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Question:

In what Arizona
settlement did
Billy the Kid kill
his first victim,
a man named
Frank "Windy" Cahill?
(6 Letters)

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The Fetterman Massacre

Eyewitness Account Shows Orders Not Followed

Margaret Irvin Carrington was born in 1831. She was the first wife of Colonel Henry B. Carrington, the defensive-minded commander of Fort Phil Kearney, on the Bozeman Trail in present day Wyoming. In 1866, tensions were high after the United States took the sacred Black Hills from the Oglala Sioux. Chief Red Cloud and Crazy Horse managed to coax 81 troopers and civilians, led by Captain (brevet Lieutenant Colonel) William Judd Fetterman, out of the defenses of the fort, resulting in a massacre of the entire column. Using decoys, the Indians led Fetterman's troops

away from the fort and over Lodge Trail Ridge, despite orders from Colonel Carrington not to pursue the Indians over the ridge. Margaret Carrington died in 1870 and her husband, the colonel, married Frances Grummond, the wife of one of the officers killed in the Fetterman Massacre. The following is an excerpt from Ab-sa-ra-ka, Home of the Crows, by Margaret Carrington.

Though snow covered the mountains, and there was every indication of the return of severe weather, the morning was quite pleasant. Men

(See Eyewitness on Page 4)



Brevet Lieutenant Colonel William Judd Fetterman

The Battle of Big Dry Wash

During the spring of 1882 a small group of White Mountain Apache warriors, sixty at the most, came out of their wilderness hiding and by early summer coalesced under the leadership of a man called Na-tio-tish.

In early July some of the warriors ambushed and killed four San Carlos policemen, including the police chief.

Following the ambush Na-tio-tish led his band of warriors northwest through the Tonto Basin, raiding as they went. Central Arizona residents were greatly alarmed and demanded protection from the army, which immediately sent out fourteen companies of cavalry from forts surrounding the Tonto Basin.

In the middle of July Na-

tio-tish led his band up Cherry Creek to the Mogollon Rim, intending to reach General Springs, a well-known water hole on the Crook Trail. The Apaches noticed that they were trailed by a single troop of cavalry and decided to lay an ambush seven miles north of General Springs where a fork of East Clear Creek cuts

(See Apaches on Page 8)

Camp Reno

In the 1860s the Apaches would raid settlements and travelers in central Arizona and disappear into the Tonto Basin northeast of Phoenix to hide out. The army figured if it could control the Tonto Basin the Indians would not have a safe haven.

By General Order 39, Headquarters Department of California, Gen. Irvin McDowell ordered the building of Fort Reno near present day Punkin Center

in Arizona. The original choice as a site for Camp Reno was in Green Valley near Payson, but on October 11, 1867 the post was established in the Tonto Valley at the foot of Mt. Ord near Reno Creek in the Mazatzal Range, in Gila County. It was named for Gen. Jessie Lee Reno, who was killed at Turner's Gap, Maryland, during the Civil War in 1862.

(See Army Camp on Page 6)

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(6 Letters)

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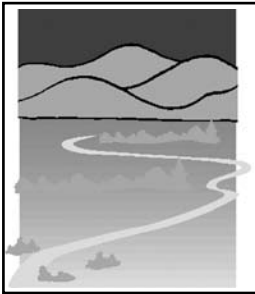
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The Arizona Trail

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That same year, 1901, the town of Williams was incorporated and the Santa Fe Railroad built a spur line from Williams to the south rim of the Grand Canyon. A round trip ticket cost \$3.95. The train replaced much slower stagecoaches.

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Fetterman Massacre

Eyewitness

(From Page 1)

only wore blouses at their work, and the train, although much later than usual, went to the Pinery with a strong guard, so that the teamsters, choppers, and escort, all armed, numbered not far from ninety men.

