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The Death of Sitting Bull

Desperate Hand-to-Hand Combat Follows Attempted Arrest of Indian Leader



Sitting Bull

Sitting Bull was born into the Hunkpapa Sioux clan in 1831. He became a famous medicine man of the Lakota tribe. Shortly before the battle on the Little Big Horn against Custer's 7th Cavalry, Sitting Bull had a vision in which he saw his people victorious over the white soldiers. After the battle, Sitting Bull and his followers went to Canada. In 1881 Sitting Bull returned to the United States and surrendered. He was held prisoner for two years, but was released on the Standing Rock Reservation in South Dakota. In 1885 he joined Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. In 1890 he was a part of the "Ghost Dancers," an Indian movement in which it was believed that dead Indians would come back to life and destroy the whites. The author of the following account,

James McLaughlin, was the Indian Agent at the Standing Rock Reservation at the time of Sitting Bull's death.

On December 12th, the following telegram was received by the Post Commander of Fort Yates, who furnished me with a copy:

"Headquarters, Department of Dakota St. Paul, Minn. December 12th, 1890 To Commanding Officer, Fort Yates, North Dakota:- The Division commander has directed that you make it your especial duty to secure the person of Sitting Bull. Call on Indian Agent to cooperate and render such assistance as will best promote the purpose in view. Acknowledge receipt, (Signed M. BARBER,

(See Arrest on Page 4)

Outlaw Luke Short

Luke Short learned to shoot out behind the barn on his father's West Texas ranch, and you'd have been hard pressed to find a better shot anywhere. Short had the ability to make a bullet go exactly where he pointed a gun. He was small in stature and that may have driven him to be a big man with a gun. And that he was.

Short was born in Texas about 1854, worked on his father's ranch as a cowboy until he was big enough

to take off on his own. He started out as a trader with the Sioux Indians in and around Nebraska Territory, but found gambling an easier and more exciting way to earn money.

Short dealt Faro in some of the mining camps of Colorado. His gunslinging skills became necessary, because many times he had to shoot his way out of a card game in which some of the players were rather

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Christmas in the Old West

By the mid 1800s the American Christmas tradition included much of the same customs and festivities as it does today, including tree decorating, gift-giving, Santa Claus, greeting cards, stockings by the fire, church activities and family-oriented days of feasting and fun.

At Christmas time on the frontier, the celebration was marked by scarcity among many and prosperity for a

few. Late December for many in the Old West was a difficult time. For those on the prairies, they were often barged with

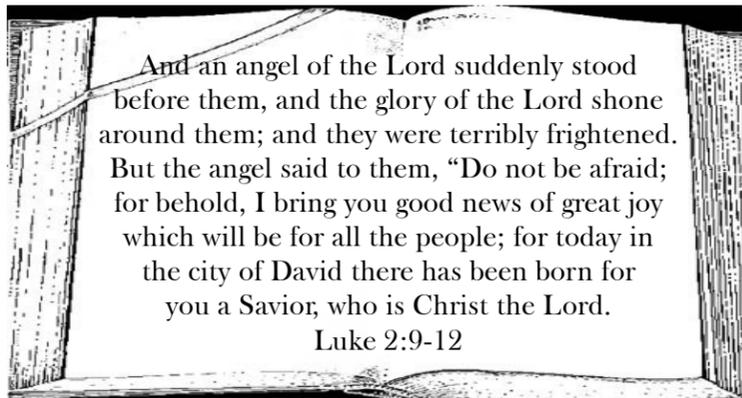
terrible blizzards and savage winter winds. For mountain men, forced away from their trapping by blinding winter



Old West Christmas 1876, from Harper's Weekly

storms and freezing cold, the holidays were often meager.

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Captain's Bar Presents

ARIZONA TRIVIA

This Week's Question: Alumnus and Major League Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson was recruited to ASU for what sport?
(8 Letters)

Last Issue's Question: Arizona has the world's largest stand of what kind of trees??
Answer: Ponderosa Pine

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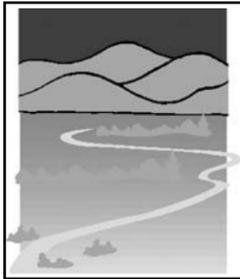
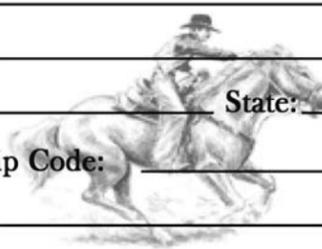
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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey The Arizona Trail

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1816 was the year an American named John Griffin traveled on foot and horseback across southern Arizona west to California. He said that every brush was "full of thorns" and that "ev-

ery rock you turned over" has a poisonous insect under it. He added that any one who hadn't seen Arizona couldn't "imagine anything so barren."

