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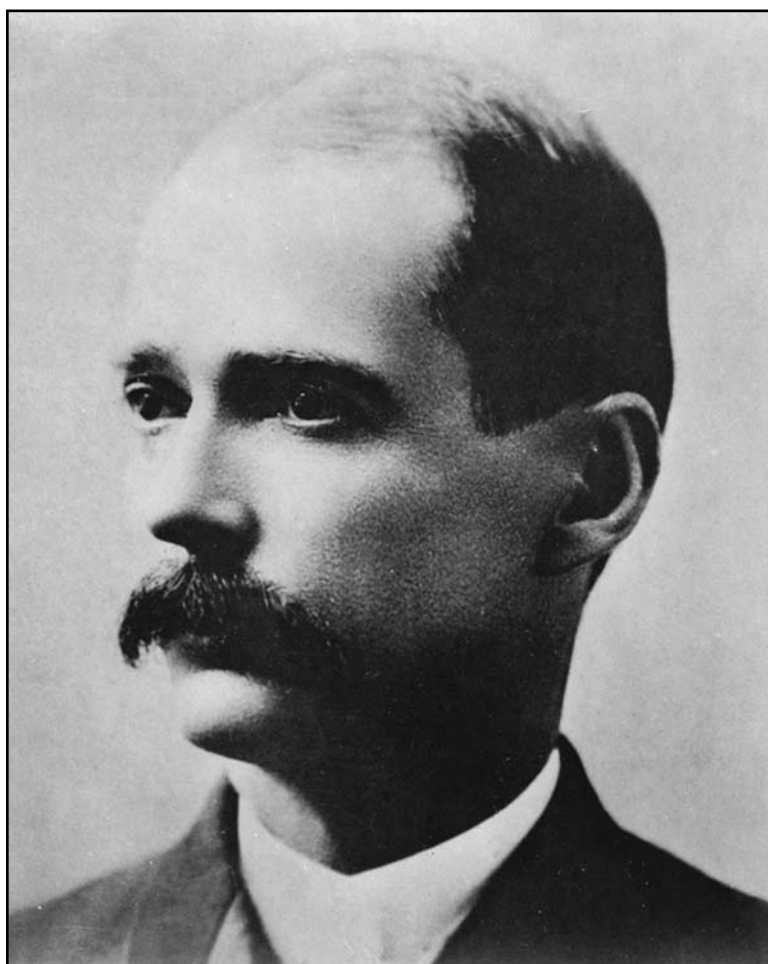
John Harris Behan was born in Westport, Missouri, on October 25, 1845. As a young man he traveled to California where he worked as a freighter and a miner. During the Civil War, 19-year-old Behan joined Colonel James Henry Carleton's California Column and fought with them at Apache Pass near Fort Bowie, Arizona, in July 1862.

In 1863, he decided to settle in Arizona and first worked at a freighter at Fort Lowell, then at the Cerro Colorado Mine in Pima County before moving on to the Prescott area, where he worked in various jobs. On February 28, 1866, while prospecting along the Verde River, he and several other men were attacked by Indians, but successfully fought them off. In that same year

Behan became the under sheriff to John Bourke of Yavapai County where he gained a reputation as a brave and honest lawman. He later served as sheriff of Yavapai County in 1871-72. A member of the Democratic Party, Behan became a member of the territorial assembly in 1873.

In 1880, Behan became sheriff of Cochise County. Soon afterwards Virgil Earp became city marshal of Tombstone. In this role he recruited his brothers Wyatt and Morgan Earp as "special deputy policemen." At that time the Earp family came into conflict with two local families, the Clantons and the McLaurys. Ike Clanton, Phineas Clanton, Billy Clanton, Tom McLaury and Frank

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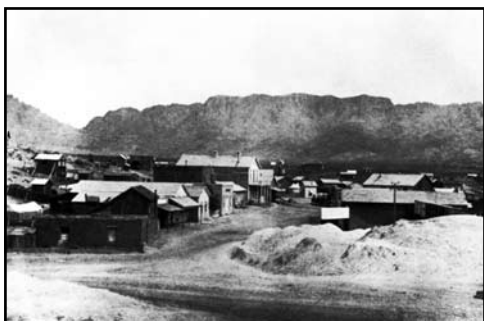


Sheriff Johnny Behan

Don't Cheat Jim Sam He May Shoot You Down!

