Grand Canyon in 1884 called it "a tremendous gash in the bosom of nature, a scene of utter desolation. Before us," he added, "frowned hideous escarpments and on each hand other walls hemmed us in. The glad sunshine refused to follow us into this gloomy cavernous depth."

In addition to preparing

the deceased for burial, the 1901 Williams undertaker also was a construction contractor and sold cement, house paint, furniture and pianos. The Williams drugstore sold medicine prescribed by the doctor, jewelry, perfume, fancy soap, marijuana, heroin and morphine. Those businesses are gone, but Williams still exists west of Flagstaff and south of the Grand Canyon on Interstate 40.

The 1905 Arizona Territory legislature made it illegal to sell or give cigars, cigarettes, pipe and chewing tobacco to children under the age of 18. Lawmakers also passed a new law imposing a fine and jail time for people who refused to pay their hotel bills. Another 1905 law increased penalties for carrying concealed weapons with fines up to \$300 and jail sentences up to 30 days.

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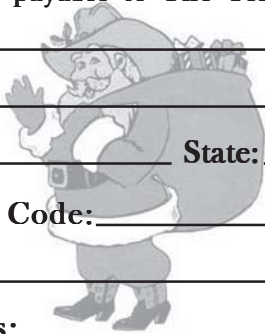
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By mid-January the Grand Duke had made his way to central Nebraska for his much anticipated participation in a buffalo hunt that would take place on his twenty-second birthday. The famous Buffalo Bill Cody was to be his guide. The hunting party also included General Philip Sheridan and Colonel George Armstrong Custer. Buffalo Bill kept a diary of his experience. The

following excerpt begins as the Grand Duke's special train pulls into the train station:

At last, on the morning of the 12th of January, 1872,



**Grand Duke Alexis**

the Grand Duke and party arrived at North Platte by special train; in charge of a Mr. Francis Thompson. Captain Hays and myself, with five or six ambulances,

fifteen or twenty extra saddle-horses and a company of cavalry under Captain Egan, were at the depot in time to receive them. Presently General Sheridan and a large, fine-looking young man, whom we at once concluded to be the Grand Duke came out of the cars and approached us. General Sheridan at once introduced me to the Grand Duke as Buffalo Bill, for he it was, and said that I was to take charge of him and show him how to kill buffalo.

In less than half an hour the whole party were dashing away towards the south, across the South Platte and towards the Medicine; upon reaching which point we halted for a change of horses and a lunch. Resuming our ride we reached Camp Alexis in the afternoon.

General Sheridan was (See Buffalo Bill on Page 18)

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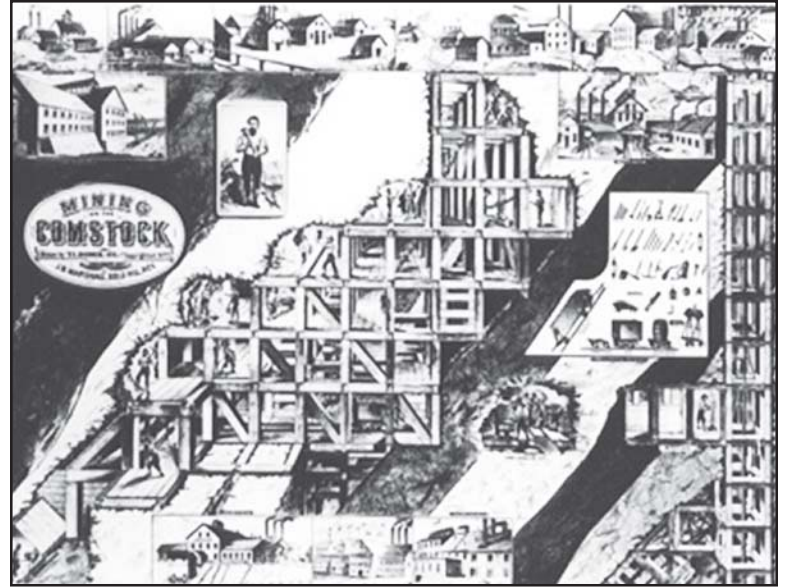
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# The Comstock

## Mining

(From Page 1)

During the first several years the mining and milling of the ore was a routine operation, but as the surface deposits were worked out and the shafts were sunk deeper, new problems arose. The ore was a black sulfide that crumbled easily and tended to cave. This characteristic, plus the fact that the veins widened steadily as they slanted into the mountainside, made the usual methods of timbering useless. The question of how to remove the ore from these underground caverns—some of which were measured a hundred feet or more from floor to ceiling—and at the same time prevent the cavern roof from falling in and trapping the workmen, for some time defeated the best efforts of the owners and threatened to



Diedesheimer's Square Set Timbers

bring operations to a halt.

At length, a young engineer, Philip Diedesheimer, was brought up from the quartz mines of California and asked to devise some means of coping with the problem. After several weeks of study, he hit on a solution. A series of interlocking frames, built of twelve-inch-square timbers, was placed in tiers, one above

the other, so as to fill the shafts from floor to ceiling. The "Diedesheimer square sets," as they were called, remained in use throughout the life of the Comstock.

But other problems remained, chief of which was the supplying of air to workmen on the lower levels. As the shaft were deepened and the lateral drifts grew longer, the atmosphere at the faces of the cuts became so foul that the miners often could work no more than fifteen minutes at a time. To correct this condition, a number of expedients were tried. Great funnel-like "air traps" were rigged up at the mine heads, designed to catch whatever wind was blowing and force it underground through canvas pipes. This procedure sufficed for a time, but as the shafts descended to a depth of a half-mile and more, powerful air pumps and intricate ventilating systems had to be installed. Even these did not fully solve the problem. In 1878 a visitor to the lower level of one mine found the air so thin and impure that candles inside the miners' lanterns "flickered and burned with a faint blue flame."