Members of the Hualapai Indian Tribe walked away from a U.S. Government concentration camp on the Colorado River in 1875. They went east to their former home to find their land occupied or claimed by white ranchers and miners. In spite of that, the Hualapai survived and welcome visitors today to their northwest Arizona

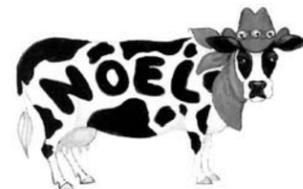
reservation. One of the attractions there for sightseers is the famous Hualapai Sky Walk.

1885 tourists were taken from Flagstaff 80 plus miles to the Grand Canyon in farm wagons. The charge was \$20 a round trip and passengers had to bring their own food. Today, people go to the Grand Canyon in automobiles or aboard the Grand Canyon Railway out of Williams.

A year later, hundreds of miles south of Williams, Geronimo, the Apache war leader, surrendered to the U.S. Army. He was sent from Arizona, along with his followers, to a prison in Florida, and that ended Arizona's Apache wars.

Flagstaff's first water department was organized in 1895. There were 250 houses in the town at the time, five restaurants, seven saloons, three hotels, and a barber-shop. The water was from the nearby San Francisco Mountains. The local economy depended on cattle and sheep ranching, timber cutting and lumber production, and rail-roading.

Shepherders east of Williams during the 1920s lived in tepee-shaped tents. Their blankets and quilts were spread on pine bough bedding. They cooked over an open fire with frying pans and Dutch ovens.



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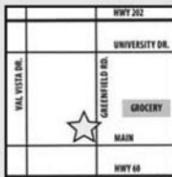
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By Ralph Henderson

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brother was killed.

In 1861, at the age of 62, Walker returned to search for Arizona gold. It was the start of the Civil War and both sides wanted the riches that were rumored to be buried in the New Mexico Terri-



tory. The territory consisted of present day New Mexico, Arizona and the southern portion of Nevada and was governed by officials at Santa Fe. In reality, however, the southern region was at the mercy of the Apache, while Navajo raiding parties overran the north.

Walker set out from Kern-

ville, California, to explore the country in and around the Prescott area with a small party of explorers. Crossing the Colorado River, they were continually harassed by Indians who prevented them from exploring the area to

the south that they had intended. Using the San Francisco Mountains as their landmark, they continued eastward, reaching New Mexico without finding anything of interest. The party stayed together and signed up with Kit Carson to fight against the Indians. Walker retained his rank and his original fighting men and in 1862, bolstered with additional troops, set out to explore the Hassayampa region in present-day central Arizona (Prescott area). Departing

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Death of Sitting Bull

Arrest

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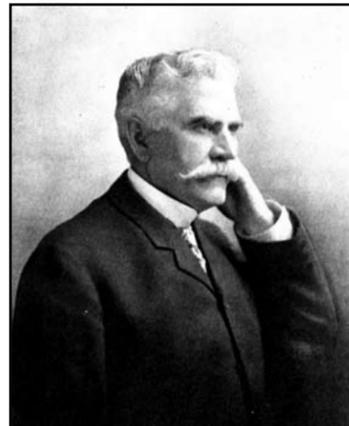
Assistant Adjutant General)"

Upon receipt of the foregoing telegram the Post Commander sent for me, and held a consultation as to the best means to effect the desired arrest. It was contrary to my judgment to attempt the arrest at any time other than upon one of the bi-weekly ration days when there would be but a few Indians in Sitting Bull's neighborhood, thus lessening the chances of opposition or excitement of his followers. The Post Commander saw the wisdom of

my reasoning, and consented to defer the arrest until Saturday morning, December

strict surveillance to prevent their leaving the reservation, and report promptly any suspicious movements among them.

