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Commodore Perry Owens

Commodore Perry Owens was the hero in a bloody chapter of Arizona history, helping bring law and order to Holbrook, a tiny northeastern Arizona town known to be “too tough for women and churches.”

Owens became the sheriff of Arizona’s Apache County in 1886. As sheriff he helped bring peace to an area filled with lawlessness and became involved in the notorious Pleasant Valley War.

Owens was born in Tennessee in 1852. His parents named him after the legendary British war hero, Oliver Hazard Perry, whose exploits they admired. The family later moved to Indiana, and it was there that young Owens gained a reputation as a fine shot and an outstanding racer of horses. He left home at the age of 13 and headed to Oklahoma to find work as a ranch hand. Owens had no trouble finding jobs as a



cowboy and quickly learned how to rope and brand cattle and spent his spare time practicing with his six-shooter and Winchester. He had red hair, which he wore long, often

curling it up underneath his hat. He was popular with the ladies, but was often made fun of due to his unusual name.

By 1881, he was working as a ranch foreman in Arizona. There are plenty of stories regarding Owens’ dealings with the local Navajo Indians, including one incident that involved Owens killing

two Indians who were attempting to steal some horses that he was guarding. This episode supposedly resulted in Owens earning the nickname “Iron Man.”

Owens had a homestead near Holbrook, Arizona, called the Z Bar Ranch, and in 1866 was elected as sheriff of Apache County. Many people thought he was eccentric because of his name and his appearance. He wore a fringed buckskin jacket and silver-studded leather chaps and a wide-brimmed felt top hat. His long hair was quite out of fashion and men thought he was too girly looking. He also had a strange habit of taking a bath once a week. The ladies thought he was quiet and mannerly. He also had a practice of wearing either a long-barreled pistol or two six-shooters around his waist. He was a dead shot with either weapon from either hand. He was also famous for using the cross-draw, drawing with the right hand from the left hip and vice versa. It gained him

(See Sheriff on Page 4)

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 appraise the mines around Wickenburg and Prescott.

By Thomas Edwin Farish

Wickenburg was found to be an adobe hamlet of perhaps two hundred inhabitants, depending chiefly on the Vulture mine. Here the party halted for two or three days to rest and recruit, which afforded them an opportunity

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.

to visit the mine. The General reports it as follows: “It is really a fine specimen of gold-bearing quartz, off in the mountains, some fifteen miles west of Wickenburg, whence the ore was then wagoned to the mill, on the Hassayampa at Wickenburg. It consists of a fine vein of free quartz, from five to fifteen feet wide, and mostly devoid of sulphurets, or other refractory substances.

Seventy or eighty men—half of them or more Mexicans—were hard at work, sinking shafts and getting out ore; and already a large amount of work had been done there. One shaft was already down a hundred feet, and another half as far—it being intended to connect the two by a lateral gallery to insure ventilation, etc. Unfortunately, no water

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In Their Own Words

Fighting Comanche Warriors

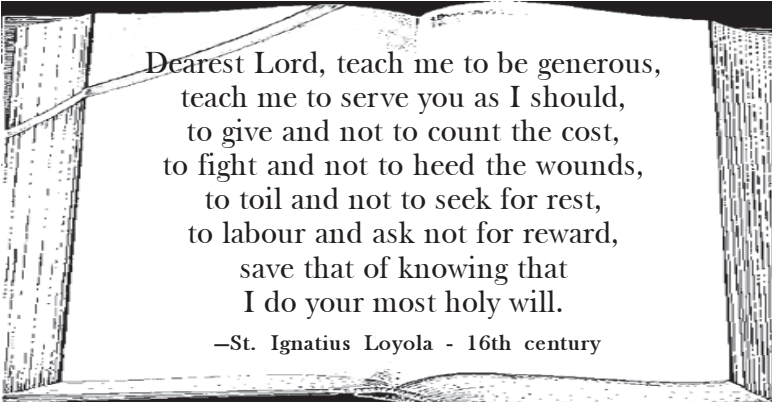
A Gruesome Aftermath

James Pike was the son of a newspaper editor who grew up in Ohio and Missouri. He migrated to Texas in 1859 and joined the Texas Rangers, taking part in a series of campaigns against Comanche Indians. He later fought for the Union in the Civil War. Pike wrote about his adventures as a Ranger and a soldier in a book titled *The Scout and Ranger: Being the Personal Adventures of Corporal Pike of the Fourth Ohio Cavalry, published in 1865. The follow-*