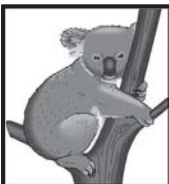
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Traveling with an experienced trapper named Henry Chatillon as a guide, Parkman followed the

Oregon Trail west for three months. In June 1846, he arrived at Fort Laramie in present-day Wyoming. Parkman was overjoyed to learn that a party of Oglala Sioux was gathering nearby in preparation for a summer war with their enemies, the Snake. Certain that all Indians were bloodthirsty savages eager to fight, Parkman viewed the

approaching war as an opportunity to witness the Indian's true nature. Soon after, though, he heard that the Sioux had decided to abandon the warpath for that summer. For the first time, Parkman began to question the accuracy of the stereotypical white view of the Indians.

(See Unlikely on Page 23)

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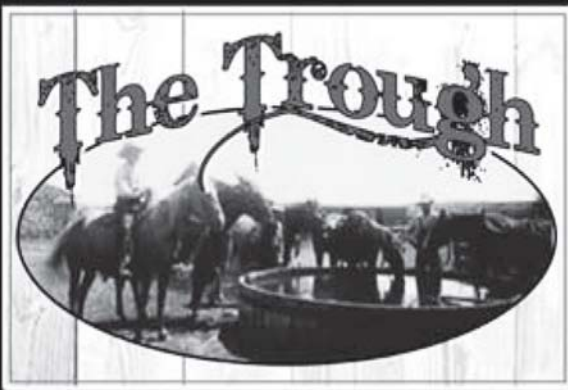
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# George Crook

## General

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Second Bull Run and Chickamauga. He commanded a regiment of Ohio volunteers as a colonel, then was brevetted Major General and put in command of the Army of West Virginia, taking part in General Philip Henry Sheridan's Shenandoah Valley campaign. He was captured by Confederate guerrillas at Cumberland, Maryland, on February 21, 1865. A company of guerrillas, known as Captain McNeill's company, tricked a sentry and penetrated the Union lines. According to Crook, "By threats they made the ignorant

Dutchman who happened to be on picket give them the countersign. Armed with that they passed the sentinels right along, and came up to the hotel where General Kelley and I had our headquarters, and came to our rooms. Finding ourselves completely at their mercy, there was nothing left for us but to go with them. We were mounted on horses provided for that purpose, and were taken to Richmond." Two weeks later, Crook regained his freedom when a special exchange was made.

After his Civil War service, Crook was awarded the regular rank of lieutenant colonel and sent back to the Pacific Northwest to subdue the Paiute. After a successful two-year campaign there,

President Ulysses S. Grant personally placed Crook in charge of the Arizona Territory. Repeated skirmishes between whites and Apaches, and in particular the Camp Grant massacre in April 1871, forced Grant to take action. Crook arrived with a mission to end fighting between the Apaches and the whites by placing the Apaches on reservations.

Soon after assuming command, Crook held a council with all the important chiefs in the area. He listened to the famous and powerful ones – Miguel, Pedro, Cochise, Pitone and Eskimmi-yan – who told him they were at peace and wanted to remain at peace.

Crook explained to the assembled chiefs that trouble between the whites and Indians could not continue. He told them he would protect them from the bad whites, but the chiefs would have to protect the whites from the bad Indians. If they let the bad Indians raid and steal and kill, it would be impossible to protect the Indians who obeyed the law.

Crook knew that the Indians could no longer live on wild game, which was already beginning to disappear. He believed that until the Indians learned the ways of the whites they would be safe only on reservations. And he believed that as soon as the two races stopped fighting and came to trust each other, the Indians would be able to go anywhere to live and work. Crook promised he would try to find work for those who wanted it, and the

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# Goingsnake Massacre

## Gunfight

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dislike of the encroachment of whites. This belief included disapproval of Cherokee women being involved romantically with white men. This despite the fact that Proctor's father was a white man.

The elder Proctor was a known murderer and was often drunk. He once forced his way into a house where a young girl had been playing the piano; after she stopped, he held her at gunpoint and made her continue playing. He was involved in several saloon brawls in the small town of Cincinnati, Arkansas, but was also known for his trait of always returning afterward to pay for damages. He had also previously killed two Cherokee brothers from the Jaybird family.

Polly was said to have been an attractive woman.

She was the widow of a white man, Steve Hilderbrand, who had been killed during the Civil War. She remarried several times, and Jim Kesterson, another white man, was either her fourth or fifth husband. Polly had one brother and two first cousins who were Deputy US Marshals.



Zeke Proctor

No one seems to know exactly what led to the confrontation. Some stories state that Jim Kesterson had previously been involved with Proctor's sister, Susan,

and had left her for Polly, leaving Susan and the children destitute (it is said the children were not Kesterson's). Another version indicates Kesterson caught Proctor stealing cattle and intended to prosecute. Yet another version claims Proctor had been previously involved romantically with Polly, who was known locally to be promiscuous (dating several men, most of them white), and that he was in love with her. Another version indicates Proctor had never been involved with Polly, but was jealous about an Indian woman having married or being involved with a white man.

Whatever the reason, Proctor confronted Polly and Jim at Polly's dead husband's mill in the Oklahoma Territory, near Siloam Springs, Arkansas, on February 27. The incident developed into an argument. Zeke Proctor produced a rifle and shot Kesterson in the head, slightly wounding him. Proctor then turned to Polly and fired, killing her. Zeke maintained his killing of Polly was accidental.