Everything was arranged for the arrest to be made on December 20th; but on December 14th, at 4 P.M., a policeman arrived at the Agency from Grand River, who brought me a letter from Lieutenant of Police Henry Bull Head, the officer in charge of the force on Grand River, stating that Sitting Bull was making preparations to leave the reservation; that he had fitted his horses for a long and hard ride, and that if he got the start of them, he being well mounted, the police would be unable to overtake him, and he, therefore, wanted permission to make the arrest at once. I had just finished reading Lieut. Bull Head's letter, and commenced questioning the courier who brought it, when Col. Drum, the Post Commander, came into my office to ascertain if I had received any news from Grand River. I handed him the letter which I had just received, and after reading it, he said that the arrest could not be deferred any longer, but must be made without further delay; and immediate action was then decided upon, the plan being for the police to make the arrest at break of day the following morning, and two troops of the 8th Cavalry to leave the post at midnight, with orders to proceed on



Indian Agent James McLaughlin

20th, with the distinct understanding, however, that the Indian police keep Sitting Bull and his followers under

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Christmas in the West

Celebration

(From Page 1)

But, to these strong pioneers, Christmas would not be forgotten, no matter how humble the celebration.

The immigrants arriving from foreign lands brought their diverse cultures with them to the West. The Germans brought their Tannenbaum tradition, the English brought their Christmas pudding, and almost everyone wanted to make a very special day for the children with gifts of toys and special treats. The adults looked forward to Christmas celebrations full of dining, dancing and socializing. Christmas on the frontier, no matter how modest, was the most anticipated holiday of the year.

Soldiers stationed in remote outposts, determined to keep the spirit of Christmas

Vinegar Pie

- 1 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1/8 tsp. salt
- 2 tbsp. butter
- 1 c. cold water
- 3 tbsp. flour
- 4 tbsp. vinegar
- Sprinkle of cinnamon
- 1 unbaked pie shell

Mix sugar and salt with softened butter. Add eggs and blend well. Make a smooth paste of the flour and a little of the water. Add to sugar mixture with vinegar and remaining water. Pour filling into the unbaked pie crust and sprinkle lightly with cinnamon. Bake at 425 degrees until edge of crust is golden brown, then reduce heat to 350 degrees. Bake until silver knife blade inserted in filling comes out clean. Makes 6 servings.

alive, could be heard caroling. The smell of venison roasting over an open hearth wafted upon the winds of the open prairie, and these hardy pioneers looked forward to the chance to forget their hard everyday lives to focus on the holiday.

Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote of the preparations

for Christmas on the Kansas Prairie: "Ma was busy all day long, cooking good things for Christmas. She baked salt-rising bread and r'n'Injun bread, and Swedish crackers, and a huge pan of baked beans, with salt pork and molasses. She baked vinegar pies and

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December 5, 1867
Democrat Henry H. Haight becomes California's governor.

December 9, 1867
The capital of Colorado Territory is relocated from Golden to Denver.

December 12, 1867
Interpreter D. C. Pickett reports that he and Indian Scouts killed seven Indians on Oregon's Owyhee River.

December 14, 1867
Two woodcutters are killed by Indians in an attack near Fort Phil Kearny.

December 18, 1867
The Kansas Pacific's rails reach Coyote (later called Collyer), Kansas.

December 23, 1867
A treaty with Senecas, Shawnees, Quapaws, and other tribes guarantees their removal from Kansas to Indian Territory.

December 26, 1867
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Death of Sitting Bull

Arrest

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the road to Grand River until they met the police with their prisoner, whom they were to escort back to the post; they would thus be within supporting distance of the police, if necessary, and prevent any attempted rescue of Sitting Bull by his followers. I desired to have the police make the arrest, fully believing that they could do so without bloodshed, while in the crazed condition of the Ghost Dancers, the military could not; furthermore, the police accomplishing the arrest would have salutary effect upon the whites. I, therefore, sent a courier to Lieut. Bull Head, advising him of the disposition to be made of the cavalry command which was to cooperate with him, and directed him to make the arrest at daylight the following morning.

Acting under these orders, a force of thirty-nine policemen and four volunteers (one of whom was Sitting

Bull's brother-in-law, "Gray Eagle") entered the camp at daybreak on December 16th, proceeding direct to Sitting Bull's house, which ten of them entered, and Lieut. Bull Head announced to him the object of their mission. Sitting Bull accepted his arrest quietly at first, and commenced dressing for the journey to the Agency, during which ceremony (which consumed considerable time) his son, "Crow Foot," who was in the

house, commenced berating his father for accepting the arrest and consenting to go with the police; whereupon he (Sitting Bull) got stubborn and refused to accompany them.

