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( 7 Letters)

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# The Dalton Brothers

**Former Lawmen Turn to a Life of Crime**

The Dalton brothers grew up during wild times in a wild place. They were raised on the border of Indian Territory, near Coffeyville, Kansas.

For a short time they served on the side of the law, working as deputy marshals. The eldest brother, Frank, was shot and killed in a gun battle with some outlaws in 1887.

Gratton Dalton, who had moved to California along with their brother Bill, returned to Indian Territory, and took up where his brother left off. Working as a deputy he received a bullet wound in the arm while attempting to arrest one suspect, and in 1889 he was commissioned a deputy marshal for the Muskogee court.

Bob Dalton was a deputy marshal for the federal court in Kansas in Wichita, working out in the Osage Nation. He



Grat, Emmett and Bob Dalton

had also served on several of his brother Frank's posses.

Emmett Dalton also worked as member of some of his brother's posses, but for the most part he earned a living as a cowboy working on the Bar X Bar Ranch near the Pawnee Agency. It was on the ranch that Emmett would meet two of the Gang's members, Bill Doolin and William St. Power, alias Bill Powers, alias Tom Evans.

He also became acquainted with the cowboys

and future Gang members working on the ranches nearby. They were Charlie Pierce, George Newcomb, Charlie Bryant, and Richard (Dick) Broadwell, alias Texas Jack, alias John Moore.

While serving as head of the Osage police, Bob Dalton was accused of selling whiskey. Grat Dalton also got into trouble about the same time and was dismissed as deputy marshal for conduct unbecoming an officer. Although they were not deputy marshals they still worked as posse men for other deputy marshals. However pay was slow in coming.

Then in July of 1890 Bob, Grat, and Emmett were accused of stealing horses near Claremore, Indian Territory, and selling them in Kansas. With a posse hot on their trail, Bob and Emmett left the territories for California. Brother Grat was arrested and placed in jail. He was later released for lack of evidence. He too would leave the territories and go to California to join his brothers.

In California the boys would join their brother Bill and events would soon have them fleeing the law again. On the night of February 6, 1891, the Southern Pacific train was robbed at Alila, California. The Dalton boys were accused. Once again Bob and Emmett were fleeing the state with a posse after them. Grat and Bill were arrested.

Bob and Emmett made their way back to the territories, but the law was after them and making things

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## The Captivity of the Oatman Girls

### CHAPTER 3:

Lorenzo meets the Wilders and Kellys - They take him back to Pimole

By R. B. Stratton

"I had now a desire to sleep continually. I resisted this with all the power I had. While thus musing I cast my eyes down upon a long winding valley through which the road wandered, and plainly saw moving objects; I was sure they were Indians, and at the thought my heart sank within me. I meditated killing myself. For one hour I kept my aching eyes upon the strange appearance, when, all at once,

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*.

as they rose upon a slight hill, I plainly recognized two white covered wagons. O what a moment was that. Hope, joy, confidence, now for the first time seemed to mount my soul, and hold glad empire over all my pains, doubts, and fears. In the excitement I lost my consciousness, and waked not until disturbed by some noise near me. I opened my eyes, and two covered wagons were halting close to me, and

Robert was approaching me. I knew him, but my own appearance was so haggard and unnatural, it was some time before he detected who that 'strange looking boy, covered with blood, hatless and shoeless, could be, his visage scarred, and he pale as a ghost fresh from Pandemonium.' After looking for some time, slowly and

(See Captivity on Page 4)

### In Their Own Words

## The Wagon Box Fight

During the so-called Red Cloud's War, R. J. Smyth was a member of the Carrington Powder River Expedition, an attempt to subdue the Sioux and Cheyenne. Smyth took part in one of the most lop-sided victories in the history of the Plains Indian Wars near Fort Kearney, in present-day northeastern Wyoming. A few miles from the fort, civilian contractor woodcutters and their infantry guards were attacked by a force of mounted Sioux warriors that outnumbered them



about a hundred to one. The wagons used to transport the cut cordwood had their boxes removed and deposited in an oval in a large clearing and were to be used as defensive

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A Prayer for Being Grateful

Lord God, may we be grateful for our lot,  
and compassionate toward all those who are  
suffering every kind of distress at this  
difficult time. May we hold back nothing,  
and hasten to be the ministers of prayer and  
mercy, like the disciples of Him who went  
about doing good in times of need.

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*This Week's Question:* What Arizona television personality hosted a show that helped launch the careers of Linda Rondstadt, Wayne Newton and Tanya Tucker? (7 Letters)

*Last Issue's Question:* What animal was the focus of a failed experiment to haul freight and mail in the Southwest during the 1850s? *Answer:* Camel

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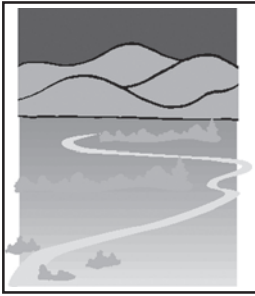
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# Arizona - Web of Time

## Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

Geologists have found lake beds in Arizona's Verde Valley rock formation. And in those ancient beds are the fossil remains of snails and clams, seeds, pollen, plant stems, and the tracks of mastodons, tapirs, bears, lions and camels. It's likely the lakes were no more than 20 feet deep. Marshes fed by springs surrounded them.

