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BAT MASTERSON

A True Legend of the West

By Michael Murphy

Of all the famous names of the late 19th century West, few were better known than Bat Masterson. Fewer still experienced the Old West to such an extent. Buffalo hunter, gambler, Indian fighter, army scout, gunfighter, saloon owner, and lawman; and then, inexplicably, a horse race and boxing promoter, and sportswriter—Bat Masterson is truly a legend of the Wild West.

Born Bartholomew Masterson in Canada in 1853, he later changed his name to William Barclay Masterson. He was the second of five children born to Thomas and Catherine Masterson. After doing some farming in New York and Illinois, the family moved to Kansas in 1871, settling near the small farming community of Sedgwick, near Wichita. After he turned 18, the young Masterson left home with his brother Ed to find ad-

venture on the nearby frontier. The brothers took up with some buffalo hunters and spent several months in the camps, where they met several notable westerners, including Tom Nixon, "Prairie Dog" Dave Morrow, Billy Dixon, and Wyatt Earp. Masterson and Earp would become lifelong friends.

It was during his time in the buffalo camps that Masterson acquired his nickname, Bat. Writing in the third person in his book *Gunfighters of the Western Frontier*, published in 1907, Masterson explains: "It was as a hunter he won his name of 'Bat', which descended to him, as it were, from Baptiste Brown, or 'Old Bat', whose fame as a mighty nimrod was flung all across, from the Missouri River to the Spanish Peaks, and filled with admiration that generation of plainsmen which immediately preceded

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The History of Arizona Conditions in 1867 & 1868

In the spring of 1867, the War Department sent General James E. Rusling to inspect the military posts in Arizona. In previous issues, Thomas Farish related Rusling's descriptions of the conditions in the territory. In this issue, Farish continues the observations of Rusling's party as they travel north from Tucson to Wickenburg.

By Thomas Edwin Farish

From Tucson our travelers returned to Maricopa Wells.

The two rivers, the Gila and the Salt, lay directly across their path to Fort Whipple and Prescott, for which point they were bound. Both rivers were swollen and turbid. No one had forded them for a month. The delay was most vexatious at such an out of the world place where the mail was intermittent and the freshest newspaper more than a month old. Finally, after waiting a week, they heard of a little rowboat owned by a German down at the McDowell crossing of the Gila (probably near Sacaton), which

In the early part of the 1900s writer/historian Thomas Edwin Farish was commissioned by the Arizona Territorial Legislature to write a history of Arizona. This was a mammoth undertaking in its day and took several years to complete. The original volumes of the book were published in 1915-1918.

The *Territorial News* is publishing excerpts of these volumes over the next several issues. This is an extensive work and, unfortunately, we are not able to publish the complete text on these pages. Every attempt is made to do justice to the author and preserve the integrity of his work in the selections we publish.

it was reported would suffice to ferry them over, if they took their ambulances well to pieces, and then they would have to mount the boat on a wagon and transport it thirty miles or so, overland, to the Salt, and there repeat the operation. It was slow work ferrying over these two swollen rivers by piecemeal. It took them two days to cross the Salt, which they did at the McDowell crossing, some fifteen miles

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The Pony Express

Many an adventurous boy longingly cast his eyes on an unusual advertisement that ran in the St. Joseph, Missouri, newspaper during the early days of 1860. Seeking young men with unique qualifications, the ad heralded the beginning of the short-lived Pony Express.