By this time he was fully dressed, and the policemen took him out of the house; but, upon getting outside, they found themselves completely surrounded by Sitting

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Luke Short

Outlaw

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unsavory. He managed to always come out of the tight spots in one piece.

He journeyed by horseback down to Tombstone, Arizona, and Wyatt Earp put him to work as a dealer in his new Oriental Saloon venture. He also met Bat Masterson at that time.

Short had his first gunfight in Tombstone with dangerous Charlie Storms. Storms had been drinking and losing at the tables all night and wanted to take it out on somebody. He spotted the faro dealer Short walking down the street with Masterson. Storms ran up and lunged grabbed Short from behind and pulled him off



The famous Dodge City Peace Commission photo. (Back) W.H. Harris, Luke Short, Bat Masterson, W. F. Petillion, (Front) C. Bassett, Wyatt Earp, M. E. McLain, Neil Brown

the boardwalk in front of the Oriental Saloon. As Storms tried to pull Short into the street, Storms revealed a cut-

down .45 Colt revolver. Short broke free and ducked around the Oriental's corner awning post. He pulled out his own pistol and pulled the trigger. While the drunken gambler fell, Short shot him again.

Short was a dandy dresser and wore a neat little mustache. Often he'd dress up in silk hat and long-tail coat and play up to the ladies. The dapper gentleman could make a lovely lady's heart flutter. He was as lucky with love as he was with gambling.

He went on to Dodge City in the 1880s and bought an interest in the Long Branch Saloon. The story is often told that he hired a pretty girl to play the piano, but an ordinance was passed forbidding girls playing pianos in saloons. Short then hired a band, but a law put a damper on that, too. There was no question that a rival was pulling political strings to run him out of a very lucrative business. Short, therefore, picked up a shotgun and went after his competitor. The

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Roosevelt Dam

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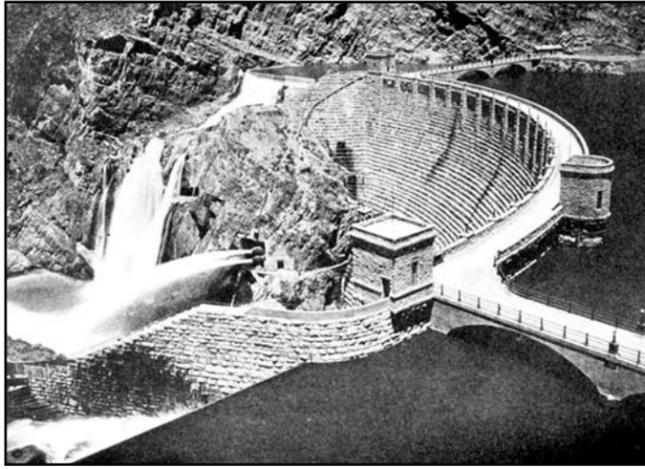
At the time, the Salt River Valley was in the midst of a terrible drought. The farmers and ranchers in the area recognized the need for a water storage and delivery system to assure an ample supply during dry years, and flood control during wet periods. They banded together to manage water rights and settle water usage disputes.

Pledging more than 200,000 acres of their own land as collateral to repay federal loans to build a dam, those ranchers and farmers formed the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association on February 7, 1903. The association was the first multi-purpose water and power reclamation project started under the new National Reclamation Act.

As early as 1889, the narrow canyon below the confluence of the Salt River and Tonto Creek had been identified as a promising dam site by Maricopa County representatives who wanted to convince federal legislators of the need for water storage in the Salt River Valley. Despite the efforts of the county, the federal government showed little interest in the Tonto Basin site until 1901 when the Geological Survey conducted studies there in response to lobbying efforts by influential irrigation advocates.