1598 was the year a

Spanish explorer saw the Verde Valley. He wrote that it would be "excellent" for farming. He saw American Indians who wore beaver and deer skins, lived on venison and wild plants, and he found veins of silver.

The morning of December 16, 1850, more than 300 Apache warriors attacked the town of Tucson in southern Arizona. The

Apaches killed four people, ran off all the horses, sheep and cattle, and took six men and women prisoners. Tucson was part of Mexico at that time.

Twenty-one years after that, The Great Diamond Scam took place in Navajo country. Stock in a phony mining company sold like hot cakes, but there were no diamonds. Two years later, the first telegraph in Arizona began sending messages between Yuma and Prescott.

In 1888, the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad complained that Navajo Indians were trespassing on its northern Arizona land. According to the Atlantic and Pacific, the Navajos were grazing cattle and sheep wherever the grass was good, even if it was claimed by white people. A railroad spokesman said the federal government should force the Navajos to stay within the boundaries of their reservation.

By 1897, a little place called Hackberry between Peach Springs and Kingman had become one of the most important cattle shipping points on the Santa Fe Railroad line. Cattle were taken from there to Bakersfield, California, and to Kansas City. More than 6,000 head were shipped from Hackberry in one June 1897 week. In addition to cattle, strawberries from nearby farms were shipped to market.

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# The Hanging Windmill Claimed Its Share of Unsavory Characters

By Richard W. Kimball

Las Vegas, located in New Mexico Territory, was originally a sleepy little Mexican village until the arrival of the railroad. The community had a traditional plaza designed to provide protection from marauding Indians.

In the center of the plaza the townspeople had constructed a distinctive wooden windmill over a deep well that supplied fresh water for the village residents. The lower platform of the tall windmill was sometimes used as a makeshift gallows.

The windmill consisted of two parts—a large platform about 20 feet above the ground and a taller superstructure, which supported the wind blades. The superstructure itself extended another 20 feet above the platform. A wood ladder led from the ground up

to the platform and another ladder led from the platform to the top.

In June of 1879, a man named Manuel Barela shot two men outside a saloon; one man was wounded and the

The bartender said he shouldn't do it. But Barela yanked his six-shooter out of his waistband and fired a shot. The bullet hit Jesus Morales in the face. When the man's companion came into the saloon to complain about the unnecessary wounding of his friend, Barela fired again, this time his bullet killed the complainant.

A few moments later, a Las Vegas peace officer arrested Barela and took him off to jail. Since many bystanders had witnessed the shootings, a mob quickly formed outside the jail to hurl insults at the prisoner. The crowd of men milled around the jail for two or three hours before melting away as night descended.

Later that night, another mob of men surrounded the jail. They overpowered the guard and dragged Barela and another man out of their cells and out

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The "Hanging Windmill" served vigilantes as a handy lynching platform until it was demolished in late 1880.

other was killed. According to a statement from the bartender, Barela bet that he could shoot the third button off the vest of a man he saw standing outside the door.

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The feasibility of this proposal was demonstrated in three phases. In 1830 Jedediah Smith and his partners took ten wagons and two light carriages from St. Louis to the head of the Wind River in present-day Wyoming; in 1832 Captain Benjamin E. Bonneville led the first wagon train through South Pass; and in 1838 a missionary party, headed by Reverend W. H. Gray, succeeded in getting a two-wheeled cart all the way to the coast. Thus, the switch from boat to wagon already was an accomplished fact by the time the country east of the Missouri was settled up and Americans were beginning to look further west for the lands on which they could stake out their claim on the future.

The glowing accounts of the land riches of the Northwest, publicized mainly by missionaries, excited national interest in Oregon, and in May, 1841, the first band of settlers set out from Independence, Missouri, on the road which was to become known as the Oregon Trail.

# The Oatman Girls

## Captivity

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cautiously approaching, he broke out: 'My God, Lorenzo! In the name of heaven, what, Lorenzo, has happened?' I felt my heart strangely swell in my bosom, and I could scarcely believe my sight. 'Can it be?' I thought, 'can it be that this is a familiar white face?' I could not speak; my heart could only pour out its emotions in the streaming tears that flowed most freely over my face.

When I recovered myself sufficiently, I began to speak of the fate of the rest of the family. They could not speak, some of them; those tender-hearted women wept most bitterly, and sobbed aloud, begging me to desist, and hide the rest of the truth from them.

"They immediately chose the course of prudence, and resolved not to venture with so small a company, where we had met such a doom. Mr. Wilder prepared me some bread and milk, which, without any necessity for a sharpening process, my appetite, for some reason, relished very well. They traveled a few miles on the back track that night, and camped. I received every attention and kindness that a true sympathy could minister. We camped where a gurgling spring sent the clear cold water to the surface; and here I refreshed myself with draughts of the purest of beverages, cleansed my wounds, and bathed my aching head and bruised body in one of nature's own baths. The next day we were safe at Pimole ere night came on. When the Indians learned what had happened, they, with much vehemence, charged it upon the Yumas; but for this we made allowance, as a deadly hostility burned between these tribes. Mr. Kelly and Mr. Wilder resolved upon proceeding immediately to the place of massacre, and burying the dead.