By Richard W. Kimball

Most Chinese immigrants that arrived in the early West came as laborers—most often as railroad workers. Others, who were more ambitious, operated laundries or Asian restaurants. A Chinese man named Jim Sam was one such entrepreneur. When he opened a restaurant in Prescott in 1865, it soon became a popular eatery for local residents. Since it was



Pinal City

such a success, Sam decided to establish more restaurants in several other mining towns throughout the Territory.

It was in his Globe restaurant that Sam realized how much power he held over his

customers. Several rough men came into his establishment intent on causing so much trouble that the Chinaman would go running back to China. They didn't realize the fighting spirit of Jim Sam. The Asian was highly proficient with firearms and sometimes staged exhibitions of his marksmanship. He could easily shoot the marks out of playing cards with ease. His aim was true with a

(See Shoot-Em on Page 6)

Lincoln's Great Basin Compromise

By Ralph Henderson

In the settlement of the West no one would play a larger role than that of a person we do not normally associate with Western history or Western politics: Abraham Lincoln.

Hundreds of pages of official U. S. government documents bearing his signature have woven a picture of shocking Civil War politics and skullduggery. Known more for his Emancipation Proclamation than his political wheeling and

dealing, these documents researched and compiled by Dr. Richard Forschen of Nevada's Comstock Historical Society reveal Lincoln's belief in his need to split western Utah off from its Salt Lake City connections.

Prior to the Civil War, the West was relatively out of touch with events in the rest of the country. With the development of California and Oregon the Far West began to take on an air

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(12 Letters)

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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

The federal government's agent to the Navajo Tribe was stationed at northeastern Arizona's Fort Defiance in 1868. He said members of the tribe "are no doubt the best in the country for rapid progress in agriculture, as history proves that for several centuries they have been engaged in planting." He added that the Navajos were "far in advance of other tribes in manufacturing blankets, bridles and other

articles."

Passengers traveling from Prescott to the Arizona-California border on 1871 stagecoaches were escorted by U.S. Army troops through Hualapai Indian Country. Two soldiers rode ahead to give advance warning of an ambush. The Hualapai were at war with the United States to keep white prospectors and ranchers off Hualapai

land. The tribe welcomes visitors today to their part of the Grand Canyon.

Yavapai Country deputy sheriff George Rich who was assigned to Williams suddenly resigned his position in 1882 and disappeared. It was said he feared arrest for helping to rob a liquor store. Williams had been founded a year before on a cattle ranch.

1890 entertainment at Tombstone's Bird Cage Theater included wrestling and weight lifting.

A visitor to Flagstaff the winter of 1903 said Sandy Donahue's saloon was crowded with cowboys and lumberjacks. They kept three bartenders busy, were entertained with fiddle music, and gambled at cards and dice. Down the street a little way was a Chinese restaurant called the American Chop House where a meal cost 25 cents.

In 1905, the four-year-old Santa Fe Railroad line from Williams to the Grand Canyon was being publicized all over the country as the best way to see Arizona's great natural wonder. The Grand Canyon was described in magazine advertising as "a whole chaotic underworld" and "the most sublime scene on earth." Round trip fare on the steam-powered train was \$6.50.

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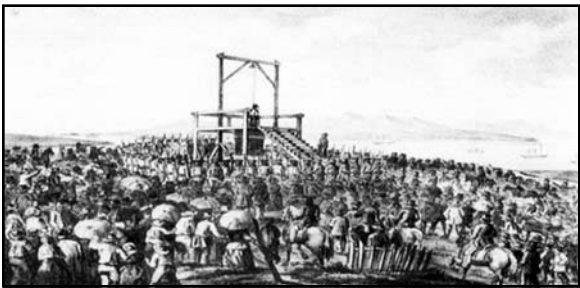
Vigilantes At Work
In San Francisco

In many areas of the Old West, the absence of established institutions of law and order led the local community to literally take the law into its own hands and dispense justice through Vigilante Committees.