Proctor was arrested by US Marshals. However, at the time, American Indian courts handled all cases involving American Indians. Kesterson, believing Proctor would not be convicted in a Cherokee court, appealed to the local federal court, asking that an arrest warrant be issued to ensure that Proctor received an

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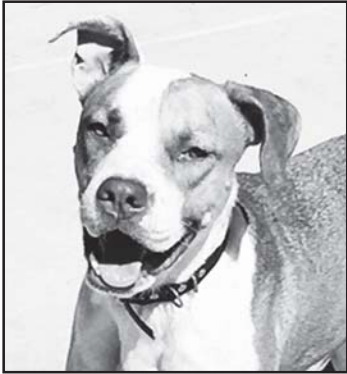
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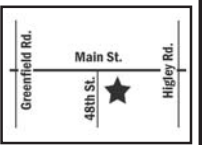
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# George Crook

## General

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Not waiting for Washington to send tools, Crook collected old shovels and picks from all the camps and forts under his command and immediately put the Apaches to work. Soon they had constructed a 5-mile-long irrigation project where they planted 57 acres of melons and other crops.

Many Arizona citizens who wanted the Apaches exterminated opposed

Crook's efforts. The notorious Tucson Ring, a corrupt group of Arizona businessmen who wanted Indians on the warpath so they could continue profiting from selling

promoted Crook to brigadier general and Crook remained in Arizona two more years upgrading military facilities and championing more humane treatment of the Apache and other tribes. Crook was opposed to sending Indian children to boarding schools in the East, but was thwarted in his efforts to establish schools on all the reservations.

In 1875, his mission seemingly accomplished, Crook was transferred to the Northern Plains to take command of the Platte, headquartered in Omaha. That winter, Crook defeated the Great Cheyenne chief Dull Knife, and then enlisted the Arapaho, Utes, Bannock,



supplies to the military, also opposed him.

But by the fall of 1872, Crook had signed a treaty with Cochise that brought peace to the Arizona Territory. Cochise upheld the treaty until his death two years later. President Grant

Shoshone, Crow and Winnebago in his fight against the Sioux. By the time Crazy Horse surrendered with 1,100 people on May 6, 1877, the last great battles on the Plains were over.

In 1882, the Apaches had fled their reservations and resumed their guerrilla war under the Chiricauha Geronimo. Crook was ordered back to the Arizona Territory. During the next four years, Crook repeatedly forced Geronimo's surrender, only to see him retreat into the mountains or flee to Mexico. Crook wearied of the long campaign and in a letter to General Sheridan stated, "I believe that the plan upon which I have conducted operations is the one most likely to prove successful in the end. It may be, however, that I am too much wedded to my own views in the matter, and as I have spent nearly eight years of the hardest work in my life in this department, I respectfully request that I may now be relieved from it's command."

On April 2, 1886, Crook received his orders relieving him of command. His long-time rival, General

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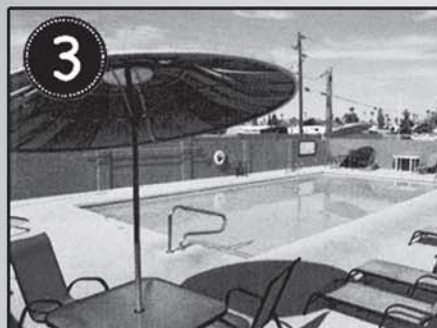
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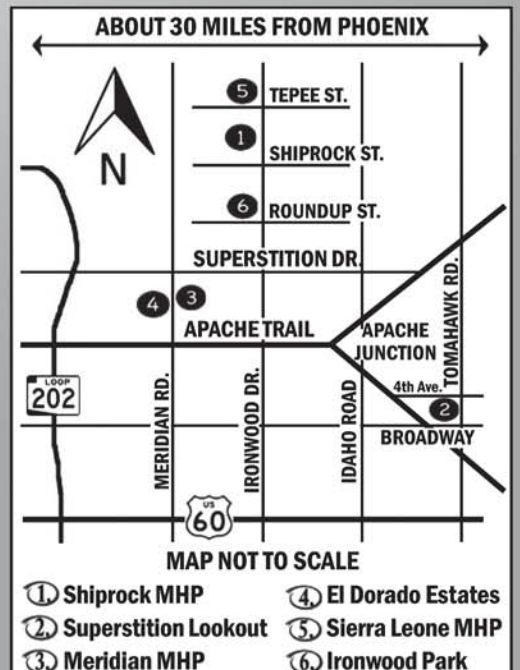


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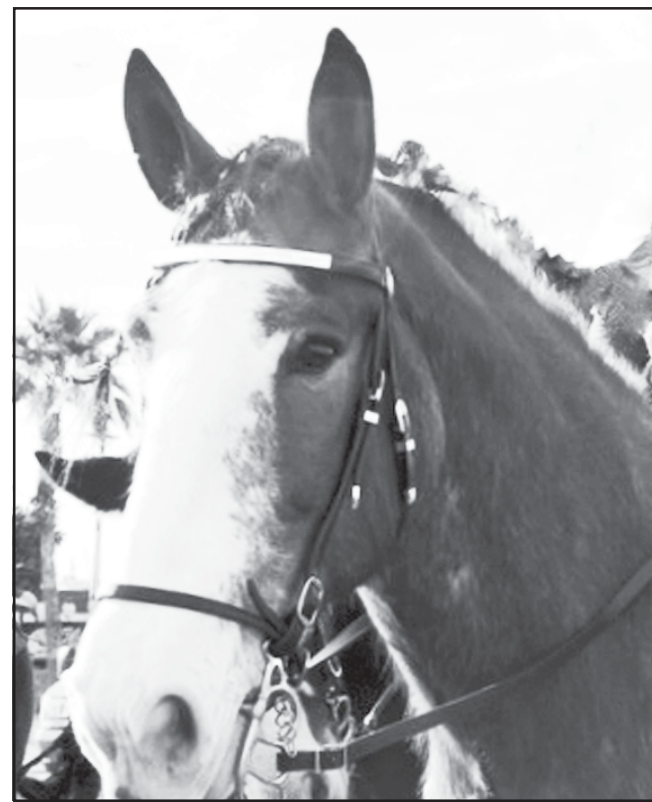
USA Clydesdale Preservation Foundation (USACPF) is a local 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation of the Clydesdale horse breed. Founded in 2012 in Gilbert, Arizona, by Rebecca Stivers, USACPF's goal is to educate the public about the "at risk" classification of the Clydesdale Horse.