The children ran in about 11 o'clock, shouting "Indians!" and the pickets on Pilot Hill could be distinctly seen giving the signal of "Indians," on the line of the wood road; and news was also furnished that the train was in corral only a short distance from the garrison.

The officers and all the ladies were soon watching for other usual demonstrations, while a detail was being organized to relieve the train.

Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Fetterman, then walking back and forth before his quarters, near where the colonel was giving his instructions, asked and obtained permission to go with the detachment.

Lieutenant Grummond, also at his own request, took part in Company C, 2nd United States Cavalry, making the whole force just seventy-eight officers and men. Captain Brown, unknown to the officers of the garrison, as well as citizens Wheatley and Fisher, both experienced frontiersmen and good shots, also joined the party.

The orders were given in front of Lieutenant Grummond's house, next to the colonel's, and those who were present heard them repeated with distinctness and special urgency. Lieutenant

(See Eyewitness on Page 11)

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Camp Reno

Army Camp

(From Page 1)

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shelter huts for officers, and shelter huts for animals. Extra pay was given the enlisted men during the construction and road building periods.

Several mistakes were made in planning Camp Reno, not the least of which was the location. Dense concentrations of scrub oak and mesquite, along with several deep gullies surrounding the site made the fort difficult to defend. The site was also so remote that it made it tough to supply. Getting men and supplies to the camp required building a road over some of the most challenging terrain in the territory.

As a sub-station of Fort McDowell, Camp Reno was a departure point for military expeditions against the Tonto and Pinal Apache Indians. At Ft. McDowell and the outpost of Camp Reno five companies were to guard the depot and operate against the Apache. In 1868, reports stated that five parties had scoured the country

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James Parks goes to work as a bridge carpenter for the Union Pacific Railroad. He will ascend to become the railroad's supervisor of bridges and buildings in Colorado in 1871, a position he will hold for 32 years.

February 10, 1868
The editor William Allen White the "Sage of Emporia" is born in Emporia, Kansas. White will buy

the *Emporia Gazette* in 1895 and win the Pulitzer Prize for his editorial "To an Anxious Friend" (1922) and a posthumous Pulitzer for *The Autobiography of William A. White* (1946).

The German Savings and Loan is incorporated in San Francisco.

February 11, 1868
The Union Pacific completes the laying of tracks to Coyote (present Collyer), Kansas.

February 13, 1868
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February 26, 1868
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Battle of Big Dry Wash

Apaches

(From Page 1)

a precipitous gorge into the Mogollon Rim. The Apaches hid on the far side and

waited.

Captain Adna R. Chaffee led the cavalry company. Unbeknownst to Nat-tio-tish, Chaffee was guided by the famous scout Al Sieber, who soon discovered the Apach-

es' trap and warned the troops. Also unbeknownst to Na-tio-tish, during the night Chaffee's lone company was reinforced by four more under the command of Major A.W. Evans.

Early in the morning of July 17 one company of cavalry opened fire from the rim facing the Apaches. Meanwhile, Chaffee sent two companies upstream and two downstream to sneak across the canyon and attack the Apaches. Na-tio-tish failed to post lookouts and the troops crossed over undetected. From sixteen to twenty-seven warriors were killed, including Na-tio-tish.

The Battle of Big Dry Wash was the last battle fought between the Apaches and army regulars. It was also one of the few times that army soldiers fought and bested Apaches in actual battle, but this was mainly because, as one historian noted, "it was one of the few instances in which Apaches allowed themselves to be drawn into conventional battle."



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Overland Stage

Stagecoach

(From Page 3)

coach, but they definitely weren't capable of keeping out the dust and wind, let alone the snow or rain. When closed, they made the interior pitch dark and steam-heated. A coach came complete with leather boot, deck seat, brakes, lamps and ornamental sides so magnificent that small boys cheered with delight as the vehicle came charging through town. The

"strong box," which carried the more valuable mail was kept under the driver's seat, which was unprotected, and only about eight inches lower than the roof. The coaches were also equipped with an ingenious apparatus for braking. Sand boxes were placed over the brake pads in such a way so that sand could be released when approaching the more rugged hills along the trail.