ing is an excerpt from that book, where Pike relates a Texas Ranger action against a war-ringing band of Comanches. In the story, Pike is allied with Caddo Indians, whose reservation was near Fort Belnap, west of Fort Worth.

We were all well concealed, behind bushes, rocks, and trees, lying down as closely to the

(See Eyewitness on Page 10)



Captain's Bar Presents

ARIZONA TRIVIA

This Week's Question: What lake was created by the construction of Glen Canyon Dam? (10 Letters)

Last Issue's Question: Where in Arizona was the westernmost battle of the Civil War fought? *Answer:* Picacho Pass

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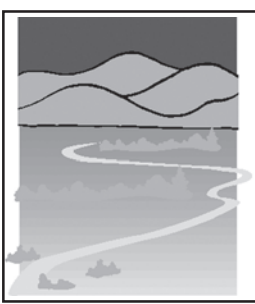
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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

The meteor that hit Arizona east of present-day Flagstaff 50,000 years ago blasted out 175 million tons of rock to form a crater visitors can see today. The impact created a thousand-mile-an-hour wind and every tree within 12 miles was leveled.

In 1863, during the Civil War, the Territory of Arizona was created from half of New Mexico Territory. Future automaker Henry Ford was born that year and Joe Cuburn won the American boxing championship by beating Mike McCool in 63 rounds.

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On September 3, 1855, the boy was not in camp when a large column led by U.S. Army General William S. Harney launched an attack. Harney's assault on the Sioux encampment left 86 dead. Many of the casualties were women and children. Harney

also marched off with 70 female captives. Stunned at the slaughter of his friends and relatives, the young man became a staunch foe of the white man.

In 1858 the young brave rode with a war party against an Arapaho village in central Wyoming. He fought so courageously that upon the war party's triumphant return his father honored him by passing on to him the name Crazy Horse. The name Crazy Horse was actually quite common among the Sioux, but the fearless brave made the name his own over the next two decades. His name came to symbolize the proud courage of the Native Americans of the last days of the Old West.

Crazy Horse had a mystical side and he joined a medicine society called the Thunder Cult, where he regularly sought visions. On one such vision quest Crazy Horse had a vision of a rider in a storm on horseback, with long unbraided hair, a small stone in his ear, zigzag lightning decorating his cheek, and hail dotting his body. Although a warrior, he bore no scalps. People clutched at

the rider, but could not hold him. The storm faded and a red-backed hawk flew over the rider's head. When Crazy Horse later related the dream to his father, the medicine man interpreted it as a sign of his son's future greatness in battle. His visions seemed to instill a confidence and dedication to go along with his innate warrior's instincts.

Through the late 1850s and early 1860s, Crazy Horse's reputation as a

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Commodore Perry Owens

Sheriff

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a fraction of a second on his enemies.

Owens' first year as sheriff was relatively quiet, with only a few arrests of drunken cowboys and cattle rustlers, and only three reported shooting incidents in which he shot at least two men. Only one of the men is believed to have died. However, in September 1887, Owens was in the process of attempting to subdue the most notorious gang of outlaws in the county, led by a man named Andy Cooper, also known as Andy Blevins. Cooper, and his half-brothers from the Blevins family, were well known as cattle rustlers, and were suspected in several murders. A range war was in full swing, becoming known as the Pleasant Valley War. The Blevins gang was allied with the Graham family, also

known as cattle rustlers in the area. Those two families were opposing the Tewksbury family, who had herds of sheep, but who originally were also cattle ranchers. Things came to a



head on September 2, when Cooper killed John Tewksbury and William Jacobs and citizens demanded that Owens do something or he would be removed from office.