"Accordingly, early the next day, with two Mexicans and several Pimoles, they started. They returned after an absence of three days, and reported that they could find but little more than the bones of six persons, and that they

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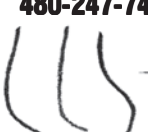
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# The Dalton Brothers

## Brothers

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hot. While hiding out in the Indian Nations the boys hooked up with Emmett's old ranching buddies Charlie Bryant and Bitter Creek Newcomb, to rob the train at Wharton, Oklahoma Territory, in May of 1891. The gang made off with \$1745 of the railroad's money. Shortly after the Wharton robbery, Charlie Bryant became ill and was taken to the doctor in Hennessey, Oklahoma Territory. Deputy Marshal Ed Short saw Bryant when he was brought into town and arrested him. He died in a blazing shoot-out with the marshal while trying to escape.

The Gang's next robbery was the train at Leliaetta, near Wagoner, Indian Territory. With Bob and Emmett were Bitter Creek Newcomb, Bill Powers, Dick Broadwell, Charlie Pierce, and Bill

Doolin. On the night of September 15, 1891, they stopped and boarded the train, and robbed the express car of \$2500.

Meanwhile in California, on July 3, 1891, a jury had found Grat Dalton guilty of the Alila train robbery. While

they positioned themselves and awaited the approaching train. When the train entered the station the train coaches were dark. The gang sensed something was wrong and allowed the train to leave the station unmolested. Suddenly a second train appeared and as it stopped at the station the gang boarded it and proceeded to rob it. As it turned out the gang was correct in their suspicion, the first train was full of armed guards protecting \$70,000 of the Sac and Fox annuity. Unfortunately the second train had little of value on it and the gang only made off with \$50.

On July 14, 1892, the gang made its last train robbery at Adair, Indian Territory. Once again the train was loaded with deputies, but the gang was so quick and quiet with their work that the marshals didn't realized the train was being robbed until the job was almost completed. Unloading from the train the marshals engaged in a fierce, but brief gun battle with the bandits. During the battle an innocent bystander was killed and another one wounded. The bandits would escape unharmed with an undisclosed amount of cash.

After the Adair robbery the gang split up. With the law on their trail, the Dalton boys figured to make one last robbery and get enough money to leave the country. A plan was devised to rob two banks in the same town at the same time, thus getting enough money to leave the country, and also go down in history by accomplishing something that no other outlaw gang had ever attempted. The perfect town for the robbery was



**Dalton gang members killed in the Coffeyville, Kansas raid. Left to right: Bill Power, Bob Dalton, Grat Dalton, Dick Broadwell**

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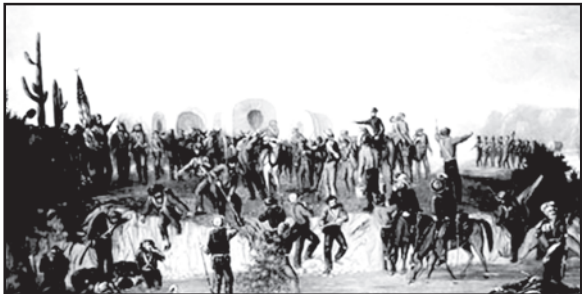
# The Mormon Battalion

The story of the Mormon Battalion, its formation and its difficult journey west is not widely known. However, the battalion's march through New Mexico, Arizona and California was an integral part of the history of America's "Manifest Destiny."

Joseph Smith had founded the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in western New York State during the late 1820s. Searching for someplace to practice their religion free of persecution, Smith and his followers moved westward and established the city of Nauvoo, Illinois. Near here, Smith was murdered in 1844. Members of his church, now in the thousands, realized that they would have to move farther west, beyond the boundaries of the United States, to practice their religion. Stranded on the frontier of a young nation, with no resources or capital, and facing the ill will of the nation, their future looked bleak.

Due to stereotypes and misunderstandings, the government of the United

States considered the Mormons a hostile force. With tensions rising between the United States and Mexico over claims to Texas and the Southwest, President Polk eyed the Mormons, who called themselves "Saints," as a threat to the continued westward expansion of the nation. He was ready to intercept them should they



attempt to cross the Rocky Mountains. The Mormon leadership, notably Brigham Young, sent letters to Stephen A. Douglas and other members of Congress to persuade the government that there was no plan on the Mormons' part to ally with other nations against the United States. Simultaneously, the Mormon leadership began to lay plans to obtain government patronage while journeying west. Eventually, the decision was made by the United States to invade California. In 1846

Polk issued an order that a battalion of men be drawn from the Mormon emigrants in Iowa, a move calculated not only to allay fears of Mormon secession, but also to bolster the pathetic state of General Stephen Watts Kearney's Army of the West.

This was welcome news for the Mormons. The Saints could emigrate west, out of the United States, with financing generated from the battalion of men, literally at the expense of the U.S. government. Brigham Young said, "The enlistment of the Mormon Battalion in the service of the United States, though looked upon by many with astonishment and some with fear, has proved a great blessing to this community. It was indeed the temporal salvation of our camp."

While not the first white people to travel the route, the battalion, en route to a rendezvous with General Kearney in San Diego, was the first group to bring wagons west across the deserts, and it is given credit for forging the first east-to-west road through

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# The Dalton Brothers

**Brothers**  
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Coffeyville, Kansas, the Dalton boys' old hometown. Early in the morning on October 5, 1892, five members of the gang, Bob, Grat, Emmett, Bill Power, and Dick Broadwell rode into Coffeyville. They tied their horses in the alley across from the banks, then strolled across the street and divided into two groups and entered the Condon National Bank and First National Bank.