The inside of the Concord Coach was only a bit over four feet in width, and

its height inside was about four and one-half feet. The interior, upholstered in padded leather and damask cloth, had three seats providing space for nine passengers. The seats, covered with leather-covered pads, were reported to be harder than the wood beneath them. The middle seat unfortunately was just a bench with no back support. Some had a leather strap across the back that was fastened to one side

(See Stagecoach on Page 18)

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Fetterman Massacre

Eyewitness

(From Page 4)

Wands was also instructed to repeat them. As if peculiarly impressed with some anticipations of rashness in the movement, the colonel, just after the command left, went across the parade-ground to a sentry platform, halted the mounted party, and gave additional orders, understood in the garrison, and by those who heard them, to be the substantial repetition of the former.

The health of Mrs. Grummond was such that Lieutenant Wands and other friends urged him [Lieutenant Grummond], for his family's sake, to be prudent, and avoid all rash movements and any pursuit that would draw them over Lodge Trail Ridge, and to report to Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel Fetterman the orders he had received. These orders were, in so

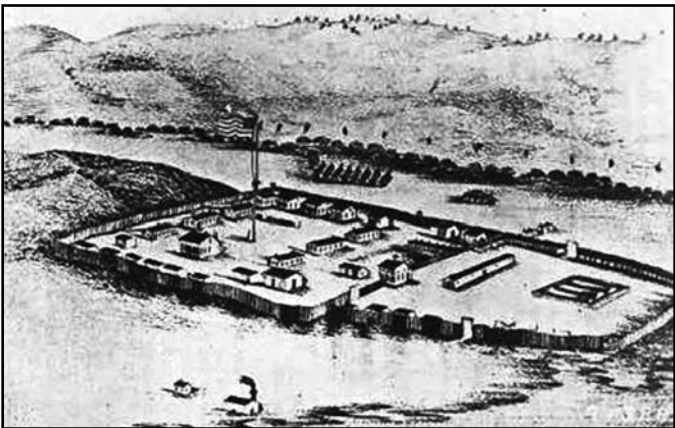
many words, "to relieve the train, and under no circumstances to cross the ridge." Everybody knew why special emphasis was given to these orders.

Only two days before, Brevet Major Powell had been sent out to relieve a train, and obeyed his orders literally, although, as he afterward

dropped near them, dismounted one and brought nearly thirty out of the brush. These at once disappeared. After the detachment had been gone a short time, finding that Captain Fetterman had left without a surgeon, the colonel sent Dr. Hines, with one of his own orderlies, to join the train and report to Captain Fetterman; Doctor Hines started, but soon returned with the news that the train had safely pursued its route to the woods; that Captain Fetterman was on the ridge to the north, out of view, and that there were so

many Indians in sight that he could not join the party. It was about noon, and a man rushed in to say that firing was renewed. Every shot could be heard, and there was little doubt that a desperate fight was going on in the valley of Peno Creek

(See Eyewitness on Page 16)



Fort Phil Kearny, from a drawing by Second Cavalry Bugler Antonio Nicoli in 1867

said, he was sorely tempted to pursue, but became afterward convinced that certain destruction would have been the result.

Before Captain Fetterman left, a few Indian pickets were seen on Lodge Trail Ridge, and a few were below the fort at the road crossing. Two or three case shot,

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In 1842, a slightly larger group of 100 pioneers made the 2,000-mile journey to Oregon. The next year, however, the number of emigrants skyrocketed to 1,000. The sudden increase was a product of a severe depression in the Midwest combined with a flood of propaganda from fur traders, missionaries, and government officials extolling the virtues of the northwestern land. Farmers dissatisfied with their prospects in Ohio, Illinois, Kentucky, and Tennessee hoped to find better lives in the supposed paradise of Oregon.