With their origins in Scotland during the early 19th century, the Clydesdale was bred specifically as a working farm horse. The Clydesdales are one of the largest of the draft horses ranging from 1800 to 2500 lbs and 16 to 19 hands in height.

Clydesdales came to the US in the late 19th century. They were utilized as a farm horse and war horse in the earlier years, but their numbers declined drastically due to casualties of war and the industrial revolution, as they were no longer needed for their pulling power. One of the largest issues for the Clydesdale Horse is the lack of having a new purpose for the breed. Promoting the Clydesdale as a riding horse will help create a demand for them.

Thanks to Budweiser's marketing, the Clydesdale horse has become an American icon, but the population is still "at risk and vulnerable" as described by both the Equus Trust Foundation and the Rare Breeds Survival Trust.

USACPF hopes to make a difference in the population numbers with their volunteers' hard work and dedication. The volunteers promote the



versatility of the Clydesdales by riding the horses in parades, drill team demonstrations, as well as educating through social media, schools, and community events.

USACPF is always looking for volunteers who would like to help with the organization. No horse experience is necessary, but a passion to save the Clydesdales horse is important. We also accept monetary donations and wish list items. For more info and a full list of wish list items, please visit our website [usaclydesdalepreservationfoundation.org](http://usaclydesdalepreservationfoundation.org)

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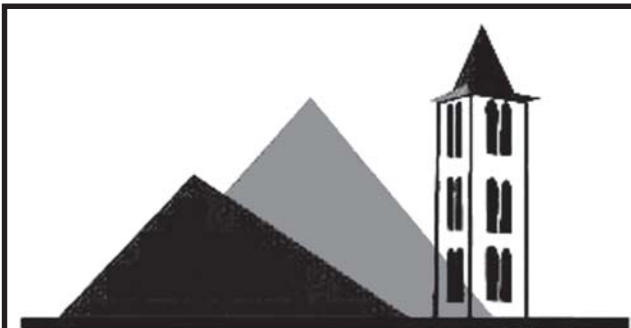
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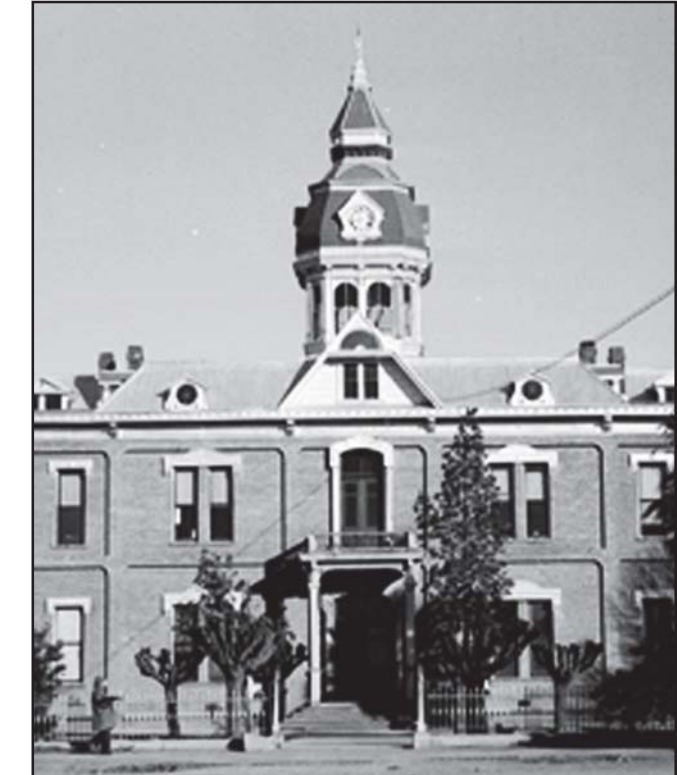
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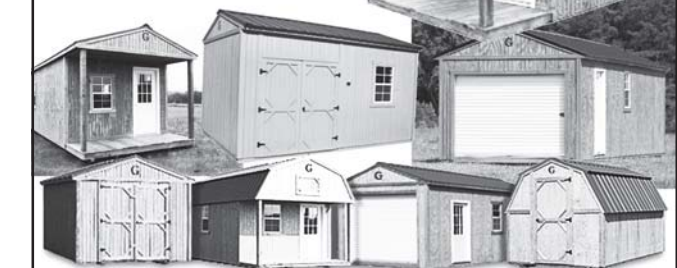


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# The Comstock

## Mining

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These difficulties were bad enough, but the owners were presently faced by even more serious trouble. As the miners probed deeper, the temperature on the lower levels rose steadily, reaching 120 degrees at 2,300 feet, and continued to rise with each additional foot. In one property, the Crown Point, it eventually reached 150 degrees—a circumstance that prompted a Virginia City editor to boast that the Comstock mines were not only the world's richest, but were also incomparably the hottest.