On Sunday, September 4, 1887, Sheriff Owens traveled to the Blevins' cottage in Holbrook to serve an outstanding warrant on Andy Cooper. There were twelve people present in the house that afternoon when Owens stepped onto the porch, including Cooper, John Blevins, Samuel Houston Blevins, Mose Roberts, the brothers' mother Mrs. Blevins, John Blevins' wife, Eva, and their infant son, a family friend, Miss Amanda Gladden, and several children. Cradling a Winchester in his arm, Sheriff Owens knocked upon the door and, when Cooper answered with a pistol in his hand, the lawman told him to come out of the house, stating that he had a warrant for his arrest. Cooper refused to comply and tried to close the door. Owens dropped the rifle to his hip and shot Cooper through the door, hitting him in the stomach. John Blevins then pushed a pistol out the door and fired a shot at the sheriff. He missed and killed Cooper's saddle horse which was tied to a tree in the street. Owens turned and fired, wounding Blevins in the arm. Owens then backed out into the street so he could see all sides of the house. Mose Roberts, who was boarding with the family, jumped out of a side window. He saw the sheriff and immediately turned to run. Owens shot him, the bullet passing through his back and out of his chest. Roberts stumbled around the back of the house and fell in the back door.

Owens chambered another round into his Winchester. At that moment, fifteen-year-old Samuel Houston Blevins ran

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As the town developed, flat-roofed adobes were built on either side of the only street, which ran roughly a mile east to west, parallel to the Rio Bonito. The community was called “Rio Bonito” or “La Placita” until 1869, when it was renamed Lincoln and made the county seat. Lincoln County covered 27,000 square miles and was the largest county in the United States. Comprising the entire southeast quarter of

loosely governed New Mexico, Lincoln County was inadequately policed by a sheriff and a handful of deputies, making frontier outlawry and violence almost inevitable.

The Horrell War involved five quarrelsome brothers from Texas (a sixth brother had already been slain in a Las Cruces shootout), who were known rustlers and killers and who re-established their family near Lincoln. Soon there was a bloody gunfight in Lincoln, and one of the four victims was the youngest Horrell brother.

Vowing revenge, the

surviving Horrells raided a wedding dance in Lincoln in December of 1873, killing four men and wounding two others. The Horrells were driven back to Texas (where three more of the brothers were killed during the next few years) by a group of local vigilantes.

Such violence created an atmosphere in which the notorious Lincoln County War would thrive. Lawrence G. Murphy built a mercantile business in Lincoln, which was headquartered at the town’s largest building, dubbed “The Big House.” Murphy’s empire soon expanded by shady methods to include land and cattle, and sheriff William Brady was a willing associate.

Eventually, cattle baron John Chisum came into conflict with Murphy by



Lincoln, New Mexico, in 1886. The large two story structure in the middle is the Big House. The long building across the street and to the left is the Wortley Hotel.

(See Violent Town on Page 7)



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could be found near the mine, and all used there then was transported from Wickenburg, at a cost of ten cents per gallon. So, all the ore taken out had to be wagoned, from the mine to the mill at Wickenburg, at a cost of ten dollars per ton. The cost of everything else was about in the same proportion. Nevertheless, we were told the mine paid, and that handsomely, and I sincerely trust it did.

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O u r travellers passed from Wickenburg to Prescott, via Skull Valley, some eighty-four miles, without mishap. They made the distance in two and a half days. Skull Valley was a narrow vale of perhaps a thousand or two

acres, but devoid of timber, and inaccessible in all directions, except over bad mountains. A few ranches had been started and a petty military post was there to protect them, but this post had been ordered away, the location was so faulty, and with its departure, Skull Valley, as a settlement, seemed likely to collapse.

Skull Valley and Wickenburg were the only settlements, indeed the only population, they found between Maricopa Wells and Prescott, a distance of nearly three hundred miles by the way they travelled.