In San Francisco, for example, the news of the discovery of gold to its north depleted its police force while simultaneously triggering an explosion in its population. The resulting increase in crime and violence prompted the establishment of a Vigilante Committee to maintain law and order. The Committee was made up of 600 local volunteers, most of whom were prominent members of the business community. During its first year (1851), the Committee hanged four lawbreakers, whipped one, deported 20 and released 41 after trial. As a result, violent crime was reduced in the

city. The Committee was disbanded within a year after its creation.

The mining camps, often in remote, unorganized territories, were beyond the reach of the law. In this unruly en-



vironment, volunteers formed Committees of Vigilance that established basic rules of conduct and assured at least a minimum level of order. The community entrusted the Vigilante Committee with the combined responsibilities of judge, jury and executioner.

Mrs. Louise Clappe was the wife of a physician and lived in the mining area known as Indian Bar along the Feather River in Northern California. In the period from 1851 to

1852, she wrote a number of letters to her sister in Massachusetts describing her experience. Under the byline "Dame Shirley," these letters were originally published in Pioneer Magazine (1854-55) and then as a book in 1922.

In a letter written on December 14, 1851, Louise describes how the mining community established its own form of law and order:

The facts in this sad case are as follows. Last fall, two men were arrested by their partners on suspicion of having stolen from them eighteen hundred dollars in gold-dust. The evidence was not sufficient to convict them, and they were acquitted. They were tried before a meeting of the miners, as at that time the law did not even pretend to wave

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Then four short months later, at age 47, Kathy was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer. Through chemotherapy, surgery, and now radiation, compounded by a significant drop in liver function, Kathy continues to inspire others with her sheer will to survive. "Medical and everyday bills keep piling up," says Rowdy. "We're praying for a miracle."

Formed in 2008, the Rowdy Johnson Band (RJB) burst on the scene with their original songs and sound. From dive bars and honky-tonks to big stages, RJB be-

Kathy's battle. "She has way more fans than I do," Rowdy says. The Little Mesa Cafe and Roosters Country are doing their part, teaming up for

their third annual charity Pancake Breakfast and Golf Tournament to benefit Kathy.

The benefit breakfast will be held Saturday, April 29, from 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at the Little Mesa Cafe. One half of the proceeds from all

pancake breakfasts sold will go to Kathy. Food specials, prizes, and raffles will be offered to all.

The Golf Tournament, a four-person scramble, will be held Saturday, May 6, at Apache Wells Golf Course in Mesa. Cost is \$65 per person with a shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. The event includes:

(See Benefit on Page 16)



Kathy Johnson

gan to hone their craft playing music somewhere between classic southern rock and the unmistakable outlaw sounds of Waylon and Willie.

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Don't Cheat Jim Sam

Shoot-Em

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pistol in either hand.

The trouble-makers who came into his restaurant to create a ruckus were surprised when Sam came out of his kitchen armed to the teeth. He had pistols strapped on both hips and a huge carving knife in his mouth. The Chinaman didn't shoot any of the miscreants, but he did manage to beat two of them over their heads with the barrels of his pistols. They toughs quickly got out of the restaurant and as far as is known, never came back.

Once, while working at his restaurant in the mining town of Pinal City, Jim Sam had a little set-to with a local cowboy named Ed Cullen. The town, founded in the late 1870s by silver miners and local ranchers, had a population of 2,000 and its own newspaper, The Pinal Drill. Besides a scattering of small residential houses, the town

consisted of a bank, a church, a hotel, several stores and saloons, and, of course, Jim Sam's Chinese restaurant.