However, citizens recognized them and the alarm was sounded. Townsfolk quickly armed themselves with weapons from the local hardware stores and took up positions to defend the town. As the bandits tried to make good their escape a fierce gun battle took place in which four citizens and four bandits lost their lives. Emmett, the sole surviving member of the gang, was seriously wounded. He would recover from his wounds and stand trial for the crime. He was sentenced to life in prison, but was later pardoned by the governor, and spent the rest of his days in California.

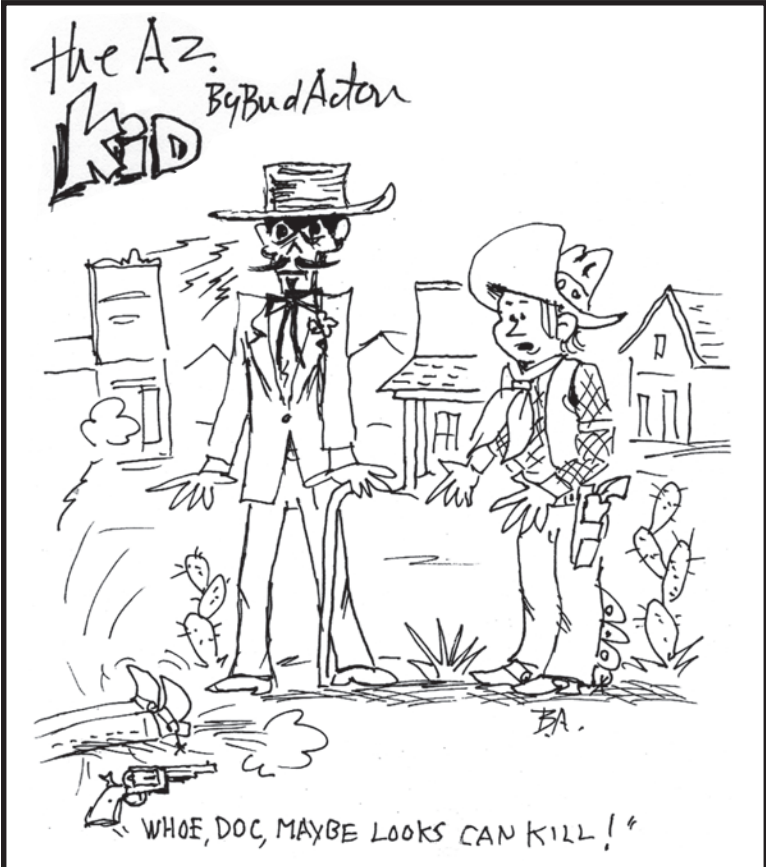
But Coffeyville didn't put an end to the Dalton Gang. There were still three members of the old gang still at large, Bill Doolin, Bitter Creek Newcomb, and Charlie Pierce. Also there was a fourth Dalton boy, Bill Dalton, who would travel the outlaw path. He would soon join his brothers' old partners and together they would terrorize the territories for years to come as the infamous Doolin-Dalton Gang.

# The Oatman Girls



**Captivity**  
*(From Page 4)*


were able to find and distinguish the bodies of all but those of Olive and Mary Ann. If they had found the bodies of my sisters the news would have been less dreadful to me than the tidings that they had been carried off by the Indians. But my suspicions were now confirmed, and I could only see them as the victims of a barbarous captivity. During their absence, and for some time after, I was severely and dangerously ill, but with the kind attention and nursing rendered me I began after a week to revive. We were now only waiting the coming that way of some persons who might be westward bound, to accompany them to California. When we had been there two weeks, six men came into Pimole, who, on learning of our situation, kindly consented to keep with us until we could reach Fort Yuma. The Kellys and Wilders had some time before abandoned their notion of a year's stay at Pimole. We were soon again upon that road, with every step of which I now had a painful familiarity. On the sixth day we reached that place, of all others the most deeply memory written. I have no power to describe, nor can tongue or pen proclaim the feelings that heaved my sorrowing heart as I reached the fatal spot. I could hear still the echo of those wild shrieks and hellish whoops, reverberating along the mountain cliffs! Those groans, those awful groans, could it be my imagination, or did they yet live in pleading echo among the numerous caverns on either hand? Every footfall startled me, and seemed to be an intruder upon the chambers of the dead!

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The next morning, Beckworth’s body was found hanged on the windmill. A piece of paper tied around his neck held a cryptic message: “This is no accident.”

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Those hangings, unfortunately, happened on the very morning when the first train was due to arrive. Town residents quickly removed the bodies from the windmill and decorated it with boughs of pine branches and colorful buntings of red, white and blue.

As the first Santa Fe trains started steaming into the Territory that summer, they brought with them a host of unsavory characters. Almost immediately, a group of men known only as the Dodge City Gang made its first appearance.

Although many of the newcomers were honest and respectable, they were outnumbered by a multitude of gunslingers, murderers, gamblers, bunko artists, con men, thieves, robbers, swindlers, and other undesirables. The east side of town along the railroad tracks soon became a virtual haven of riff-raff.

The Dodge City Gang soon established itself as the only “law” enforcement entity in town. The “gang” consisted of Hoo-Doo Brown, a justice of the peace; Joe Carson, the city marshal; Mysterious Dave Mather, a deputy U.S. Marshal; Tom Pickett, a

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“Oh! I’m sorry,” Beckworth said. “That was just an accident!”