Working in such conditions was an ordeal only the hardest could endure, and then for only brief periods. Yet somehow the ore was gotten out. Miners wearing nothing but breechcloths and shoes pecked away at the faces of the shafts, their pick bundles and drills wrapped in cloth that every few minutes had to be dipped in ice water. Huge quantities of ice were lowered down the shafts. In the summer of 1878 the daily allotment was ninety-five pounds per man; a total of more than two million pounds were used that year. One account tells of "half-fainting men" who chewed bits of ice to cool their

throats, and "carried lumps in their clenched hands." Only the introduction of power-operated Burleigh drills permitted the work to continue; to swing a pick or use a hand drill would have been impossible. Even with such tools, production fell off to the point where it took four men to accomplish what ordinarily would have been done by one.

In addition to the extreme heat at the lower levels, hot springs were tapped and scalding water flooded the tunnels adding still another complication to a situation that had already taxed the ingenuity of the country's ablest mining engineers. To prevent the flooding of the lower levels, ever more powerful pumps had to be installed. By the end of the 1870s, engines developing as much as 600 horsepower were in continuous operation at the mine heads, lifting 10,000 gallons an hour for distances of 3,000 feet and more. Even such massive equipment sometimes proved inadequate, and in several mines the water level continued to rise, driving the workmen from the lower levels.

The problem of ventilating the stifling hot lower workings, of pumping out the water and of lifting the ore from the bottoms of the shafts eventually grew so complex—and expensive—as to threaten to bring operations to a halt. At that juncture a plan was proposed that gave promise of solving all three difficulties: the digging of a five-mile-long tunnel, beginning at the base of the mountain and striking the lode at a point low enough to drain off the water and permit the ore to be carried by gravity into the valley below.

That ambitious project was conceived by a shrewd and able entrepreneur named Adolph Sutro, a German-born immigrant who had reached the lode in the early 1860s, opened a cigar store at Virginia City and, a year or two later, took over the management of a quartz mill at nearby Dayton. When he organized his tunnel company in 1865, it had the enthusiastic backing of mineowners whose tunnels were being flooded. Nineteen of them signed

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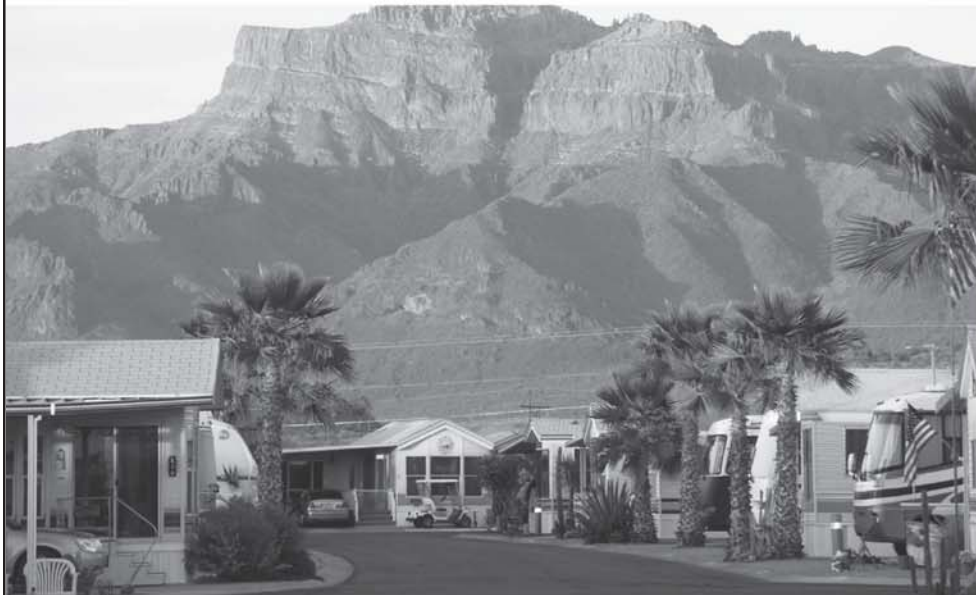


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# The Comstock

## Mining

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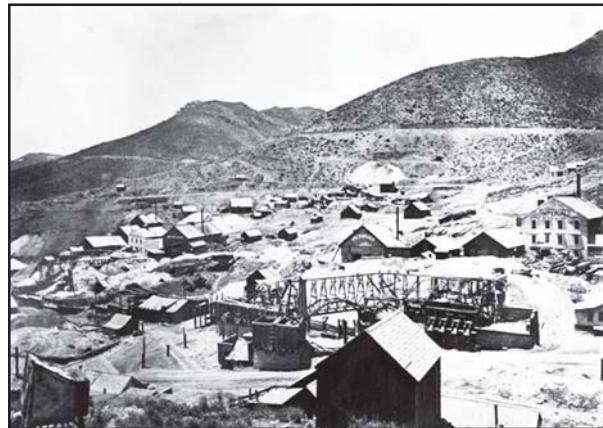
contracts by which they agreed to pay Sutro's company a royalty of two dollars a ton on all ore passing through the tunnel. That backing enabled Sutro to raise funds to start construction, and work began in the fall of 1869. However, strong opposition presently developed. The mine owners withdrew their support, mainly because they foresaw that the two-dollar royalty would cut sharply into their profits, particularly in the handling of low-grade ore. Merchants and property owners at Virginia City realized that the mills would be moved to the tunnel's outlet in the valley, thus taking from them many of their free-spending

customers.

Against this powerful opposition Sutro fought back with vigor. Deprived of support both locally and in San Francisco (where all the leading mines were owned), he ranged far afield. He

financial situation, but a variety of other obstacles arose, including labor troubles and a succession of difficult technical problems. Somehow, though, the work continued, and at last, on July 8, 1878, the tunnel was broken through to the main shaft of the Savage Mine.