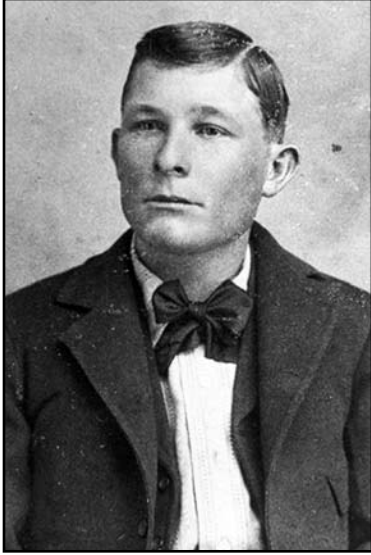
Cullen worked at a nearby ranch as a range cook during round-ups. He considered himself thoroughly knowledgeable in the preparation of all kinds of food, but in reality, his "specialty" consisted mostly of beans, biscuits and cowboy coffee, and occasionally a range steak.

Edwin H. Cullen was born in Texas on December 4, 1872. By the time he

reached his early twenties, he was working for a while as a cowboy in the Arizona Strip region near Colorado City. He later showed up farther to the south in Cochise County. That's where he found work as a cow camp cook for the San Simon Cattle Company. He earned his nickname, "Shoot-Em-Up Dick" about that same time. The cow hands used to tease Chinese workers during those days, often belittling them or pulling on their pigtails. The Chinamen usually took the abuse and rarely complained. Cullen enjoyed firing his guns into the air to scare the Chinese. That all changed when Cullen decided to visit Jim Sam's restaurant.

Cullen ordered the most expensive meal he could find on the restaurant's menu. When it arrived at his table he ate it with great relish and then told the Asian waiter to bring him a nice expensive cigar. When it was offered

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Ed Cullen

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Lincoln's Compromise

Politics

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of importance, but for the civilized eastern states everything west of "Bleeding Kansas" was considered nothing more than an uncivilized wilderness glorified by dime store novelists, tall tales, and greatly exaggerated newspaper articles. In the late 1850s prospectors and miners began pouring into the region displacing the few Mormon farmers trying to eek out a living in the unforgiving plateau of western Utah. This would lead to the discovery of the greatest silver strike in the history of the world in the Comstock region.

Having been at odds with the Federal Government for many years over the polygamy issue and church politics, the Government considered the Mormons untrustworthy and adversarial, an enemy of the United States. Lincoln was torn between which was the greater evil, the Mormons or the Confederacy.



The possibility existed that the immense wealth of this region would fall under the control of the Confederates or the Mormon Church. With the boundaries having been previously surveyed and established for the states of California and Oregon, it became clear to Lincoln that the wealth of the Comstock mines were stranded some twenty miles east of the

Golden State, hence the need to create a separate state and bring it into the union immediately to insure control of the mines. It became obvious to Lincoln that the State of Nevada would have to be created out of Utah to protect this vast natural resource. What on the surface appeared to be a simple matter became a bitter impasse as the idea was met with fierce opposition by the eastern states, leading to the "Lincoln Compromise."

It had been Lincoln's intention to create a state out of the Great Basin. However, heavy lobbying coupled with threats from several states, nearly derailed the plan. Eastern politicians protested that the area did not possess nearly the population to qualify for statehood making the establishment of a state illegal, especially if it was entitled to equal status with the likes of New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio. The politicians were fearful of having their political influence diluted by

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Johnny Behan

Sheriff

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Corral. In the end, Billy Clanton, Tom McLaury and Frank McLaury died and Virgil Earp, Morgan Earp and Doc Holliday were wounded. Sheriff Behan arrested Virgil, Wyatt, and Morgan Earp and Doc Holliday for murder. However, after a 30-day preliminary hearing, Judge Wells Spicer decided that the defendants had been justified in their actions and would not be bound over for trial.

In September 1882, Sheriff Behan got into a feud with his own deputy, Billy Breakenridge, and at the same time, an investigation found that Behan had somehow set aside \$5,000 in funds while he was sheriff from unknown

sources. Due to public and legislative unhappiness with Behan's performance, he failed to win reelection and left office at the end of his term, in November 1882.