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As the first Santa Fe trains started steaming into the Territory that summer, they brought with them a host of unsavory characters. Almost immediately, a group of men known only as the Dodge City Gang made its first appearance.

Although many of the newcomers were honest and respectable, they were outnumbered by a multitude of gunslingers, murderers, gamblers, bunko artists, con men, thieves, robbers, swindlers, and other undesirables. The east side of town along the railroad tracks soon became a virtual haven of riff-raff.

The Dodge City Gang soon established itself as the only “law” enforcement entity in town. The “gang” consisted of Hoo-Doo Brown, a justice of the peace; Joe Carson, the city marshal; Mysterious Dave Mather, a deputy U.S. Marshal; Tom Pickett, a

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Aspinwall, named after a Yankee opportunist who became one of the incorporators of the staggeringly wealthy Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was a thriving seaport when, shortly after the Civil War, Lamont Du Pont of Wilmington, Delaware, started manufacturing a new and unpredictable explosive called nitroglycerine to be shipped westward to Nevada's Comstock mines via Panama.

The first accidental explosion of the stuff killed Du Pont and did widespread damage to the Delaware countryside. The next was aboard the steamer European at the Aspinwall pier that destroyed the wharf and the freight house of the Panama Railroad Company, killed scores of people and resulted in over \$1,000,000 in damage. When a third blast demolished Wells Fargo's express office in San Francisco, an embargo was placed on nitroglycerine until a safer means of shipping could be found.

# The Wagon Box Fight

## Eyewitness

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shelters in case of an Indian attack. On the first of August 1867, thirty-two woodcutters and soldiers sought shelter in fourteen wagon bodies. Instead of Springfield muzzle-loading muskets, the defenders were armed with the new breech-loading rifle that could be reloaded rapidly. It has been estimated that more than 1,100 Indians were killed or wounded while the defenders lost two killed with two others severely wounded. Later, Smyth described the fight:

On the day of the wagon box fight, accompanied by my partner, I left the fort before daylight. We went to the foot-hills to get some deer. A short time after daylight we discovered a lot of Indian smoke signals on the hills, and decided that we had better get back to the fort. In making our way back we followed the Little Piney down for some distance, and found that the country was full of Indians. We then struck out for the wood train. The Indians had got between us and it. We then went to the wagon-box corral, and got there none too soon.

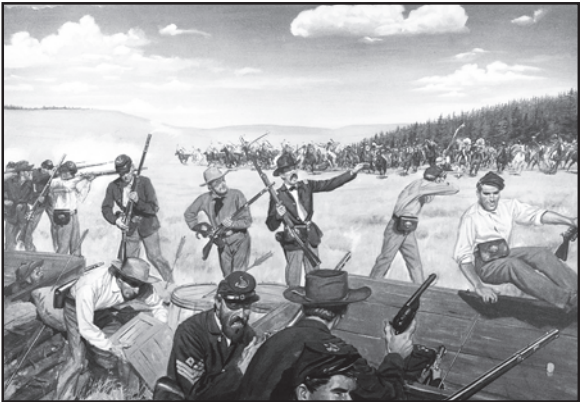
The wagon boxes were of the ordinary government boxes. They were set off from the wagons, as the wagons were in corral. The intervals between were packed with logs, bales of blankets, clothing, sacks of corn, etc. The wagon box that I was detailed to fight in had gunny sacks of corn placed on edge two deep on the inside of the box, with a two-inch auger hole at the point where the four sacks came together. This

many shots as I did. The soldier that was in the box with me had a needle gun and a Spencer; also one or two revolvers. And he kept them busy while he lived. This man was an infantry soldier—do not remember his company. He was shot through the head, dying in about two hours after being shot.

Lieutenant Jenness had just cautioned me not to expose my person, and to hold my fire until I was sure of getting an Indian at each shot. He had moved a few feet from my box when he was shot through the head. I think he died instantly. He was a grand, good man, and a fearless officer. I told him to keep under cover. He stated he was compelled to expose himself in order to look after his men.

I got a slight wound in my left hand; a bullet came in

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The geographic center of Arizona is 55 miles southeast of Prescott.

Bisbee, located in Tombstone Canyon, is known as the Queen of the Copper Mines. During its mining history the town was the largest city between Saint Louis and San Francisco.

There are 11.2 million acres of National Forest in Arizona and one fourth of the state is forested. The largest forest is comprised of Ponderosa Pine.

## Fruit Production in the West

By the start of the twentieth century, fruit and vegetables began to replace wheat and barley as the key California crops. Oranges, in particular, proved to be a remarkably successful crop for the state. The first commercial orange groves were planted in California in the mid-1800s, and just a century later, the state boasted approximately 20 million orange trees on 250,000 acres. Other fruit grown in California included grapes, peaches, cherries,



apricots, and pears. California was not the only West Coast state with agricultural riches. Oregon has proven to be fertile ground for apples, cherries, and pears, not to mention an abundance of berries, including strawberries and cranberries.

Not to be outdone, Washington State has consistently produced outstanding pears, cherries, apricots, strawberries, peaches, and, of course, apples. In fact, between 1905 and 1915, large-scale commercial orchards became common in the Pacific Northwest. In 1908, one million apple trees were planted in Washington, which was the number one apple producer in 1917. In British Columbia, too, the fruit business boomed in the early twentieth century.