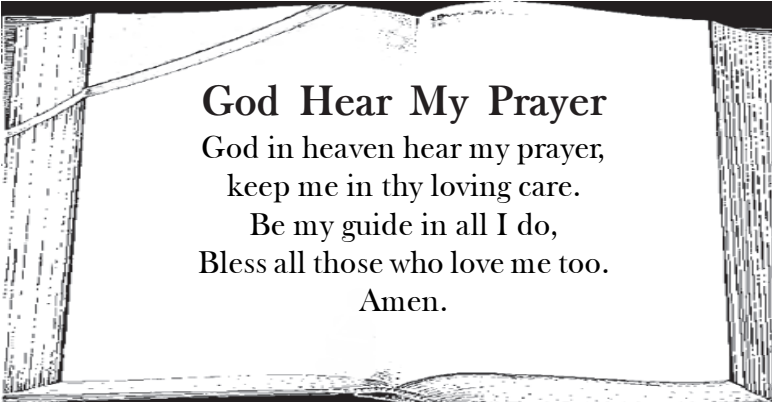
During the 1850s, the fastest mail delivery to California was along the Butterfield stagecoach route. Business messages could be telegraphed from the East Coast to Missouri, and then placed on stagecoaches that angled southwest through Texas, plodded through southern New Mexico and Arizona, then turned north into California. One-way travel took about 21 days, and return messages required another 21 days. Perhaps this pace was tolerable for personal correspondence, but business mail



needed speedier delivery.

This need for speed spawned one of the more imaginative undertakings in the history of the West: the Pony Express. The Pony

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Captain’s Bar Presents

ARIZONA TRIVIA

This Week’s Question: Where in Arizona was the westernmost battle of the Civil War fought? (11 Letters)

Last Issue’s Question: Who was the starting pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks in the franchise’s first game on March 31, 1998? *Answer:* Andy Benes

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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

An American Indian village was built of stone along the top of a ridge 700 years ago near present-day Cottonwood in the Verde Valley. The village’s ruins and a museum are open to the public.

In 1867 at Tucson, a patent medicine sold for \$3 a bottle as a replacement for quinine to treat

malaria. An Army doctor said its main ingredient was arsenic.

The 1872 school at Ehrenberg upstream from Yuma on the Arizona side of the Colorado River was in a former saloon and had dirt floors. In those days, it was widely believed that rich deposits of gold existed near the river.

Construction of the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad through northern Arizona’s mountain country cost \$529 per mile in 1882. Construction workers were recruited from as far away as Chicago. The railroad connected Kingman, Williams, Flagstaff, Winslow and Holbrook with California and all points east.

When ranch foreman Charlie Harbeson married Lulu Osborn at Camp Verde in 1892, the room where the ceremony took place was decorated with evergreen boughs. The bride wore a cream-colored dress which had a long train and was trimmed with satin and lace. The groom wore a new black suit purchased for him by his cowboy friends.

A 1903 Williams saloon hired a classical violinist to entertain customers in an attempt to win the approval of respectable people and high-toned eastern tourists. Cowboys and lumberjacks didn’t much like the fancy music because they couldn’t tap their boots to it. The tourists came to Williams to ride the train to and from the Grand Canyon.

Henry Ashurst, a former Williams justice of the peace, was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1912 when Arizona ceased being a federal territory and became a state. He was called ‘Five Syllable Henry’ because of his command of English.

The year was 1917 when Mathew Juan, an Akimel O’odham Indian from Arizona, became the first American soldier to die during World War One.

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The Texas Rangers

Small Force Had Huge Impact

Although the Texas Rangers are known as a law enforcement agency, the group was actually formed to protect the frontiers of Texas from marauding Indians. Even before Texas declared its independence from Mexico on March 2, 1836, there were Texas Rangers.

Though Stephen Austin had formed Indian-fighting “ranging companies” about ten years prior, the Texas Rangers were officially formed on November 24, 1835. Legislation called for three companies of 56 men each to be commanded by a captain, a first, and a second lieutenant. Privates received \$1.25 per day for “pay, rations, clothing, and horse service.” All Rangers were to provide themselves with 100 pounds of powder and ball, as well as a good horse, saddle, bridle, and blanket.

The Texas Rangers saw considerable service guarding the borders from Indians and Mexican raiders from the days of the Republic to the beginning of the Mexican War. It was in the latter conflict that the organization first made a national name for

itself. Several regiments of Rangers were activated into the U.S. Army and participated in most of the important battles of the war, ending with the occupation of Mexico City in September 1847. During the 22-month Mexican War, Rangers Samuel Walker, Rip Ford, John Coffee Hays, and Ben McCulloch gained fame as they claimed victory after victory.