The narrative continues: “As I have already said, we found the intervening country substantially unsettled, and much of it will never amount to anything for agricultural purposes. Its mineral resources may be great; but, as a rule, it lacks both wood and water. On the Agua Fria and Hassayampa, however, there are considerable bottoms, that might be successfully irrigated; and

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Lincoln, New Mexico

Violent Town

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establishing lawyer Alexander McSween in a competing store in Lincoln. A young rancher from England, John Tunstall, invested in the enterprise, and a bank was formed: Chisum was the president, Tunstall the vice-president, and McSween the secretary-treasurer.

At this point, Lincoln boasted at least 500 residents. The only hostelry was the Wortley Hotel, across from the Big House. The latter dominated the west end of town, while the large Chisum-Tunstall-McSween store was in the middle of Lincoln, just west of the tower and on the north side of the road. McSween's sprawling adobe house was the social center of Lincoln—until full-scale war erupted.

Sheriff Brady and a large posse murdered John Tunstall south of Lincoln on February 18, 1878. Billy the Kid and other "Regulators" rode in vengeance, killing Brady and a deputy on Lincoln's main street on April 1. The Lincoln County War escalated in violence for five months, then come to a head in mid-July in one of the greatest gunfights in Western history.

On the night of July 14, nearly 50 Regulators slipped into Lincoln, while an almost equal number of their adversaries slept in and around the Big House. Billy the Kid and 13 other gunmen barricaded themselves inside Alexander McSween's U-shaped, 12-room adobe house,

while other Regulators were stationed in surrounding buildings. At dawn, the Regulators opened fire on their startled foes, beginning two days of sniping.

On the third day the Regulators severely wounded a deputy, and on the fourth day the commander of nearby Fort Stanton sent out a large detail of troops with a howitzer and a Gatling gun. The military camped in the east end of town and declared their neutrality, but their imposing presence intimidated the McSween men. By the fifth day, July 19, most of the McSween force had slipped across the Rio Bonita, vanishing into the rugged countryside.

McSween's adobe was set afire, and by that night the slow blaze had consumed all but four rooms. After dark the defenders came out shooting. There were casualties on both sides, but McSween was among the dead, and his surviving supporters became outlaws. Billy the Kid was captured,

shot his way out of incarceration in the Big House, then was tracked down and killed by Sheriff Pat Garrett.

In 1913, with the wild days long past and Lincoln reduced to a backwater, the county seat was moved to Carrizozo. Lincoln's population dipped to about 50, but the Big House

remained, and so did the other store, the tower, and almost all of the other buildings. Today's visitor can stay at the Wortley Hotel and tour one of the West's least changed historic towns.



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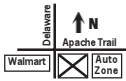
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Commodore Perry Owens

Sheriff

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out the front door, gripping his brother Andy's Colt revolver, which he had taken from the mortally wounded outlaw. His mother attempted to hold him back, unsuccessfully. As the boy came towards him, Owens fired once more, killing the boy. The youth staggered back only to die in his mother's embrace. The whole incident took less than one minute and the shootout made Owens a legend.

It has been alleged that Mose Roberts was unarmed, and that he only jumped from the window to avoid bullets that passed through the wall into a back room where he was located. However, a number of witnesses testified before the coroner's jury that they had seen a gun in his hand, and a revolver was found at the rear

of the house immediately after the gunfight.

Locally, Owens was praised for ridding the county of Andy Cooper. Three separate coroner's juries found Owens' actions justifiable. However, several factors, including the escapes of outlaws Robert

wonder if Owens had the proper administrative skills to be sheriff of increasingly civilized Apache County. In the election in November 1888, Owens was defeated by his former deputy, St. George Creaghe.

After leaving Holbrook, Owens worked in various law enforcement positions. He served as a Deputy U.S. Marshall under William Kidder Meade and was appointed the first Sheriff of the newly-created Navajo County in 1895, serving two years in this capacity. Owens' later law enforcement career lacked the

drama and excitement of his days as Apache County Sheriff, but he was still considered a formidable opponent to the lawless element that remained in the territory.