On May 22, 1843, some 1,000 men, women, and children climbed aboard their wagons and steered their horses west out of the small town of Elm Grove, Missouri. The train comprised more than 100 wagons with a herd of 5,000 oxen and cattle trailing behind. Dr. Elijah White, a Presbyterian missionary who had made the trip the year before, served as guide.

The first section of the Oregon Trail ran through the relatively flat country of the Great Plains. Obstacles

(See Emigrants on Page 19)

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Visitors may walk the tour route or ride trolleys to the outlying historical structures. Information will be provided by tour guides on each of the three trolleys.

The theme for the Home Tour, “Florence: An Arizona Hidden Treasure” reveals the little-known intriguing and entertaining facts about the town contained within the walls of these homes.

In addition to the Home Tour, the Maricopa High School Theatre Company will perform three re-enactments of “The Baron of Arizona.” The performances will be at the McFarland State Park at 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. McFarland State Park is located at Ruggles and Main Streets in Florence. The Theatre Company is led by Arizona Master Teacher, Cynthia Calhoun whose theatre company has received state and



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The Florence Arts and Culture Commission will offer a Quick Draw Artist Contest and Silent Auction at 10:30 a.m. Artists have 90 minutes to begin and complete a portrait or landscape and the finished products will be auctioned off at the end of the contest. Spectators are welcome to watch as these talented artists, create impressive works of art. The contest is at the Jacob Suter House located at 270 North Pinal Street.

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Quotes

This one is for my friend NJ:

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- William Wordsworth

"Valentine's Day is when a lot of married men are reminded what a poor shot Cupid really is."

- Unknown

Memories

I'm having breakfast with Joe at the Little Mesa Cafe. Says Joe, "My earliest memory of Valentine's Day is when I was in first grade.

In those days you could buy packages of 25 or 50 Valentine's Day cards, school kid stuff. The whole class would decorate empty tissue boxes and we would go around the

room and pass out our Valentines. The night before was a big deal, as we would pick out cards from the package and address them, giving the ones we liked best to the prettiest girls and dump the duds on the guys. Lots of times we didn't put our names in the

cards, just write a little message and leave it unsigned. It strikes me now that first grade was a young age to begin seeking the amorous attentions of the gentler sex." I chuckle, wondering what I'm going to get my wife. Joe continues, "Big day of the year, though, if you're a florist, own a candy store, or you're related to the Hallmark family. You know America is the land of opportunity. Leave it to us to make the most out of commercializing a holiday."

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The Valentine State

Arizona, now known as the Grand Canyon State, was once nicknamed the Valentine State, joining the union on February 14, 1912, becoming the 48th state and the last of the 48 contiguous (connected) states.

Spanish Franciscan Friar Marcos de Niza was the first European to explore Arizona in 1539. He was followed a year later by Francisco V'asquez de Coronado, both of them in search of gold. Most of the early settlement was for missionary purposes. In 1775 the Spanish established Fort Tucson.

In the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848), ending the Mexican War (1846-48), Mexico relinquished control of the area north of the Gila River to the United States. This area became part of the U.S. Territory of New Mexico in 1850. The United States, wishing to build a railroad through the area South of the Gila River, bought the area between the river and the present day southern boundary of Arizona from Mexico in the Gadsden Purchase (1853).

In 1861, at the outbreak of the Civil War, conventions held at Tucson and Mesilla declared the area part of the Confederacy. In the only engagement fought in the Arizona area, a small group of Confederate pickets held off Union cavalry Northwest of Tucson in the skirmish known as the battle of Picacho Pass.

In 1863, Arizona was organized as a separate territory, with its first, temporary capital at Fort Whipple.