To the story of the Sutro Tunnel must be added this ironical footnote: During the thirteen years required to build it, all but a fraction of the richest ore was mined. By 1878 the



succeeded in having bills introduced at several sessions of Congress, authorizing the granting of government funds to complete the project. Unsuccessful there, he carried his campaign to England, where a group of London bankers eventually agreed to make him a loan of \$2,500,000. This eased the

Comstock had passed its crest; some of the mines had shut down entirely, and others were operating with sharply reduced staffs, working low-grade surface deposits that had been ignored earlier. During the first five years after the tunnel was opened, royalties for its use averaged only \$44,000 annually—far short of Sutro's original estimate. Later, earnings picked up somewhat with the increased milling of the lode's less valuable ore, but its promoter's dream of large profits went unrealized. In 1889 the company went into bankruptcy and the mortgage holders took over.

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Arnold and Slack played their con perfectly. They arrived in San Francisco in 1872 and tried to deposit a bag of uncut diamonds at a bank. When questioned, the two men quickly disappeared, acting as if they were reluctant to talk about their discovery. Intrigued, a bank director named William Ralston tracked down the men. Assuming he was dealing with unsophisticated country bumpkins, he set out to take control of the diamond mine. The two cousins agreed to take a blindfolded mining expert to the site; the expert returned to report that the mine was indeed rich with diamonds and rubies.

Joining forces with a number of other prominent San Francisco financiers, Ralston formed the New York Mining and Commercial

Company, capitalized at \$10 million, and began selling stock to eager investors. As a show of good faith, Arnold and Slack received about \$600,000—small change in comparison to the supposed



**Clarence King**

value of the diamond mine. Convinced that the American West must have many other major deposits of diamonds, at least 25 other diamond exploration companies formed in the subsequent months.

Clarence King, the then-little-known young leader of a geographical survey of the 40th parallel, finally exposed the cousins' diamond mine as

a hoax. A brilliant geologist and mining engineer, King was suspicious of the mine from the start. He correctly deduced the location of the supposed mine, raced off to investigate, and soon realized that the swindlers had salted the mine—some of the gems he found even showed jewelers cut marks.

Back in San Francisco, King exposed the fraud in the newspapers and the Great Diamond Hoax collapsed. Ralston returned \$80,000 to each of his investors, but he was never able to recover the \$600,000 given to the two cousins. Arnold lived out the few remaining years of his life in luxury in Kentucky before dying of pneumonia in 1878. Slack apparently squandered his share of the money, for he was last reported working as a coffin maker in New Mexico. King's role in exposing the fraud brought him national recognition—he became the first director of the United States Geological Survey.

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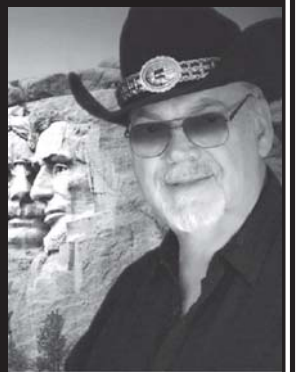
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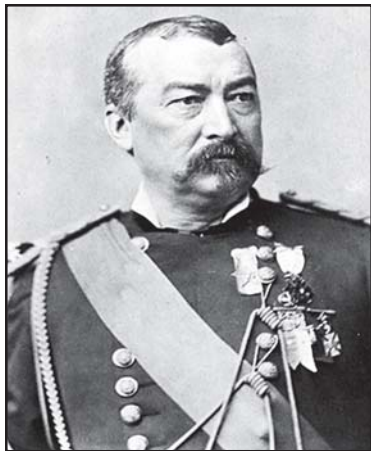
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# Entertaining the Grand Duke

## Buffalo Bill

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well pleased with the arrangements that had been made and was delighted to find that Spotted Tail and his Indians had arrived on time. They were objects of great curiosity to the Grand Duke, who spent considerable time in looking at them, and



Philip Sheridan

watching their exhibitions of horsemanship, sham fights, etc. That evening the Indians gave the grand war dance, which I had arranged for.

General Custer, who was one of the hunting party, carried on a mild flirtation with one of Spotted Tail's daughters, who had accompanied her father thither, and it was noticed also that the Duke Alexis paid considerable attention to another handsome redskin maiden. The night passed pleasantly, and all retired with great expectations of having a most enjoyable and successful buffalo hunt. The Duke Alexis asked me a great many questions as to how we shot buffaloes, and what kind of a gun or pistol we used, and if he was going to have a good horse. I told

him that he was to have my celebrated buffalo horse Buckskin Joe, and when we went into a buffalo herd all he would have to do was to sit on the horse's back and fire away.

At nine o'clock next morning we were all in our saddles, and in a few minutes were galloping over the prairies in search of a buffalo herd. We had not gone far before we observed a herd some distance ahead of us crossing our way; after that we proceeded cautiously, so as to keep out of sight until we were ready to make a charge.

Of course the main thing was to give Alexis the first chance and the best shot at the buffaloes, and when all was in readiness we dashed over a little knoll that had hidden us from view, and in a few minutes we were among them. Alexis at first preferred to use his pistol instead of a gun. He fired six



George Custer

shots from this weapon at buffaloes only twenty feet away from him, but as he shot wildly, not one of his bullets took effect. Riding up to his side and seeing that his weapon was empty, I exchanged pistols with him. He again fired six shots,

without dropping a buffalo.

Seeing that the animals were bound to make their escape without his killing one



Buffalo Bill Cody

of them, unless he had a better weapon, I rode up to him, gave him my old reliable "Lucretia," and told him to urge his horse close to the buffaloes, and I would then give him the word when to shoot. At the same time I gave old Buckskin Joe a blow with my whip, and with a few jumps the horse carried the Grand Duke to within about ten feet of a big buffalo bull. "Now is your time," said I. He fired, and down went the buffalo.

The Grand Duke stopped his horse, dropped his gun on the ground, and commenced waving his hat. When his suite came galloping up, he began talking to them in a tongue which I could not understand. Presently General Sheridan joined the group, and the ambulances were brought up. Very soon the corks began to fly from the champagne bottles, in honor of the Grand Duke Alexis, who had killed the first buffalo.