Following the Mexican War, the Texas Rangers reverted to patrolling the borders and skirmishing with Indians and Mexicans. Although the organization took no official part in the Civil War, several of its veterans served the Confederacy in a regiment of volunteer cavalry called

Terry’s Texas Rangers. It was to this command that the famous rebel yell is accredited.

After the War and the advent of much lawlessness on the frontier, the Texas Rangers became an efficient and quick-acting law enforcement agency. Among the infamous outlaws that the force put out of business were Sam Bass, John Wesley Hardin, and King Fisher. For much of the Texas region’s early history, the Rangers acted as the only organized regular force of military or legal authority, and at any given time there were usually less than 500 of them. While their numbers were always small, their deeds loomed huge, and they played a major role in shaping the destiny of Texas.



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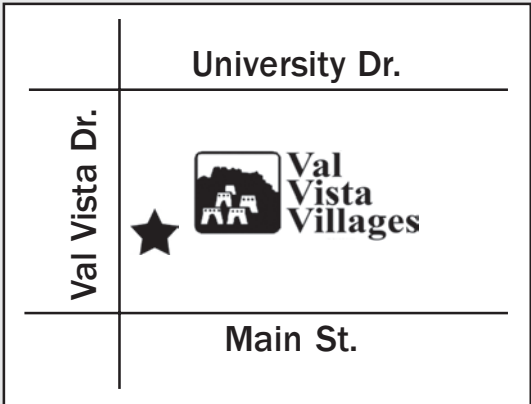
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The Battle of Pea Ridge

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On March 6, General Earl Van Dorn and about 17,000 Confederate soldiers were joined by Indian troops in an attack against one of General Samuel Curtis's divisions, commanded by General Franz Sigel, at Bentonville; Sigel's men were forced back into Curtis's camp.

The next day, Curtis faced his army northwest. Van Dorn ordered General Benjamin McCulloch to attack Curtis's left. Union reinforcements arrived at 5:00 p.m.

On March 8, Confederate generals McCulloch and James McIntosh were both killed in heavy combat. Curtis moved against Van Dorn's concentrated strength. Low on ammunition, Van Dorn ordered a withdrawal to the Arkansas River to the north at about 10:00 p.m.

About 26,000 men saw action in the Union victory. Curtis reported 203 killed, 972 wounded, and 176 missing. Van Dorn cited 185 killed, 525 wounded, and 300 missing, but these numbers are believed to be too low. A recent estimate suggests that the Confederates suffered nearly 2,000 total casualties.

The Pony Express

Express

(From Page 1)

Express was conceived by California Senator William H. Gwin, who visualized a pony relay line with weekly service between the Missouri River and Sacramento. The senator made a proposal to freighting magnate William H. Russell of the firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell. Russell agreed to underwrite the project on the condition that government subsidies would follow.

Under the proposal, relay stations were to be placed every five to twenty miles. There were 190 stations along the 1,966-mile route, although at first many of them were tents. The Express's backers promised that mail from St. Joseph would be delivered in Sacramento in ten days for the unheard of price of five dollars an ounce.

The Pony Express was inaugurated at 7:15 p.m. on April 3, 1860, when a young rider named Johnny Frey jumped on his horse at St. Joseph and set out for Sacramento. At about the same time, another rider started east from Sacramento. Both men made their journey within the allotted time.


Riders were assigned a 75-mile route, which they would ride back and forth, east and west. Saddles were lightweight, and the mail was carried in a leather bag slung over the saddle. There were four locked pockets, two on each side of the bag, which could carry about 250 letters written on tissue paper.

For all its success, the Pony Express faced a number of problems. Isolated station employees and solitary riders faced mortal danger from Indian war parties who lusted after the company's horses. Bad weather on sections of the route often slowed the riders down, and payments by subscribers to the service fell far short of maintenance costs. Furthermore, the promised government subsidies never materialized.