After his term as Sheriff of Navajo County expired, Owens retired to Seligman, Arizona, where he bought property and opened a general store and a saloon. In 1902 he married a woman named Elizabeth Barrett. The census of 1910 shows Owens and his wife were residing in San Diego, California, at that time. He eventually returned to Seligman and on February 14, 1912 saw the Arizona Territory he had helped to settle become the 48th state in the Union.

In the end the stalwart lawman succumbed to illness and died on May 10, 1919, at the age of 66. Commodore Perry Owens is buried in the Citizen's Cemetery in Flagstaff, Arizona.



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Crazy Horse

Leader

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warrior grew as did his fame among his people. The vast majority of his exploits were raids against other Plains tribes and there are no written records, but because of his fighting ability, Crazy Horse was installed as an Ogle Tanka Un (Shirt Wearer or war leader) in 1865. Almost immediately, he assumed a prominent role under Sitting Bull in the harassing of a 2,000-man column of soldiers led by Colonel Nelson Cole and Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Walker. A year later, he played an even larger role in Red Cloud's War, which was a massive campaign against army possession of the Bozeman Trail.

On December 21, 1866, Crazy Horse led the Oglala contingent of a war party comprising 1,000 warriors, including members of the Cheyenne and Miniconjou tribes in an ambush of U.S. troops stationed at Fort Phil Kearny that became known as the Fetterman massacre. Crazy Horse led a decoy party that drew the U.S.

soldiers out of Fort Kearny while the main body of warriors hid around the Lodge Trail Ridge. Captain William J. Fetterman took the bait and marched out



with 80 men to pursue the decoy group. Once out of the protection of the fort,

the army force was set upon by the main body of the Sioux war party. All 81 soldiers were killed. Before the Battle of the Little Bighorn, the Fetterman Massacre was the army's worst defeat in the West.

In 1870, Crazy Horse married Black Buffalo Woman, already the wife of No Water. It was the custom to allow a woman to divorce her husband at any time. She did so by moving in with relatives or with another man, or by placing the husband's belongings outside their lodge. Although some compensation might be required to smooth over hurt feelings, the rejected husband was expected to accept his wife's decision for the good of the tribe. No

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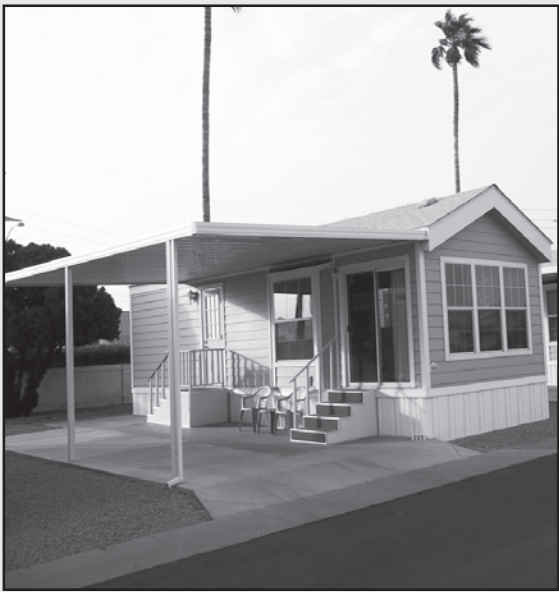
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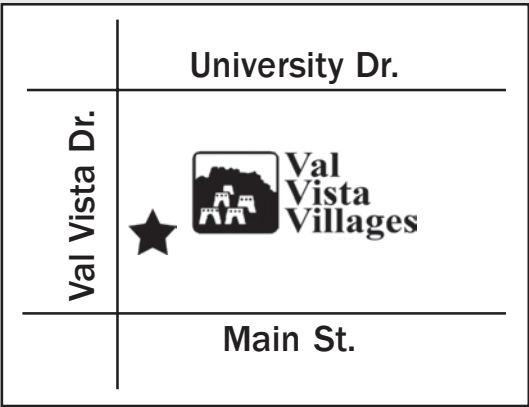
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between the Gila and the Salt there is a wide district that deserves some further notice. Some eight or ten miles from the Salt, you find immense ruins in various places, and soon strike a huge acequia winding up from the Salt. It must be, I should think, thirty feet wide by ten or twelve deep, and seems like a great canal of modern times. Just where the road to Fort McDowell crosses this, it subdivides into three or four lesser acequias, and these branch off over the mesa indefinitely. This great acequia heads just above where we crossed the Salt. The river has a considerable descent or 'rapids' there, and the ancient constructors of this gigantic watercourse, apparently, knew well how to take advantage of this. They have tapped the river there by three immense mouths, all leading