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At the time Harnden launched his business in

1839, the accepted means of shipping between cities was to ask a traveler to carry them as a favor. Stagecoach drivers and steamboat captains often obligingly



**William Harnden**

stuffed a couple of packages into odd cargo spaces. Sometimes even bank notes were brought to train stations to be entrusted to anybody with an honest face who was heading to the appropriate destination.

The system worked

tolerably well and cost nothing. But Harnden reasoned that his scheme was worth a fee—from a few cents to a few dollars, depending on the value of the shipment—for improved security and regular deliveries four times each week. He launched his service personally, toting a carpetbag packed with valuables by train from Boston to Providence and thence by steamboat to New York.

By 1841, he had offices in Philadelphia, Albany, London, and Paris. But when an employee by the name of Henry Wells suggested extending the service westward to Chicago and perhaps beyond, Harnden sputtered, "Do it on your own account." Death at the age of 33 from tuberculosis and overwork prevented him from seeing Wells and a partner, William G. Fargo, turn that challenge to lucrative account indeed.

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# Goingsnake Massacre

## Gunfight

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unbiased trial in a non-Cherokee court. The federal court dispatched ten US Marshals to secure the arrest of Proctor at the court house in Tahlequah. However, prior to the Marshals arriving, the trial had been moved to a local Cherokee school house.

The posse of ten US Marshals was led by Deputy US Marshal Jacob Owens and Deputy US Marshal Joseph Peavy. Three Marshals were from the Beck family, and kin to murder victim Polly Beck. This heightened tensions already in place prior to their arrival. Further, as previously noted, the Beck and Proctor

families had other issues that led to a common dislike of one another.

The Marshals entered town and went straight to the school house. As they approached, a large band of Cherokee men ambushed them. The Marshals, caught in the open, had no cover. They immediately fired and began retreating from the open school yard. The Marshals killed three Cherokee men and wounded six others before being overwhelmed by around thirty men. Seven US Marshals were killed on the spot; three escaped. All three Becks were slain. Deputy Marshal Owens died several hours later from wounds he received. In the end, at least fourteen Cherokee men were wounded, eleven of them dying within days.

Proctor was acquitted the next day in a Cherokee court. The Cherokee ruling on Proctor was accepted by US courts, since Cherokee courts had jurisdiction at the time. US Marshal James Huckleberry immediately dispatched twenty one Deputy US Marshals under the command of Charles Robinson. They took with them two doctors, who helped tend to wounded Cherokee civilians.

The second posse arrested several men believed to have been involved in the killing of the Marshals, including jury foreman Arch Scaper. There was no resistance made against the second posse—Zeke Proctor had fled by the time this posse arrived. The suspects were taken to Fort Smith, Arkansas, for trial, but all were eventually released due to lack of evidence or witnesses willing to testify.

Several indictments were issued after the shootout by both the federal court and the Cherokee court. Zeke Proctor and twenty others were indicted for killing the Marshals; the Cherokee court issued indictments against the US Marshals for killing fourteen Cherokee men. Eventually, by 1873, all indictments were dropped and Zeke Proctor received amnesty.

Proctor continued living in the area and by the 1880s he owned a small ranch. He was elected as a Cherokee Senator in 1877, and in 1894 was elected Sheriff. Ironically, he served as a Deputy US Marshal from 1891 to 1894, under "Hanging Judge" Isaac Parker. Proctor died in 1904, at the age of 76.



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# George Crook

**General**

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Nelson Miles, replaced him. After negotiating yet another surrender by Geronimo and his band of Apaches, Miles decided to end the matter once and for all by exiling the renegades to Florida. Miles agreed with most government officials that Geronimo rendered the terms of his surrender invalid by running away. This would be the legal basis for holding the Apaches in exile indefinitely. On April 7, 1886, Geronimo and the rest of the Chiricahua were sent away.



general and placed him in charge of the huge Department of the West. During his final years, Crook campaigned vigorously on his lifelong enemy's behalf, speaking out against white

General George Crook suffered a heart attack and died in Chicago, Illinois, on March 21, 1890. He was originally buried in Oakland, Maryland, but was moved, together with his wife, to Arlington National Cemetery on November 11, 1898.

The sudden death of General Crook was a severe blow to Indian management throughout the West. None could deny the faith he inspired among the Indians. His old enemy Red Cloud remarked, "He, at least, had never lied to us. His words gave the people hope. He died. Their hope died again. Despair came again."

Crook was ordered back to the Department of the Platte, where he maintained peace with the Plains Indians. In 1888, President Grover Cleveland promoted him to major

encroachments on Indian land and attempting to persuade the Lakota to accept their reservation, which Crook (like many others) believed would speed their entry into the American mainstream.

When news of his death reached the remnants of the Apaches, they "sat down in a great circle, let down their hair, bent their heads forward on their bosoms, and wept and wailed like children."

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**November 11, 1866**

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**November 17, 1866**

Captain G. B. Sanford reports that six Indians were killed and five were taken prisoner by his 1st Cavalry at Sierra Ancha, Arizona.

**November 18, 1866**

Three Indians are killed and one is wounded by a company of the 1st Cavalry

on John Day's river in Oregon.

**Also in November 1866** Navajo leader Barboncita and 21 of his followers surrender at Fort Wingate, New Mexico.

• Myra Maybelle Shirley, (Belle Starr), 18, weds the hoodlum James C. Reed.

• One of Denver's newly elected lawmen is six-foot, three-inch Dave Cook. Among his outlaw-busting rules: "Never hit a prisoner over the head with your pistol, because you may afterwards want to use your weapon and find it disabled." Also: "It is better to kill two men than to allow one to kill me."