By 1903, Reclamation Service engineers were conducting initial work in preparation for the dam

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Roosevelt Dam before 1990s renovation project

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Death of Sitting Bull

Arrest

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Bull's followers, all armed and excited. The policemen reasoned with the crowd,

gradually forcing them back, thus increasing the open circle considerably; but Sitting Bull kept calling upon his followers to rescue him from the police; that if the two principal men, "Bull

Head" and "Shave Head," were killed the others would run away, and he finally called out for them to commence the attack, whereupon "Catch the Bear" and "Strike the Kettle," two of Sitting Bull's men, dashed through the crowd and fired. Lieut. "Bull Head" was standing on one side of Sitting Bull and 1st Sergt. "Shave Head" on the other, with 2d Sergt. "Red Tomahawk" behind, to prevent his escaping; "Catch the Bear's" shot struck Bull Head in the right side, and he instantly wheeled and shot Sitting Bull, hitting him in the left side, between the tenth and eleventh ribs, and "Strike the Kettle's" shot having passed through Shave Head's abdomen, all three fell together. "Catch the Bear," who fired the first shot, was immediately shot down by private of police "Lone Man," and the fight then became general—in fact, a hand-to-hand conflict—forty-three policemen and volunteers against about one hundred and fifty crazed Ghost Dancers.

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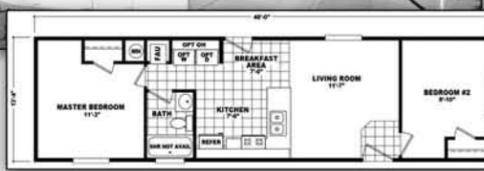

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Roosevelt Dam

Reclamation

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construction. Building the monumental structure across the Salt River in this inaccessible spot posed enormous challenges. The dam site was linked to Phoenix some 60 miles away by only a few primitive trails through the Salt River Canyon. A service road was constructed between Mesa and the dam, crossing some extremely rugged terrain.

That road is known today as the Apache Trail.

In addition to the road, numerous support facilities were needed to bring the dam project to successful completion. A diversion dam and power canal brought water to the dam site to generate hydroelectric power during construction. Some quarries pro-

vided limestone, sandstone, and clay needed to produce cement and concrete, while others provided the great stone blocks for the masonry dam itself. Plants built near the dam produced sand and cement; logging and milling

dam's construction had been awarded on April 8, 1905 to the low bidder, John M. O'Rourke and Company of Galveston, Texas. The price was \$1,147,600 and they anticipated completing the dam within two years. As it turned out, this time frame proved impossible to meet due to continual delays that plagued the project. In the end the final cost of the dam would be \$10,000,000.

Initial steps in the dam construction involved clearing the foundation so that the masonry could be placed directly on solid bedrock. In order to accomplish this, water had to be diverted around the site. Temporary upstream and downstream cofferdams and a timber flume intended to channel water through the



Roosevelt Dam site preconstruction, 1898

Work on these ancillary facilities began in 1903.

It was three years from the start of the project before the first stone block of the dam was placed. This occurred on September 20, 1906. The contract for the

dam's construction had been awarded on April 8, 1905 to the low bidder, John M. O'Rourke and Company of Galveston, Texas. The price was \$1,147,600 and they anticipated completing the dam within two years. As it turned out, this time frame proved impossible to meet due to continual delays that plagued the project. In the end the final cost of the dam would be \$10,000,000. Initial steps in the dam construction involved clearing the foundation so that the masonry could be placed directly on solid bedrock. In order to accomplish this, water had to be diverted around the site. Temporary upstream and downstream cofferdams and a timber flume intended to channel water through the

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Road Trip

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in September 1862, the company left Pueblo, Colorado, and headed south to a point later to become Fort West. At this location at the confluence of Bear Creek and the Gila River in what is now New Mexico, they stopped for a short while during the winter of 1862-63. Under the command of Captain McCleve while at Fort West, two



additional troops were added to the company, Jack McCracken and Jack Swilling.

Leaving Fort West, they followed the old Butterfield Trail for some distance branching off some 150 to 200 miles to explore the wilderness to the north. In April 1862, records confirm that the Walker party arrived in Tucson. One month later, records place them in the Superior area. On May 10, 1863, the Pioneer Min-

ing District was formed by the troops now calling themselves Walker Prospecting & Mining Company.

Exploring further up from the Gila River, records indicate the party reached a wooded location near Prescott on the north bank of the Hassayampa River and

tain Bogart as chairman. On December 27, 1863, these same men again executed another document at the Lount Cabin on Granite Creek establishing the Quartz Mountain Mining District. John West was chosen as the chairman.