(See Joe Six Pack on Page 17)

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Fetterman Massacre

Eyewitness

(From Page 11)

beyond the ridge. The presence of Lieutenant Grummond with the party gave us new anxiety, and many heart-

felt prayers were offered that he might return in safety. The colonel was on the "lookout," on headquarters building, and gave his orders before coming down. It seemed long, but was hardly twelve minutes before

Captain Ten Eyck, Lieutenant Matson, Dr. Hines, and Dr. Ould, with a relieving party, were moving, on the run, for the scene of action. We had all watched Captain Fetterman until the curve of Sullivant Hills shut him off, and then he was on the southern slope of the ridge, apparently intending to cut off the retreat of the Indians from the train. Wagons and ambulances were hurried up; the whole garrison was on the alert; extra ammunition for both parties was started, and even the prisoners were put on duty to give the guard and all available men their perfect freedom for whatever might transpire. Couriers were sent to the woods to bring back the train and its guard, to secure its support, as well as from the fear that the diversion of Captain Fetterman from his orders might still involve its destruction; and shortly Captain Arnold came to report that the whole force of armed men left at the post, including guard and everything, was but one hundred and nineteen men.

Until the wagons galloped out of the gate, we could see a solitary Indian on the highest part of Lodge Trail Ridge; but he soon disappeared. All this time firing was increasing in intensity, and in little more than thirty minutes, -after one or two quick volleys, the rattle of file-firing, and a few scattering shots,-a perfect silence ensued. There were then many anxious hearts, and waiting was perfectly terrible! The movements of Captain Ten Eyck were watched with intensest interest. The pickets could give no information, and a messenger sent upon Sullivant Hills could see neither Indians nor troops. It was just before Captain Ten Eyck's party reached the top of the hill across the Piney, north of the Virginia City road, that all firing ceased. Soon orderly Sample was seen to break away from the command and make for the fort, with his horse, on the run. He brought the message that the valleys were full of Indians, and that several hundred were on the road below, yelling and challenging them to come down; but nothing could be seen of Fetterman.


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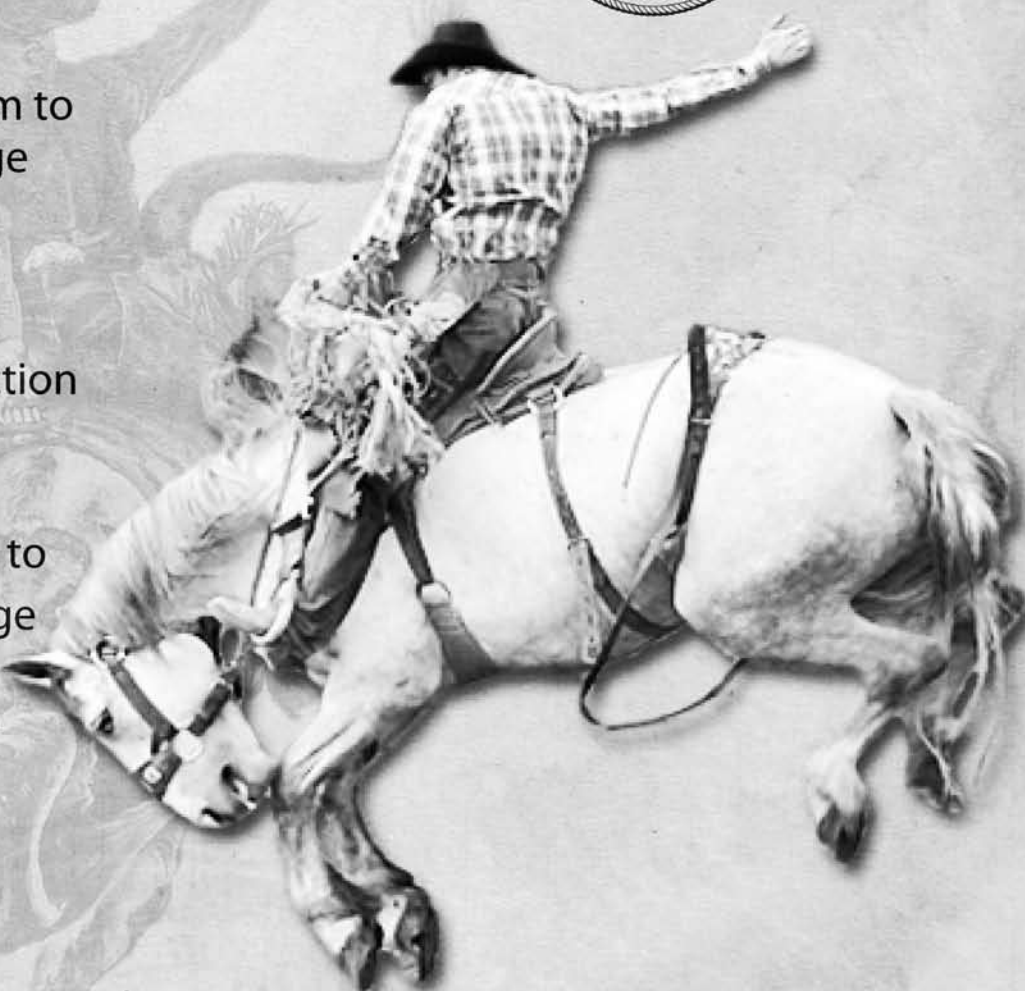