into one common channel; and this they have coaxed along down the bottoms, and gently up the bluff, until at a distance of miles away it at last gained the level of the mesa, and there distributed abroad its fertilizing waters. So, there are other ancient acequias, furrowing the bottoms of the Salt on either side, though we observed none so large as this.

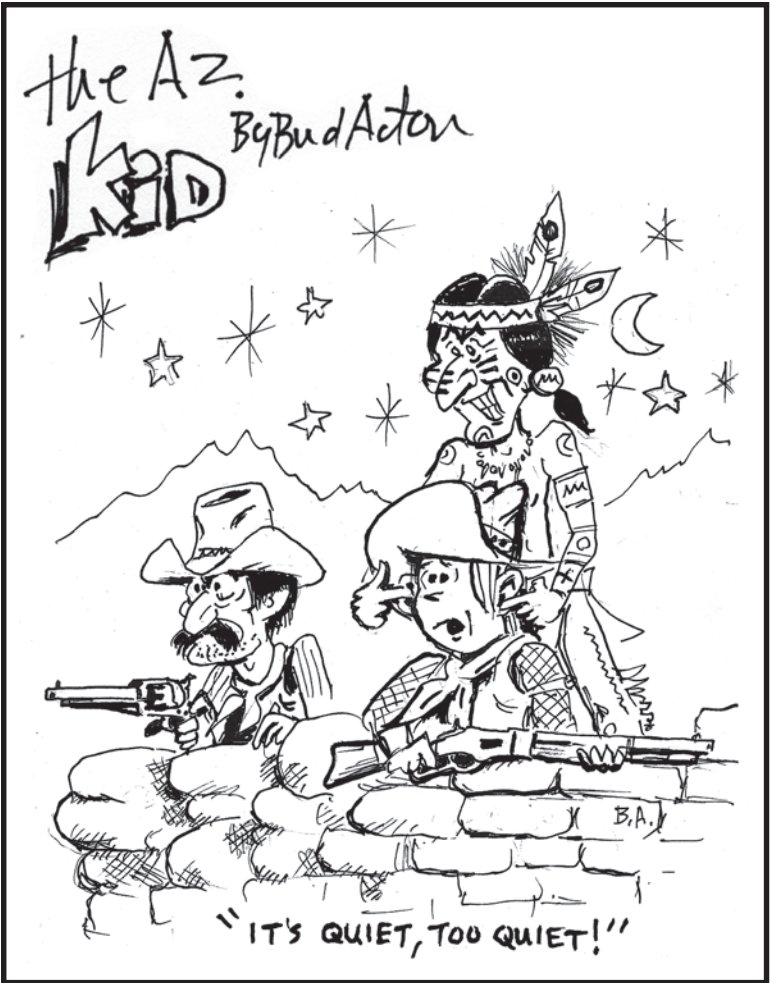
"The ruins of ancient buildings, thoroughly disintegrated, are scattered widely along these bottoms, and in some places there must certainly have been large cities. The rectilinear courses of the walls, and the dividing lines of the rooms, are all plainly visible still, though nothing remains but the cobblestones and pebbles out of which they seem to have been mainly constructed, and here and there a bit of cement or mortar. The ancient builders and occupiers of these could not have been our present Indians there, because they use different

forms and materials. They could not have been Mexicans or Spaniards, because they invariably use brick or adobe. Who they were, where they came from, when they disappeared, and why—these are knotty problems for the antiquarian, which it is to be hoped time will soon solve. One thing is certain, these ancient builders—Aztecs (as popularly believed) or whoever they were—were at least good architects and engineers, and they must have peopled much of Arizona with an industrious and dense population.