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## The Oatman Girls

### Captivity

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traced the footprints of their captors, and of those who had laid my parents beneath my feet. I sighed to wrap myself in their death-robe, and with them sleep my long, last sleep! But it was haunted ground, and to tarry there alive was more dreadful than the thought of sharing their repose. I hastened away. I pray God to save me in future from the dark thoughts that gloomed my mind on turning my back upon that spot; and the reader from experiencing kindred sorrow. With the exception of about eighteen miles of desert, we had a comfortable week of travel to Fort Yuma. I still suffered much, at times was seriously worse, so that my life was despaired of; but more acute were my mental than my physical sufferings.

“At the Fort every possible kindness, with the best of medical skill, ministered to my comfort and hastened my recovery. To Dr. Hewitt I owe, and must forever owe, a debt of gratitude, which I can never return. The sense of obligations I still cherish finds but a poor expression in

words. He became a parent to me; and kindly extended his guardianship and unabating kindness, when the force was moved to San Diego, and then he took me to San Francisco, at a time when, but for his counsel and his affectionate oversight, I might have been turned out to wreck upon the cold world.

“Here we found that Doctor Lecount had done all in his power to get up and hasten a party of men to our relief; but he was prevented by the commander, a Mr. Heinsalman, who was guilty of an unexplainable, if not an inexcusable delay; a delay that was an affliction to the doctor, and a calamity to us. He seemed deaf to every appeal for us in our distressed condition. His conduct, if we had been a pack of hungry wolves, could not have exhibited more total recklessness. The fact of our condition reached the Fort at almost as early an hour as it would if the animals of the doctor had been retained, and there were a number of humane men at the Fort who volunteered to rush to our relief; but no permission could be obtained from the commander. If he still lives, it is to know and remember, that by a prompt action at that

time, according to the behests and impulse of a principle of ‘humanity to man,’ he would have averted our dreadful doom.

“No language can fathom such cruelty. He was placed there to protect the defenseless of his countrymen; and to suffer an almost destitute family, struggling amid dangers and difficulties, to perish for want of relief that he knew he might have extended, rolls upon him a responsibility in the inhuman tragedy that followed his neglect, that will haunt him through eternity.

“There were men there who nobly stepped forward to assume the danger and labor of the prayed-for relief, and around them clusters the light of gratitude, the incense of the good; but he who neglects the destitute, the hungry, the imperiled, proclaims his companionship with misanthropists, and hews his own road to a prejudged disgrace. After several days he reluctantly sent out two men, who hastened on toward Pimole until they came to the place of the massacre, and finding what had happened, and that the delay had been followed by such a brutal murder of the family for whose safety and rescue they had burned to encounter the perils of this desert way, sick at heart, and indignant at this cruel, let-alone policy, they returned to the Fort; though not until they had exhausted their scant supply of provisions in search of the girls, of whose captivity they had learned. May Heaven bless these benefactors, and pour softening influences upon their hard-hearted commander.”

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# The Hanging Windmill

## Las Vegas

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former Dodge City peace officer; and J.J. Webb, a former Dodge City policeman.

Under the guise of its “law enforcement” duties, the Dodge City Gang was suspected of participating in several stagecoach and train robberies, organized cattle rustling, and was believed to be responsible for multiple murders and lynchings. But such accusations, at least according to Hoo-Doo Brown, the self-appointed justice of the peace, were unfounded.

The town was quickly getting a bad reputation throughout the rest of the country because of the violence and thievery that occurred with some frequency. Shoot-outs on the street were common, according to the *Dodge City Times*.

Miguel Otero, who later became governor of New

Mexico territory, wrote that 29 men were killed in Las Vegas in one month. It seemed that every outlaw and low-life in Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado had moved to Las Vegas.

Some of the notable characters who came to Las Vegas that year were Doc Holliday and his girlfriend Big Nose Kate, Jesse James, Bob Ford, Billy the Kid (probably the man named William Wright), Rattlesnake Sam, Cock-Eyed Frank, the Pock-Marked Kid, Web-Fingered Billy, Hook Nose Jim, Stuttering Tom, Handsome Harry the Dancehall Rustler, Little Jack the Cutter, Vicente Silva, the Durango Kid, Dirty Dave Rudabaugh, Dutch Henry Borne, Frank Cady, Slap Jack Bill, Jordan L. Webb, and various other notorious gunmen.

“Without exception there was no town which harbored a more disreputable gang of desperadoes and outlaws than did Las Vegas,” commented the eminent historian Ralph

Emerson Twitchell.

Las Vegas was the last town in which Doc Holliday actually tried to practice dentistry. It turned out not to be very profitable so he bought a saloon with ex-Dodge City lawman J.J. Webb.

About two weeks later, a local gunslinger named Mike Gordon tried to get one of Holliday’s saloon girls to run away with him. When she refused, Gordon became enraged and went outside into the street and began shooting bullets through the saloon windows. He didn’t do much damage, however, because Holliday calmly stepped out of the saloon and shot Gordon in the gut with a shotgun. Gordon died the next day.