Behan lived primarily in Tombstone through 1886. In 1887, he moved to Yuma, where he became the assistant superintendent of the Territorial State Prison and was later promoted to superintendent, serving until July 1890. His administration of the prison was marked by disorder and mismanagement of public funds, generating complaints by the press. The Arizona Republican noted that \$50,000 had passed through prison officials' hands without any accounting. He faced censure for misuse of public funds and for running the prison in a "coarse and bru-

tal manner." The complaint against him specifically cited the prison privileges afforded Manuela Fimbres, a woman incarcerated in the Yuma penitentiary. She was allowed to roam free within the prison, and she became pregnant, delivered a child, and got pregnant again while he was warden. The superintendent's management of the prison prompted former Tombstone resident and writer George W. Parsons to comment that he thought Behan was "on the wrong side of the bars."

After twenty-seven years in Arizona, Behan moved east, and in 1891 he was in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and by 1892 in Washington, D.C. He worked in various government and commissary capacities until the end of his life.

On July 3, 1893, he became a Customs Inspector at El Paso, Texas. On March 12, 1894, he received a 50 percent pay increase and was elevated to the position of Chinese Exclusion Inspector. (The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 was passed in order to limit the number of Chinese laborers entering the United States and to prevent the Chinese already in the U.S. from becoming naturalized citizens.) Later, he spent several years traveling throughout the Southwest. In 1897 he worked in the U.S. Patent Office, until at the outbreak of the Spanish-American War, Behan volunteered for and became corral-master or quartermaster at Tampa, Florida. When this conflict ended, trouble in the Far East began, and in 1900 he served in China during the Boxer Rebellion.

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Vigilantes At Work

Eyewitness

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its scepter over this place.

The prosecutors still believed them guilty, and fancied that the gold was hidden in a coyote-hole near the camp from which it had been taken. They therefore watched the place narrowly while the suspected men remained on the Bar. They made no discoveries, however, and soon after the trial the acquitted persons left the mountains for Marysville.

A few weeks ago, one of these men returned, and has spent most of the time since his arrival in loafing about the different barrooms upon the river. He is said to have

been constantly intoxicated. As soon as the losers of the gold heard of his return, they bethought themselves of the coyote-hole, and placed about its entrance some brushwood and stones in such a manner that no one could go into it without disturbing the arrangement of them. In the mean while the thief settled at Rich Bar, and pretended that he was in search of some gravel-ground for mining purposes.

A few mornings ago he returned to his boarding-place, which he had left some hours earlier, with a spade in his hand, and, as he laid it down, carelessly observed that he had been out prospecting. The losers of the gold went, immediately after

breakfast, as they had been in the habit of doing, to see if all was right at the coyote-hole. On this fatal day they saw that the entrance had been disturbed, and going in, they found upon the ground a money-belt which had apparently just been cut open. Armed with this evidence of guilt, they confronted the suspected person and sternly accused him of having the gold in his possession. Singularly enough, he did not attempt a denial, but said that if they would not bring him to a trial (which of course they promised) he would give it up immediately. He then informed them that they would find it beneath the blankets of his bunk, as those queer shelves on which miners sleep, ranged one above another somewhat like the berths of a ship, are generally called. There, sure enough, were six hundred dollars of the missing money, and the unfortunate wretch declared that his partner had taken the remainder to the States.

By this time the exciting news had spread all over the Bar. A meeting of the miners was immediately convened, the unhappy man taken into custody, a jury chosen, and a judge, lawyer, etc., appointed. Whether the men who had just regained a portion of their missing property made any objections to the proceedings which followed, I know not. If they had done so, however, it would have made no difference, as the people had taken the matter entirely out of their hands.