These three mining districts established by the Walker party, were formed under the old California mining laws, which allowed miners to form their own districts, designate the number of claims, and their size. Claims on placers (rivers, streams and washes) covered certain areas or linear feet, and vein mines were generally located vertically, not following dips, spurs and angles. It is clear by these documents and other recorded Arizona history that the Walker party was beginning to assimilate itself into the new territory each for their

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In 1873, Congress decided to follow the lead of many European nations and cease buying silver and minting silver coins, because silver was relatively scarce and to simplify the monetary system. This measure was labeled the "Crime of '73" by western mining interests and debtors who wanted silver in

circulation. A further conservative victory was achieved in 1875 in the passage of the Specie Resumption Act, which was designed to make all currency in circulation, including greenbacks, backed



by gold. Exacerbated by a variety of other factors, this led to a financial panic. When the government stopped buying silver, prices naturally dropped, and many owners of primarily western silver mines were hurt.

The country was suffering from a depression that

followed the Panic of 1873. Debtor elements barraged Congress with requests for assistance. In particular, requests were made for the reinstatement of silver as legal tender, a move anticipated to have an inflationary impact.

Richard P. Bland, a Congressman from Missouri, was able to gain passage of a bill that provided for liberal coinage of silver. The more conservative Senate toned down the House proposal and with the support of Senator William B. Allison of Iowa agreed on the terms of what became the Bland-Allison Act:

The U.S. Treasury was instructed to purchase between \$2 million and \$4 million worth of silver each month from the western mines.

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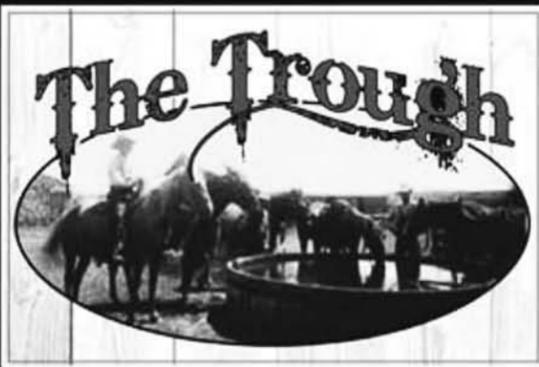
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Roosevelt Dam

Reclamation

(From Page 12)

damsite were designed for this purpose. Heavy flooding destroyed or damaged these features on several occasions, severely disrupting progress. After serious flooding in November 1905 destroyed the

upstream cofferdam and timber flume, O'Rourke and the Reclamation Service agreed that reconstructing the flume would be useless; they decided instead to use the sluicing tunnel already drilled through the south canyon wall as the exclusive means of diverting water around the damsite.

On June 13, 1906, wa-

ter began to flow through the sluicing tunnel and the job of clearing the foundation could begin in earnest. Once all dirt and loose rock had been removed from the foundation, the next step was the placement of masonry. The contractor had opened a quarry above the damsite on the north side of the canyon to quarry the sandstone blocks and smaller rocks. Large stones blasted from the quarry were further reduced in size using a non-explosive method known as "plug and feather." This method was used to avoid any explosive shocks that could damage the rock.

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Bland-Allison Act

Silver

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a predetermined ratio pegged to the value of gold.

The metal was to be minted into silver dollars as legal tender.

Reactions to this measure were predictable. The mining and debtor interests

argued that the Bland-Allison did not go far enough and urged the "free and unlimited coinage of silver." The conservative forces took the opposite approach, urged repeal of Bland-Allison and argued that economic sanity could only be restored by adherence to the gold standard.

President Rutherford B. Hayes, influenced by indus-

trial and banking interests, vetoed the measure. Congress promptly overrode the veto.

The Hayes administration blunted the impact of the law by purchasing the minimum amount of silver each month. The result exerted a negligible impact on the economy. As prosperity returned in the early 1880s, passions subsided.

While the Bland-Allison Act represented a halting return to bimetallism, gold remained a far greater feature of the monetary picture than silver, so the term "limping bimetallism" has frequently been used to describe this program.

Although the act had little economic impact, and it failed to satisfy the more radical desires and dreams of the silver backers, the battle over the use of silver and gold continued to occupy Americans well into the 20th century.



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Christmas in the West

Celebration

(From Page 6)

dried-apple pies, and filled a big jar with cookies, and she let Laura and Mary lick the cake spoon.”