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Prescott at this time remained about the same as for several years before. It had its full supply of saloons and gambling houses; no churches, although the chaplain from Fort Whipple semi-occasionally preached there. The population was less than five hundred. The placer mines in and around the town were on the eve of failure. Eleven mills, all from five to twenty stamps each, had been erected at mines where the

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a murmur or a remonstrance. To have interposed an objection would have but added to the magnitude of the tortures inflicted; and, perhaps, brought down upon my own head the vengeance of Casa Maria and his men. That I might, a least, turn away from the scene, I mounted my horse and rode a short distance, as if looking out for Comanches, till the work of slaughter had ended.

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Crazy Horse

Leader

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Water was away from camp when Crazy Horse and Black Buffalo Woman eloped. No Water gathered a group of supporters and tracked down Crazy Horse and Black Buffalo Woman. When he found them, he shot Crazy Horse in the shoulder. Several elders convinced Crazy Horse and No Water that no more blood should be shed and that as compensation for the shooting, No Water should give Crazy Horse three horses. At about the same time, Crazy Horse's younger half brother Little Hawk was killed while on a war expedition south of the Platte River. Sometime during 1871, Crazy Horse married his second wife, Black Shawl.

On June 17, 1876, Crazy Horse led a combined group of approximately 1,500 Sioux and Cheyenne in a surprise attack



against General George Crook's force of 1,000 cavalry and infantry and 300 Crow and Shoshone warriors in the Battle of the Rosebud. The battle, although not substantial in terms of human loss, was important because it delayed Crook from joining up with the 7th Cavalry under George A. Custer, helping ensure Custer's defeat at the Battle of the Little Bighorn. At 3:00 p.m. on June 26, 1876, Custer's 7th Cavalry attacked a large Sioux and Cheyenne encampment near the Little Bighorn River. Crazy Horse commanded a war party that repelled the first attack, led by Major Marcus Reno. After driving back Reno's force, Crazy Horse's warriors were free to pursue Custer. In the counterattack that destroyed Custer's 7th Cavalry to the last man, Crazy Horse flanked the Americans from the north and west

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125 Years Ago in the Old West

May 3, 1888
A major fire destroys much of San Diego's business district; losses will be valued at \$200,000.

Wells Fargo asks the secretary of the treasury to designate it a common carrier.

May 9, 1888
Natrona County is established in Wyoming.

May 11, 1888
Colorado's warmest temperature ever is recorded in Bennett: 118 degrees.

May 15, 1888
In Des Moines, Iowa, Belva Anne Lockwood, the first woman to argue a case before the U. S. Supreme Court, is nominated to head the presidential ticket of the Equal Rights Party.

May 17, 1888
The United Labor Party nominates W. H. T. Wakefield, the editor of the Council Grove, Kansas, *Anti-*

Monopolist, as its candidate for vice president.

May 26, 1888
Boston Corbett, the man who shot John Wilkes Booth and was recently discharged as doorman of the U. S. House of Representatives, escapes from the insane asylum in Topeka, Kansas, where he has been held for the last 15 months.

Also in May 1888
Wells Fargo and the Santa Fe Railroad approve a contract that will allow the express company straight San Francisco-to-Chicago access without having to do business with the Union Pacific. Wells Fargo guarantees to pay \$160 a mile on the main lines, and \$60 a mile on the branch lines, including the Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe lines in Texas, the Chicago, Kansas and Western, and the California Southern.