After only eighteen months in operation, the Pony Express went out of business, primarily because of the recent completion of the transcontinental telegraph. During the Express's brief life, 80 riders made 616 runs and covered more than 600,000 miles, delivering almost 35,000 pieces of mail.

The Pony Express set the stage for a life of adventure for several frontier celebrities. Wild Bill Hickok worked for the system in Nebraska, while rider William "Buffalo Bill" Cody once rode 300 miles nonstop when he discovered his relief man had been killed after getting into a drunken row.

The unprofitable enterprise had cost Russell, Majors & Waddell at least \$200,000, but the daring, imaginative, and exciting experiment was an unforgettable and magnificent part of the story of the American West.



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Arizona History

Conditions

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and it was too late to graze them.”

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did for, in a short time, this road struck directly across the Agua Fria, and came into the true Prescott road near White Tanks. “This Agua Fria, usually one of Arizona’s dry rivers, we found with three feet of water in it, and bad quicksands beneath that. However, we discovered a practicable crossing, and soon after nightfall reached the vicinity of White Tanks, some thirty miles, since morning.”

From the White Tanks to the Hassayampa was a difficult

journey. The narrative continues:

“The Hassayampa itself flows through a wild and rocky canyon, with high precipitous walls on either side; and it was soon apparent that our only alternative was either to flounder through its quicksands, or retrace our steps to Maricopa Wells. The latter was out of the question as our rations and forage were both about exhausted, and,

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Best Cookie Bars

Submitted by Barbara Japp - Waspi Family Cookbook

Bottom layer:

1-cup flour

½ cup butter

¼ cup sugar

Mix with pastry blender and pat into bottom of UN-greased 9x13 pan. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes.

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Bat Masterson

Legend

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Walls opened the Red River War. The army beefed up its forces in the Panhandle and Bat signed on as a scout under Colonel Nelson A. Miles. Later in the campaign he worked as a teamster out of Camp Supply.

After the Army successfully quelled the Indian uprising, Bat was in the small settlement of

Sweetwater, near Fort Elliott, where he became involved in the "Sweetwater Shootout." Bat had gotten into a dispute with Corporal Melvin A. King over a dancehall girl named Mollie Brennan. On the night of January 24, 1876, Corporal King barged into the Lady Gay Saloon, found Mollie and Bat together, and opened fire. Supposedly, Mollie threw herself in front of Bat to shield him from the gunshots. Both Bat and Mollie were hit, but as he fell, Bat managed to

return fire, fatally wounding King. Bat was hit in the pelvis, but recovered. He had to use a cane during his recovery, but the story that he needed one for the rest of his life was apparently just a Hollywood myth.

Bat made his way back to Dodge City and opened a saloon. One day in the summer of 1877, Bat noticed City Marshal Larry Deger marching a man he had

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Former Slave Became Beloved by Townsfolk

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Fields was born into slavery in 1832 in Tennessee. When the Civil War ended she made her way north to Ohio, where she found work at a Catholic mission school.

Mary became close to an Ursuline nun named Mother Amadeus. When the Ohio school closed, Mother Amadeus was sent to Montana Territory in 1884 to help establish a mission school for Native American women, and she brought her big, loyal friend along to help out. St. Peter's Mission School was built near Cascade, about 60 miles north of Helena.

Mary was over 50 years old when she arrived at Cascade. The nuns convinced the bishop to let Mary haul supplies from Cascade out to

the mission. Mary was glad to have the job. According to one story, when Mary was driving at night, a pack of hungry wolves attacked, spooking her



horses. The wagon turned over on its side and the horses ran away. Mary kept her cool. She built a fire from sagebrush and kept the wolves at bay, first with her rifle and then her six-shooter. At dawn, Mary set the wagon back on its wheels and reloaded the supplies, and pulled the wagon into town herself.