Gordon had many friends in Las Vegas and some of them decided to get together a lynch mob so they could lynch Holliday for shooting Gordon. But by the time they got a mob ready to string him up, Holliday and

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## From the Chuckwagon

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The Mormon Battalion

Mormons

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the region. The route traveled – overlapping the one traveled by Father Kino and Juan Bautista de Anza from Tubac, Arizona, to California – became a route for thousands of pioneers, treasure seekers and others who would follow the lure of California and gold. Further, the battalion proved the importance of this lower, warmer route, which could be traveled year-round. The road, through a region annexed by the United States with the Gadsden Purchase in 1853, would eventually become part of John Butterfield’s Southern Overland Mail Route.

Mormon troops set out on their journey from Council Bluffs, Iowa, at the end of July 1846, under the leadership of army Captain James Allen, who was soon promoted to Lieutenant Colonel. Though most left their wives and children behind, some women and children did accompany the battalion. They arrived at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, on August 1, 1846, where they were outfitted for their trek to Santa Fe. Battalion members drew their arms and provisions, as well as a clothing allowance of forty-two dollars, at the fort. Since a military uniform was not mandatory, many of the soldiers sent their clothing allowances to their families in the encampments in Iowa.

The march from Fort Leavenworth was delayed by the sudden illness of Colonel Allen. Captain Jefferson Hunt was instructed to begin the march to Santa Fe, but he soon received word that Colonel Allen was dead. Allen’s death caused confusion regarding who should lead the battalion to Santa Fe. Lieutenant A.J. Smith arrived from Fort Leavenworth claiming the lead, and he was chosen the commanding officer by a vote of battalion officers. The leadership transition proved difficult for many of the enlisted men, who were not consulted about the decision.

Smith and his accompanying surgeon, a Dr. Sanderson, have been described in journals as the “heaviest burdens” of the battalion. Under Smith’s dictatorial leadership and with Sanderson’s antiquated prescriptions, the soldiers suffered from excessive heat, lack of sufficient food, improper medical treatment, and forced long-distance marches.

The first division of the Mormon Battalion approached Santa Fe on October 9, 1846. At Santa Fe, Smith was relieved of his command by Lieutenant Colonel Philip St. George Cooke. Cooke, aware of the rugged trail between Santa Fe and California and also aware that one sick detachment had already been sent from the Arkansas River to Fort Pueblo in Colorado, ordered the remaining women and children to accompany the sick of the battalion to Pueblo for the winter. Three detachments consisting of 273 people eventually were sent to Pueblo for the winter of 1846-47.

The remaining soldiers, with four wives of officers, left Santa Fe for California on October 19, 1846. They journeyed down the Rio Grande del Norte and eventually crossed the Continental Divide on November 28, 1846. While moving up the San Pedro River in present-day Arizona, their column was attacked by a herd of wild cattle. In the ensuing fight, a number of bulls were killed and two men were wounded. Following the

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# Controversial Order Displaced Thousands

Days after William Quantrill and his raiders sacked Lawrence, Kansas, in August 1863, Union General Thomas Ewing issued the controversial General Order No. 11, exiling thousands of people from their homes in western Missouri. The August 25, 1863, orders required that “all persons” living in Jackson, Cass, Bates, and northern Vernon counties “remove from their present places of residence.”

This policy marked the culmination of the army’s long struggle against guerrilla violence along the Missouri-Kansas border. Federal troops struggled to engage and defeat pro-Confederate guerrillas. These so-called “bushwhackers” enjoyed considerable support from Southern sympathizers, who provided them with food, clothing, horses, and shelter. Some Missouri women also assisted them as spies. By late summer, frustrated Union officers concluded that order could not be restored without

removing the families who sustained the guerrilla resistance.

Exemptions to the policy were limited. Among those excepted were inhabitants of Kansas City, Westport, and Independence, where Union forces maintained greater control. The measure likewise



spared those who could prove their Unionist loyalties to the satisfaction of local military commanders. The army required that such persons relocate to Kansas or within one mile of its posts at Independence, Hickman Mills, Harrisonville, and Pleasant Hill.

To prevent roaming guerrillas from foraging upon the countryside, the order empowered federal troops to seize displaced families’ grain and hay crops. Soldiers and

bandits plundered abandoned properties and set many farmsteads ablaze. The flames spread to the adjoining tallgrass prairies and quickly consumed much of the landscape. The resulting desolation moved observers to describe Cass and Bates County as the “Burnt District.”

Contemporaries debated the effectiveness of Ewing’s order well into the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. Many defenders noted that guerrilla violence did indeed drop sharply in the affected counties. Others claimed erroneously that the measure displaced few people. Indeed, some 20,000 people were left homeless. Critics charged that the policy brought undue hardships upon innocent women, children, and many Unionist households.

Most of the families exiled by the order relocated temporarily to other points in Missouri. A large number of the dispossessed came back to the area after 1865. Many others never returned.

# The Hanging Windmill

Las Vegas

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Big Nose Kate had already high-tailed it back to Dodge City in Kansas.

Unfortunately, he arrived too late to find his friend Wyatt Earp. Wyatt and his brothers had left for Arizona. They were making their way to a town called Tombstone where a new silver strike had been reported.