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Arizona History

Conditions

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ores assayed from one to two hundred dollars or more per ton, but of all these only one five stamp mill was then running, the Ticonderoga, which was reported as only about paying expenses. "Instead of two hundred dollars, or more, per ton, as per assay, the mills in fact could only stamp out and save from ten to twenty dollars per ton; and this was a losing business. A new 'process' was just being tried at the Eureka Mill, which did excellently well, as per assay in the laboratory; but it was uncertain what would be the result when applied to large quantities of ore in the mill. The Bully Bueno and Sterling lodes seemed to be the most in favor. Specimens from the Sterling, that were shown, were indeed wonderful in richness, and there seemed to be no doubt that the ledges around Prescott

abound in mines, which will yield very largely, if only a process can be found to treat successfully such obstinate and refractory sulphurets. For the present, however, mining operations about Prescott were very 'sick', with poor prospect of speedy recovery. The region had indeed two advantages, very rare in Arizona, to-wit, good fuel, and sufficient water. The breadth of timber here,

however, had been much overstated. An area of ten miles square or so embraced the bulk of the pine, which was an exceptional growth just there; the rest consisted chiefly of scrawny juniper and scraggly cedar, fit only for fuel and fencing."

Join us as we recount the history of Arizona in the next issue of the *Territorial News*.

Greeley's Wild Ride

On his western travels, the famous newspaperman Horace Greeley boarded a stagecoach at Carson City, Nevada, bound for Placerville, California. His driver, Hank Monk, is reported by one observer to have "drank so much that he gave whiskey to his horses and watered himself, thus becoming sober enough to handle his drunken team."

Greeley complained of the slowness of the team, saying he was "not going to a funeral." At the summit of a long grade, Monk cracked his whip and gave Greeley a ride to remember. Greeley was bounced like "corn in a popper," a Placerville innkeeper said. "The canvas roof of the coach was ripped in half a dozen places, Mr. Greeley's hat was all bashed in; the team was foamin' at the mouth."



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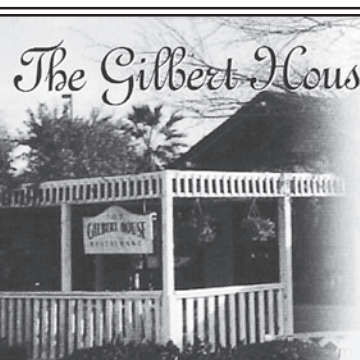
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Crazy Horse

Leader

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as Hunkpapa Warriors led by Chief Gall charged from the south and east.

On January 8, 1877, Crazy Horse's warriors fought their last battle, the Battle of Slim Buttes, against the U.S. Cavalry in Montana. The Indians' triumphs over the white man's army proved futile in the end as the buffalo—the Plains Indians major source of food—had all but disappeared from the prairies. On May 8, 1877, his people weakened by cold and hunger, Crazy Horse surrendered to U.S. troops and was assigned to the Nebraska reservation at Fort Robinson. While at Fort Robinson, Crazy Horse took Nellie Laravie, a young half-French, half-Indian daughter of a trader, as his third wife.

Crazy Horse was under constant watch as a potential escapee. After rumors that he was planning to flee, he was arrested on September 5, 1877. When he realized that he was to be confined in Fort Robinson's gaurdhouse, he resisted. During the scuffle, private William Gentiles, a 20-year

army veteran who never rose above the rank of private, lunged at Crazy Horse with his bayonet, striking him near his left kidney. He died during the night in the Adjutant's Office. His body was taken away by his parents and laid to rest somewhere in the Badlands. To this day, no one knows the final resting place of Crazy Horse.

Celebrated for his ferocity in battle, Crazy Horse was recognized among his own people as a visionary leader committed to preserving the traditions and values of the Sioux way of life. For more than two decades, Crazy Horse rode as a warrior in hundreds of raids against the enemies of his people. Crazy Horse is among the most respected and revered of all Native American war chiefs. He fought Crows, Shoshones, and the soldiers of the U.S. Army. He led his warriors with devastating skill in delivering the army its two worst defeats in the West.



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