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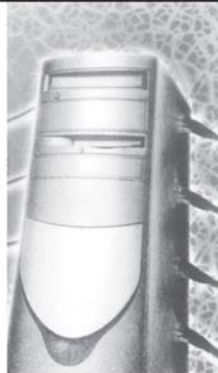
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outbound from Nebraska City, figuring to forget his sorrows and at the same time see the country. On the nearly six-month-long journey to Salt Lake City, he kept a diary and made a series of sketches depicting life on the trail.

"I have never used profane language," Jackson confided to his diary, "but since I have commenced

driving Bulls I have gone somewhat astray." That was not surprising, considering his first attempt to yoke 12 half-wild longhorns: he spent eight hours wrestling them into submission.

After a few weeks, he got the knack of yoking and driving, but the aggravations of the bullwhacker's life seemed to be endless. "What we have drank in the way of water would astonish a person used to pure water," Jackson wrote. Of one of the many assaults of Western weather, he solemnly observed: "An Eastern person has hardly an idea of a thunder storm."

By the time he reached Salt Lake City, Jackson had mellowed into a true bullwhacker. His hands were callused, he had a scraggly beard, and he simultaneously wore two pairs of trousers whose rips were luckily located in different places. "Taken as a whole," he concluded with ill-concealed pride, "you have a very seedy individual."

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# The Broadmoor

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Pourtales bought into a huge dairy farm near Colorado Springs, then decided he could do better by founding a resort town on part of the property. To lure buyers of lots, he built a pleasure palace the likes of which had never been seen in the West—

mountains. Inside, the entrance hall was paneled in dark oak and its double staircase led to a grand ballroom and concert hall,



James Pourtales

three dining rooms, and a salon for the ladies.

The gaming rooms were on the first floor; patrons played against one another, not against the house.

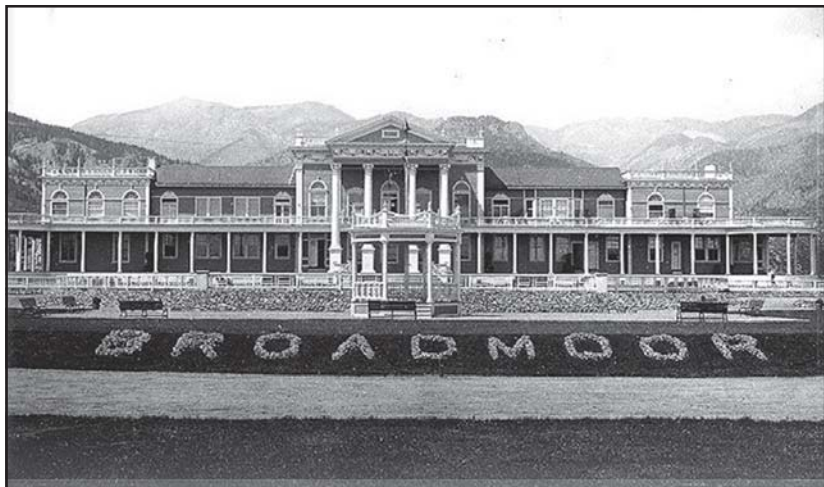
since nearby Colorado Springs was a dry town.

Pourtales installed a resident orchestra of European musicians, imported a French chef and an experienced resort manager, planted 10,000 trees and stocked his man-made lake with trout so that his guests could play at being fishermen. To promote his enterprise he even hired a lady parachutist (who promptly landed in the lake) and organized a pony race between wealthy "cowboys" and neighboring Ute Indians.

The opening of the casino on July 1, 1891, was a glittering private affair. A few days later, on the Fourth, a crowd of more than 15,000 swarmed over the resort.

But success was short-lived: expenses were

gargantuan, few of the wealthy bought lots in Broadmoor City, and with the Panic of 1893 Colorado's main industry, silver mining, came to a



3000 acres turned into Fairyland," as a Denver newspaper called it.

The Broadmoor Casino stretched for 244 feet along a 15-acre artificial lake. Thirty-two Corinthian columns graced its exterior and its rooftop terrace commanded spectacular views of the

Although the count made nothing on the gambling, he hoped to realize a handsome profit on the sale of liquor—which was a major attraction,

virtual standstill. Pourtales declared bankruptcy, and four years later his Monte Carlo in the Rockies burned to the ground.

# Francis Parkman

## Unlikely

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If he was fully to understand the Sioux, Parkman believed, he would need to "become, as it were, one of them." Luckily, his guide Chatillon was married to a daughter of a Sioux chief, and the trapper managed to persuade the chief to allow Parkman to travel with the Sioux for a summer. A prominent warrior named Big Crow (Kongra-Tonga) agreed to share his tepee with Parkman and watch over the inexperienced Bostonian.

In the months that followed, many of Parkman's preconceived notions about Indians melted away. Though Big Crow and other warriors proudly described their often-brutal

fighters with enemy tribes, Parkman also discovered the Sioux were a warm and generous people. "Both



Kongra-Tonga [Big Crow] and his squaw," he noted, "like most other Indians, were very fond of their children, whom they indulged to excess and never punished except in extreme cases." Observing that they would at times give away all of their possessions, he

concluded that the Sioux, "though often rapacious, are devoid of avarice."

After six months in the West, Parkman returned to Boston and wrote a compelling account of his summer with the Sioux. Published in 1849, *The Oregon Trail* was both a fascinating travel book and an important work of ethnography. Initially, Parkman thought of his first book as little more than a preface to the works of history he subsequently produced. Only later in life did he realize it was an important work, an "image of an irrevocable past." Indeed, Parkman's portrait of the Sioux continues to be a valuable window into Plains Indian life before it was changed by the advancing front of Anglo-American settlement.

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