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Though perhaps of modest means, these hardy pioneers made every attempt to decorate their homes for the holidays with whatever natural materials looked attractive at the bleakest time of year, such as evergreens, pinecones, holly, nuts, and berries.

For some, there might even be a Christmas tree, gaily decorated with bits of ribbon, yarn, berries, popcorn or paper strings, and homemade decorations. Some of these decorations were often figures or dolls made of straw



or yarn. Cookie dough ornaments and gingerbread men were also popular. In other places, wood was simply too scarce to “waste” on a tree, if one could be found at all. Other pioneer homes were simply too small to make room for a tree.

At the very least, almost every home would make the holiday a time of feasting—bringing out preserved fruits and vegetables, fresh game if possible, and for those that could afford it, maybe even beef or a ham. Many women began to bake for the holiday weeks ahead of time, leaving the plum pudding to age in the pot until Christmas dinner.

Many of the home-

made gifts, including corn husk dolls, sachets, carved wooden toys, pillows, footstools and embroidered hankies, might have had the family members working for months ahead of Christmas. Others knitted scarves, hats, mitts and socks. If the family had had a good year, the children might find candies, small gifts, cookies and fruit in their stockings.

Then, as today, Christmas Eve would find many families singing carols around the Christmas tree or fireplace. On Christmas Day, some would attend church, return home for the traditional Christmas meal, and spend the day visiting with friends and neighbors.

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Luke Short

Outlaw

(From Page 8)

townsfolk were not amused, and the following morning Short was ordered at gunpoint out of town. He later returned with Wyatt Earp, Bat Masterson and others to confront his adversaries. Earp convinced a deputy to deputize them so they could wear their guns in town, then went to the mayor of Dodge City and literally dictated his terms regarding Short remaining in business - with his pretty female piano player. The



Luke Short

Long Branch did a lively business again. It was during this adventure that Short and his cohorts posed

for their famous "Peace Commission" photo.

Short was offered a fine price for his interest in the business and sold out. He went on to Texas and bought out the White Elephant gambling hall in Fort Worth in 1887. A man named Jim Courtright owned a detective agency in town and offered a certain protection to gambling houses in town. He had once been the town marshal, had a reputation as being a top gunfighter, and strode about with an important air. Short would not be coerced, and told Courtright that he could protect his place personally. An argument followed in which Courtright went for his gun, got his hammer thumb shot off and three fatal bullets besides.

Shortly after he sold the White Elephant in 1893, he moved to Kansas, where he became ill and died at the age of 39. He is buried in the Oakwood cemetery in Fort Worth, Texas.

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Happy Camp

Road Trip

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own personal gain. The Walker party was finally dissolved in 1864. Jack McCracken would discover the Del Pasco and the McCracken mines; he also served in the first legislative assembly of the Arizona Territory in 1864. Jack Swilling, spelled "Swelling" on the Pioneer District document, went on to discover the famous placer mines on Antelope Peak, returning to the Valley of the Sun to become known as the father of Phoenix. Many remained in the area establishing the town of Prescott. Records place W.M. Williams back in the Pioneer District as the president of the Cedar Tree Mine, located just north of the famous Silver King Mine, in the Peach Ville area (northeast of Happy Camp, north of Superior) in 1881.

An 1882 map of the Pioneer Mining District shows Happy Camp located three miles north of the old Pinal town site, east of Potts Can-

yon, in Rice Water canyon. The map shows the recorded claims of the Uncle Billy, Star, Leon, Boston, Jupiter, Augustin, Wid Awak, two Rockland claims, the S. Star and the N. Star mines. Farther north are the Hardscrabble, Emma, Truky and Indiana claims.

Today the only visible sign of Happy Camp is an old rock corral very similar to that described by the Walker party on the Hassampaya. It was clearly built as a defensible position, with a long rock wall encircling a large knoll adjoining the corral, the only fortified high ground in the area. A climb to the top provides a spectacular view of the surrounding area.

Taking a Territorial Road Trip to explore this site, Robert Muffuletto and I traveled Highway 60 east toward Superior. Just west of the Arboretum (old Pinal town site), we turned north onto Hewitt Station Road (left) and took Forest Road #8 to the east (right), a short distance down this road Forest Road #650 intersects it from the north. Taking #650

north, (left) about three miles, an unmarked road intersects it from the west (left) and down this road a few hundred yards you will see the Happy Camp corral and cleared area now used for parking. The road is good and no special vehicle is required to visit the area. Continuing north on #650 a short distance will bring you to Forest Road #1011 and the Barnett Camp area located in Potts Canyon a few miles north of the Happy Camp corral. This road is very rough and certainly requires an off road vehicle.