For several years she worked at hauling freight and performing heavy chores. Locals called her "Black Mary." At first, the sight of Fields driving her wagon with a cigar and a jug of whiskey intimidated and alienated some of the townsfolk. Although liked and appreciated by the nuns for her steady contributions to their work, Mary tended to clash with the workmen at the mission. On one occasion, she thought a hired hand had insulted her, and she challenged him to a shootout. He drew first, but his shot went wild. Mary took slow and careful aim and fired just close enough to send him running. When the bishop heard about the confrontation, he was so angry he fired Mary.

Mary then got a job driving the town's stagecoach, and that is how she came to be known as "Stagecoach

(See Mary Fields on Page 13)

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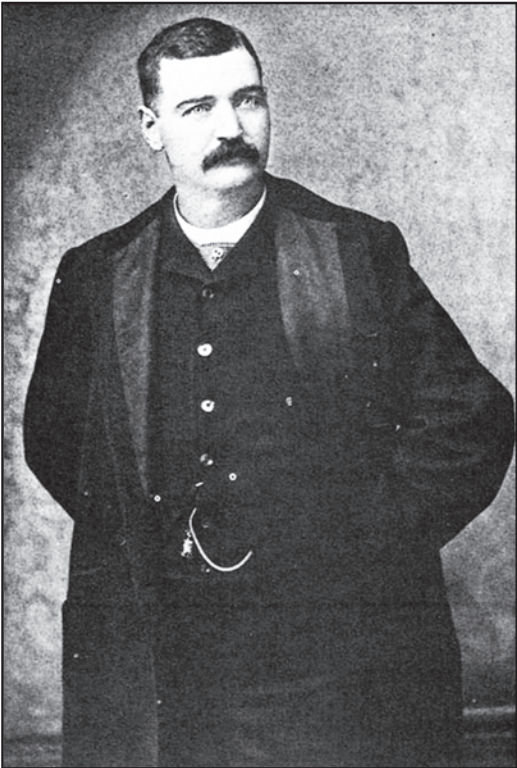
Bat Masterson

Legend


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four. This helped cement Bat's status as a solid lawman.
Bat had a reputation as an able gunman, so most outlaws declined to shoot it out with him. Consequently,

public knew it. As Bat himself wrote, "Just as some folk are born poets, so others are born shots, and Masterson from the first evinced a genius for firearms. With either rifle or pistol he proved himself infallible, and of all who ever pulled trigger he has wasted least lead."
Bat gained more authority in January 1879 by accepting appointment as a deputy U. S. Marshal. Two months later he temporarily left his job to become a hired gun for the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. The job was profitable, but after his return to duty he was soundly defeated for re-election.
Bat made his living as a gambler for a time, drifting into Colorado and Nebraska. By early 1881, he had joined his old friend Wyatt Earp in Tombstone. He was soon summoned by his brother, Jim, who had gotten into some difficulty up in Dodge City. Upon arriving in Dodge, Bat aggressively sought out Jim's adversaries and confronted them in the crowded street. "I have come over a thousand miles to settle this," shouted Bat. "I know you are heeled—now fight!"
In the gunfight that ensued, one man lay wounded and Bat received a slight facial injury. Bat had to pay a small fine and left town that same day. It was the last shoot-out he was ever involved in.
Bat traveled around the West for a while, but in 1883 he became involved in what was known as the "Dodge City War." Bat's friend, Luke Short, owned a saloon in town and was battling reformers who wanted to shut down Short's operation. It's more likely the "reformers" were actually more interested in taking over the enterprise for themselves.
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besides, our improvised ferry boat had returned to the Gila; so that the only thing left for us was to try the Hassayampa. We had heard of a trail, across the ridge and over the mountains, by the Vulture Mine, and so into Wickenburg, by a roundabout course; but a careful reconnaissance revealed no trace of it. We

called a council of war and discussed the situation, pro and con, with due gravity, and finally decided that there was nothing for us to do but to ascend the Hassayampa; and so, into it we plunged. And, verily, it was a *plunge*. Nothing but a prolonged flounder and plunge, from ten a.m. to six p.m.! Now into the stream; now out on a sandbank; now deep into the quicksand; crossing and recrossing, from side to side, to take advantage of any land—not less than fifteen or twenty times in the

course of the twelve miles! Sometimes a cavalryman on horseback, prospecting the way for the ambulance, would go down, until it seemed impossible to extricate him and his horse. Again, an infantryman, on foot, would suddenly sink in to his armpits, and call out to come and rescue him. The ambulance would slip to one side, and half of it commence sinking, while the other half remained on solid