(See Eyewitness on Page 14)

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Lincoln's Compromise

Politics

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Before this understanding could be formalized, a new problem confronted Lincoln: Las Vegas. This sleepy little town located on the old Spanish trail became significant due to its location. Serving as the southern entrance into California and the only passable route in the winter, it served as the halfway point between Salt Lake City and San Bernardino. It played a major role in the Mormon plan to have a corridor to the sea. With the threat of war over the mines to the north that could spell victory or defeat for either side, it became obvious Las Vegas should also come into Union hands. The revised compromise extended the southern border of Utah eastward from California along the 37th parallel effectively cutting off Los Vegas and placing it into the Arizona Territory.

This solved the problem of Mormon control of the area, but presented a new problem, namely Arizona's legendary lawlessness. Any form of government in Arizona at the time was minimal. By June of 1864 the final solution had been reached. The new boundaries were moved three degrees farther east to 114 degrees placing Las Vegas firmly in Union hands. When Nevada joined the union on October 31, 1864,

the short-term problems had been solved, the new infusion of wealth into Union coffers was assured and the long-term agreements had not been fully revealed.

In the years following the Civil War, no one could have foreseen the events to follow, the assassination of Lincoln, the rise of San Francisco, the transcontinental railroad and the ever more increasing wealth of the Comstock mines. As time went on wealthy men of power and ambition grew to realize the importance of their voice in national politics, and preserving their desert empire became

paramount. Any notions of Nevada reverting to territorial status or merging into California, Arizona, or Utah were forgotten in the boom years of the 1870s and 1880s. By the time the Virginia City mines were played out, a full two decades had passed since the war's end and ten years since the dissolution was supposed to take place. The historic Lincoln compromise had been lost to history and those dusty secret records gradually disappeared or were filed away with volumes of old records in the basements of government buildings in Washington and Nevada.

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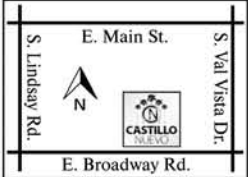
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Kathy's Fight

Benefit

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Vigilantes At Work

Eyewitness

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At one o'clock, so rapidly was the trial conducted, the judge charged the jury, and gently insinuated that they could do no less than to bring in with their verdict of guilty a sentence of death! Perhaps you know that when a trial is conducted without the majesty of the law, the jury are compelled to decide not only upon the guilt of the prisoner, but the mode of his punishment also. After a few minutes absence, the twelve men, who had consented to burden their souls with a responsibility so fearful, returned, and the foreman handed to the judge a paper, from which he read the will of the people, as follows: That William Brown, convicted of stealing, etc., should, in one hour from that time, be hung by the neck until he was dead.

By the persuasions of some men more mildly disposed, they granted him a respite of three hours to prepare for his sudden entrance into eternity. He employed the time in writing, in his native language (he is a Swede), to some friends in Stock-

holm. God help them when that fatal post shall arrive, for, no doubt, he also, although a criminal, was fondly garnered in many a loving heart.

He had exhibited, during the trial, the utmost recklessness and nonchalance, had drank many times in the course of the day, and when the rope was placed about his neck, was evidently much intoxicated. All at once, how-

ever, he seemed startled into a consciousness of the awful reality of his position, and requested a few moments for prayer.

The execution was conducted by the jury, and was performed by throwing the cord, one end of which was attached to the neck of the prisoner, across the limb of

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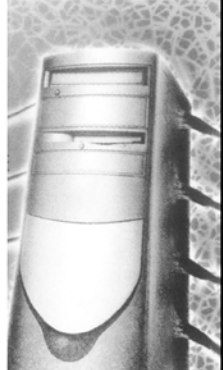
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Johnny Behan

Sheriff

(From Page 10)

Pennsylvania Avenue in Washington, D.C. The census gave his occupation as "Promoter." He returned to Tucson in 1901, where he became the business manager for the Tucson Citizen newspaper. He then moved to El Paso, where he worked as a purchasing agent for Texas Bitulithic, a paving company. While in El Paso during 1908, he campaigned for sheriff, but lost. On December 14, 1910, the acting governor of Arizona Territory gave him a commission as a railroad policeman in Arizona. He followed that with work supervising survey parties repairing levee breaks on the lower Colorado River. During 1911-12, he was head of the commissary for the Arizona Eastern Railroad.