Returning back to Forest Road #8, a turn to the left (east) will take you back toward Superior and Forest road #228 (Silver King Road). North on this road will eventually take you past the Silver King, ending near the Peach Ville area. Staying on this road provides some very spectacular views of the area, but to venture off the main road onto the small roads that intersect it requires a high clearance or 4WD vehicle.

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Roosevelt Dam

Reclamation

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also transported large quantities of mortar and concrete from the mixing plant to the dam. The actual process of building the dam was actually quite straightforward. Stone delivered by the cableways was placed near its final position by one of five wooden derricks. Then the cableways delivered a batch of mortar and dumped it where the stone was to be embedded. Shortly after, the stone was lowered slowly onto the mortar and tamped down lightly to eliminate any voids or air pockets. In the vertical spaces between the stones, O'Rourke's crew placed concrete and filled the large spaces with smaller stones. The masonry was kept wet for several days to make sure that it set properly without prematurely drying. After this, the stones and concrete were ready

to form the base for another stepped layer of masonry.

By June 1909, the dam had reached a height of 170 feet at the south end and 100 feet at the north. It was almost 75% complete. That same month, the first two of six planned generating units in the permanent power plant were put into operation. A third unit was placed in service in August 1909 after which the temporary power unit was dismantled. The transformer house was



completed at the same time.

When the final stone was laid in Roosevelt Dam on February 5, 1911, the dam contained a total of 344,000 cubic yards of masonry. A month later, amid great fanfare, the dam was dedicated.

Roosevelt Dam was a major factor in the settle-

ment of central Arizona and in the development of large-scale irrigation there. The lake created behind the dam, known as Lake Roosevelt, contained more than a million acre-feet of water and at the time was the world's largest artificial lake.

height of the dam to 357 feet and expanded the lake's storage capacity by 20 percent - enough for 1 million more people. Roosevelt Dam has a completely altered appearance. The original rubble-masonry gravity arch dam is now encased in a new concrete block structure. The original dam had a structural height of 280 feet and measured 723 feet long at the crest; the dam now

has a structural height of 357 feet and a crest length of 1,210 feet.

After modifications, the dam no longer retained integrity of design, materials, workmanship, or feeling. Accordingly, the Landmark designation of Roosevelt Dam was withdrawn on March 10, 1999. The Theodore Roosevelt Dam National Register District remains listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Did you know?

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Nevada's Fort Ruby

The first settlers in Ruby Valley, located midway between Salt Lake City and Carson City, Nevada, arrived in 1859. A trading post was built and was added to the Pony Express route in 1860. Overland Stage took over the mail route from the Pony Express when that organization disbanded a year later. Paiute raiders plagued the stage line and it was decided a fort was necessary to protect the mail and some nearby settlers. Fort Ruby was established in late 1862 and a six-mile reservation was established.

Conditions at Fort Ruby were less than ideal. The nearest settlement was 120 miles away. The grim setting prompted Colonel P. Edward Connor, the post's first commanding officer to call Ruby Valley "a bleak, inhospitable place—no forage nor lumber to build with." The fort was labeled as a "fever breeder" and a "hospital filler." It was generally known as the worst

post in the West.

Morale at the outpost was such that the garrison made a desperate offer to forgo over \$30,000 in back pay if only Washington would order the regiment East to fight in the Civil War. Washington refused.

Two years later, things

captain George Walker assumed command of Fort Ruby in 1867, his first official act was to take six months' furlough.

The coming of the railroad to carry the mail finally gave the army reason to close Fort Ruby. Before the post was decommissioned, however, there was one final scandal—the court-martial of the post's last commandant, Captain Timothy Connelly, for having embezzled the company's funds.

The fort was officially abandoned on September 20, 1869. The last two remaining buildings, the officers' quarters and barracks, burned in an electrical fire in July 1992. The buildings were totally destroyed.



brightened a bit when a distillery was built nearby, marketing a combustible product called "Old Commissary." The beverage lifted spirits among the troops for a while, but not for long. When Cap-

Order in the Court

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