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Stagecoach Mary

Mary Fields

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Mary.” She enjoyed working in the open air, and she was as good as any man at protecting her passengers and her cargo. After a while, Mother Amadeus helped Mary establish a restaurant in Cascade. Mary was a good cook, but fed everyone regardless of their ability to pay, and she went broke. Despite this, the locals were won over by Fields’ determination, independence, and inherent kindness to those less fortunate.

When a mail route was established between Cascade and St. Peter’s Mission, Mother Amadeus aided her 63-year-old friend in securing the position of carrier. Mary drove the route for eight years, becoming only the second woman in history to deliver the U.S. mail.

When Mother Amadeus was transferred to a mission in Alaska, Mary felt she was too old to follow her longtime benefactor. Now in her 70s, she operated a laundry, babysat, and celebrated her birthdays by handing out candy to children. The New Cascade Hotel gave her free meals, and friends helped her

build a house. When her home burned, townspeople helped her rebuild.

Still fond of cigars and whiskey, she continued to pack a punch. Legend has it that once, a customer in her laundry walked out without paying his bill. As he walked away, Fields tapped him on the shoulder. When he turned around, the 70-year-old woman punched him squarely on the jaw. Mary then announced that his bill had been paid in full.

By the end of her life,

Mary Fields was revered as a local legend. Supposedly, Cascade’s public schools were closed to honor her birthday—sometimes twice a year, because she was unsure of her exact birth date. She also had the distinction of becoming the first woman in Cascade to be allowed to drink in the town’s saloons.

Mary Fields died in 1914 and was buried at the Hillside Cemetery in Cascade, Montana, where her grave was marked with a simple wooden cross.

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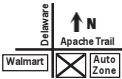
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for exchanging shots with a local policeman and forced to leave town. He headed for Topeka and talked to the press, spreading the word that he was in trouble. The local papers speculated about what would happen if some of Short’s friends should appear to defend their associate. When Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson, Charlie Bassett, and several other gunmen did arrive in Dodge, Short’s opposition backed down and Short returned to his business interests. In honor of the occasion, Short and his friends posed for a famous photograph titled “The Dodge City Peace Commission.”

Masterson got into some minor scrapes over the next few years, but his reputation kept him out of serious trouble.

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Bat had become increasingly interested in sports, especially as a boxing official and a promoter of hose races. In 1896, he was involved in a famed sporting event involving the notorious Judge Roy Bean. Bat was trying to promote a fight between heavyweight champion Peter Maher and challenger Bob Fitzsimmons. Frustrated by do-gooders who were trying to ban boxing in several states, the parties made their way to Langtry, Texas. Boxing was illegal in Texas, as well, but Judge Bean had arranged to stage the fight just across the Rio Grande in Mexico. With Texas Rangers standing on the American shore, the fight commenced and Fitzsimmons beat Maher quickly, knocking him out with a vicious right in only 95 seconds. After the fight everyone crossed the bridge back to the saloon.