Since the Dodge City Gang that was supposed to enforce the law in Las Vegas seemed to be working with the outlaws rather than against them, the townspeople finally had enough and decided to take matters in their own hands. A poster was printed and tacked up on wall around the town with this message:

ATTENTION:  
To thieves, thugs, fakirs and bunko steerers, among whom are J.J. Harlin, alias “Off Wheeler,” Sawdust Charlie, Wm. Hedges, Billy the Kid, Billy Mullin, Little Jack the Cutter, Pock-marked Kid and about 20 others: If found within the limits of this city after 10 o’clock P.M. this night you will be invited to attend a grand necktie party, the expenses of which will be borne by:  
100 Substantial Citizens

On April 8, 1880, the *Las Vegas Optic* then printed this final notice:

TO MURDERERS,  
CONFIDENCE MEN,  
THIEVES:  
The citizens of Las Vegas are tired of robbery, murder, and other crimes that have made this town a byword in every civilized community. They have resolved to put a stop to crime, if in attaining that end they have to forget the law and resort to a speedier justice than it will afford. All such characters are therefore, hereby notified, that they must either leave this town or

conform themselves to the requirements of law, or they will be summarily dealt with. The flow of blood must and shall be stopped in this community, and the good citizens of both the old and new towns have determined to stop it, if they have to HANG by the strong arm of FORCE every violator of the law in this country.  
—Vigilantes

Soon after the notice was printed, most of the Las Vegas outlaws headed out for new places where there would be less local resistance to their lifestyle. The days of outlawry, lawlessness and mayhem in the West were numbered.

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# The Wagon Box Fight

## Eyewitness

(From Page 11)

through my port-hole, which I thought was close shooting for a Sioux.

This fight lasted about four hours, and was very hot from the start. I had been in several Indian fights prior to this time, but never saw the Indians make such a determined effort to clean us up before. They should have killed the entire party. They certainly had force enough to ride over us, but our fire was so steady and severe that they could not stand the punishment.

Our men stood the strain well, held their fire until the bullets would count. In fact, shooting into such a mass of Indians as charged on us the first time, it would be nearly

impossible for many bullets to go astray. In all my experience in fighting Indians prior to this time, I never saw them stand punishment so well as they did at this time; they certainly brought all their sand with them. In charging on our little corral they rode up very close to the wagon boxes, and here is where they failed. Had they pushed home on the first charge, the fight would not have lasted ten minutes after they got over the corral.

Many dead and wounded Indians lay within a few feet of the wagon boxes. The wounded Indians didn't live long after the charge was over. They would watch and try to get a bullet in on some of our men. We had to kill them for self-protection. Anyway, it was evening up the Fetterman deal. They never showed

mercy to a wounded white man, and should not expect any different treatment. I had a canteen of water when the fight commenced, and used most of it to cool my guns.

I do not try to estimate the number of Indians, but, as my partner said, "The woods were full of them." This was the largest gathering of Indians that I ever saw, and the hardest fighting for that I ever encountered.

When the reinforcements came in sight we took on a new lease of life, and when they dropped a shell over the Indians we knew that the fight was won. Indians will not stand artillery fire. They call it the "wagon gun." The reinforcements came just in time. One hour more of such fighting would have exhausted our men and ammunition.

A tough old cowboy once counseled his grandson that if he wanted to live a long life, the secret was to sprinkle a little gunpowder on his oatmeal every morning.

The grandson did this religiously and he lived to the age of 93.

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# The Mormon Battalion

## Mormons

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"Battle of the Bulls," the battalion continued their march toward Tucson, where they anticipated a possible battle with the Mexican soldiers garrisoned there. At Tucson, the Mexican defenders temporarily abandoned their positions and no conflict ensued.

On December 21, 1846, the battalion encamped on the Gila River. After following the Gila westward, they crossed the Colorado River into California on January 9, 1847. By January 29, 1847, they were camped at the Mission of San Diego, about five miles from General Kearny's quarters. That evening Colonel Cooke rode to Kearny's encampment and reported the battalion's condition.

During the remainder of their enlistment, some members of the battalion were assigned to garrison duty at either San Diego, San Luis Rey, or Ciudad de Los Angeles. Other soldiers were assigned to accompany General Kearny back to Fort Leavenworth. All soldiers, whether en route to the Salt Lake Valley via Pueblo or still in Los Angeles, were mustered out of the United States Army on July 16, 1847. Eighty-one men chose to reenlist and serve an additional eight months of military duty under Captain Daniel C. Davis in Company A of the Mormon Volunteers. Most of the soldiers migrated to the Salt Lake Valley and were reunited with their pioneering families.

The men of the Mormon Battalion were honored for their willingness to fight for

the United States as loyal American citizens. Their march of almost 1,500 miles from Council Bluffs to California is one of the longest military marches in history. According to Colonel Cooke: "History may be searched in vain for an equal march of infantry. Half of it has been through a wilderness where nothing but savages and wild beasts are found, or deserts where, for lack of water, there is no living creature."

The battalion contributed to the early development of California by building Fort Moore in Los Angeles, building a courthouse in San Diego, and making bricks and building houses in southern California. Following their discharge, many men helped build flourmills and sawmills in northern California. Some of them were among the first

to find gold at Sutter's Mill. Men from Captain Davis' Company A were responsible for opening the first wagon road over the southern route from California to Utah in 1848.

In spite of their long trek, historic accomplishments and near brushes with hostility, the Mormons never engaged in battle. They never fired a hostile shot.

Historic sites associated with the battalion include the Mormon Battalion Memorial Visitor's Center in San Diego, Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial in Los Angeles, and the Mormon Battalion Monument in Memory Grove, Salt Lake City, Utah. Monuments relating to the battalion are also located in New Mexico, Arizona, and Colorado, and trail markers have been placed on segments of the battalion route.

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