Behan died of kidney disease at St. Mary's Catholic Hospital in Tucson, on June 7, 1912. His funeral was conducted by the Arizona Pioneers Historical Society, and their eulogy declared, "he held positions of public trust, and in all was active, faithful, and honest." John Behan was buried on the day after his death in Tucson's Holy Hope Cemetery, in a grave whose exact location has since been lost.



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Vigilantes At Work

Eyewitness

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a tree standing outside of the Rich Bar graveyard, when all who felt disposed to engage in so revolting a task lifted the poor wretch from the ground in the most awkward manner possible. The whole affair, indeed, was a piece of cruel butchery, though that was not intentional, but arose from the ignorance of those who made the preparations. In truth, life was only crushed out of him by hauling the writhing body up and down, several times in succession, by the rope, which was wound round a large bough of his green-leaved gallows. Almost everybody was surprised at the severity of the sentence, and many, with their hands on the cord, did not believe even then that it would be carried into effect, but thought that at the last moment the jury would release the prisoner and substitute a milder punishment.

It is said that the crowd generally seemed to feel the solemnity of the occasion, but many of the drunkards, who form a large part of the community on these bars, laughed and shouted as if it were a spectacle got up for their particular amusement. A disgusting specimen of intoxicated humanity, struck with one of those luminous ideas peculiar to his class, staggered up to the victim, who was praying at the moment, and, crowding a dirty rag into his almost unconscious hand, in a voice broken by a drunken hiccough, tearfully implored him to take his "hankercher," and if he were innocent (the man had not denied his guilt since

first accused), to drop it as soon as he was drawn up into the air, but if guilty, not to let it fall on any account.

The body of the criminal was allowed to hang for some hours after the execution. It had commenced storming in the earlier part of the evening, and when those whose

business it was to inter the remains arrived at the spot, they found them enwrapped in a soft white shroud of feathery snow-flakes, as if pitying nature had tried to hide from the offended face of Heaven the cruel deed which her mountain-children had committed.

Don't Cheat Jim Sam

Shoot-Em

(From Page 6)

to him, he took it and struck a match. He lit the cigar, inhaled and blew a cloud of smoke into the waiter's face and got up to leave. The surprised waiter quickly scurried off into the kitchen where Jim Sam was preparing food.

A few seconds later, Jim Sam confronted Cullen at the entrance of the eatery. "Hey, you cowboy! You forget something!"

“No, you damned heathen,” Cullen was quoted as saying. “I didn’t forget nothin’,” He decided to scare the restaurant owner by stating his reputation as a dangerous gun-slinger. “My name is Shoot-Em-Up Dick! I don’t pay!” he said.

Jim Sam didn't flinch a bit. He just put a hand underneath his apron and pulled out a six-shooter. He brandished it before Cullen's face. "You say you Shoot-

Em-Up Dick!" he shouted. "Me Shoot-Em-Down Sam! You pay up! You pay pretty damn quick!"

Cullen, it was said, turned deathly pale. He sheepishly poked his fingers into his pocket and took out the money he owed to the restaurant. He dropped the coins into the Chinaman's outstretched hand. Then, as other restaurant patrons watched in amazement, pulled his hat down over his eyes and left.

When Cullen got back to the ranch's cow camp, he discovered that his cow puncher friends had already heard about his confrontation in the Chinese restaurant and it wasn't long before he became the butt of many a joke around the campfire. Jim Sam, in the meantime, had his own reputation and nickname to uphold. From that day forward, he was known among the Chinese community of Pinal City as Shoot-Em-Down Sam.

After church one Sunday, one of the congregants walked up to the priest and said, “Father, is it a sin to play golf on Sunday?” “My son,” said the priest, putting his hand on the man’s shoulder, “I’ve seen you play golf. It’s a sin any day.”






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