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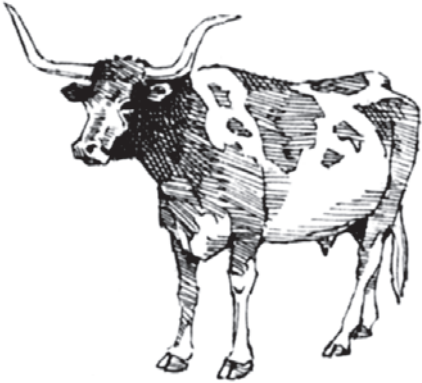
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ground. Then our six mule team would go in, and half of the mules would flounder over the tongue, or turn a summerset out of the harness, and, perhaps, come near drowning, before they could be extricated. Now we would be all ashore clambering along the rocky walls of the canyon. I campaigned with McClellan, on the Peninsula; I was with Burnside in his Mud Campaign, after Fredericksburg; we had bad roads down in Tennessee and Georgia, when after Joe Johnson and Hood. But this tedious and toilsome drive, through the canyon and quicksands of the Hassayampa, beat all these; and we never would have got through had we not had light loads, and skilful, plucky, magnificent drivers.”

Evidently this trip was made from somewhere about Smith’s Mills or Seymour into Wickenburg as the distance was twelve miles and was up the canyon along which the Phoenix & Prescott road is now built. By good luck they made the trip and got into Wickenburg about dusk, with animals thoroughly blown and men pretty well used up. It had taken just a week to come from Maricopa Wells, usually a drive of a day or two, or

three. They were the first party to pass through in a month, and no one was expected to cross the Hassayampa either way, for a month or so to come.

“Of course,” the narrative continues, “with such rivers and roads—rivers without either bridges or ferries, and roads that follow the beds of rivers—our only conclusion was that Arizona was in no hurry, for either population or business; and, I judge, *this* is about so. She must bridge her streams, and construct good substantial roads—at least between all chief points—before she can expect to grow and prosper.”

Arizona had a territorial area at that time, including Pah-Ute county, of about a hundred and twenty-seven thousand square miles, she had only a population of about three thousand people, the native Americans being about equally divided between the citizens of the Northern and

Southern states, most of whom were engaged in trade, farming and teaming, and she was not able to construct bridges across the treacherous streams of Arizona. All Arizonans know the expense attending such enterprises, and when we had an assured population, the legislatures were constantly giving franchises for ferries, etc., over the rivers, particularly along the Colorado, but they had to be supported by travel, and were rather primitive affairs at best. The Apache was the disturbing element, preventing real development in all lines of industry. When this menace was removed, Arizona went forward by leaps and bounds, increasing rapidly in both population and wealth.

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Bat Masterson

Legend

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Masterson had dabbled in newspaper writing for years and by the late 1890s had become a sports editor for a Denver newspaper. As time passed, Bat became bored and started drinking heavily. He needed a change of pace and moved to New York. Bat had become friends with Theodore Roosevelt after meeting several times during the future president’s travels to the West. President Roosevelt appointed Masterson to a position as deputy U.S. Marshal for the southern district of New York. He split his time writing and keeping the peace in the grand jury room whenever the U. S. Attorney held session in New York. He held this position until President Howard Taft relieved him of duty in 1912.

During this time he cultivated friendships with many famous figures in sports and entertainment. He became one of the “Broadway guys” that Damon Runyon wrote short stories about. The character of “Sky Masterson” in Runyon’s Guys and Dolls is said to be based on Bat

Masterson.

Bat became a sportswriter for the New York *Morning Telegraph* and eventually became the sports editor. On October 25, 1921, he arrived at work, sat at his desk, and wrote these words: “There are those who argue that everything breaks even in this old dump of a world of ours. I suppose these ginks who argue that way hold that because the rich man gets ice in the summer and the poor man gets it in the winter things are breaking even for both. Maybe so, but I’ll swear that I can’t see it that way.”

These were the last words he ever wrote. As he worked on his column, Bat Masterson slumped over his desk, dead of a heart attack.

In his book, Masterson, tongue firmly in cheek, described himself thusly: “Masterson’s hat measures

seven and three-eighths. Wise, cool, wary, he is the born captain of men. Generous to a final dollar, the poor and needy make for him like night birds for a lighthouse. To a courage that is proof, he adds a genius for justice, and carries honesty to the pitch of romanticism. To these virtues of mind and heart, add the thews of a grizzly bear, and you will have a picture of Masterson.”

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