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Valentine State

Joe Six Pack

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Prescott became the capital in 1865. Charles D. Poston, who had worked to achieve Arizona's new status, was elected as the territory's first delegate to the U.S. Congress. The capital was moved to Tucson in 1867, back to Prescott in 1877, and finally to Phoenix in 1889.

St. Valentine's Day

There are many versions of the history of Valentine's Day. In ancient Rome, February 14th was a holiday to honor Juno. Juno was the Queen of the Roman gods and goddesses. The Romans also knew her as the goddess of women and marriage. The following day, February 15th, began the Feast of Luperalia. Lives of young boys and girls were strictly separate. One custom of young people was name drawing, a type of Roman lottery. On the eve of the festival of Luperalia the names of eligible

Roman girls were placed in a big urn. Young men would draw a girl's name from the urn. They would then be partners for the duration of the festival. Sometimes the pairing of the children last-

ed an entire year, and often, they would fall in love and would later marry.

There were three different St. Valentines.

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Overland Stage

Stagecoach

(Frpm Page 10)

of the stage, and was hooked across to the other side. This seat was reserved for the late-comers who were subject to a tortuous, uncomfortable ride. On the outside one rider

could sit alongside the driver. The body of the coach was so strong, that sometimes as many as ten or twelve adventurous passengers could be seen perched up on top.

The final touch for the Concord Coach was its paint job. And, there were never any two exactly alike. It was a

gloriously beautiful coach to look at with the favorite colors for the coaches being red for the body and yellow trim, with an exquisite landscape on the doors. The two coats of paint were hand rubbed, then finished with two more coats of spar varnish. Gold leaf scrollwork was artistically painted in the interior.

Mail sacks, often weighing as much as 250 pounds, were carried in the leather “boot” along with the passenger’s luggage. Sometimes a passenger would even crawl into the boot to take a nap. The coaches were drawn by some of the finest and swiftest horses that Ben Holladay could provide. They were able to travel at about 15 miles per hour.

Ben Holladay was a man who always did things with a flourish. His drivers were ordered to arrive at each stage station with a gallop, if at all possible. It must have been quite a sight! With the driver's whip cracking furiously over the horses' heads, and the messenger sitting next to him blasting on a trumpet, the four to six matched horses would thunder down the road, and pull up to the Overland Trail Stage Station snorting and prancing. With the only other route to California around South America in a sailing ship, Holladay boasted that passengers on the Overland could get to Sacramento in an astonishing fourteen days.

The first priorities then were excellent, well-bred horses. The previous owners of the mail express line had used mules, thinking that horses wouldn't be able to stand up to the hard work and harsh conditions. The mules were considered to be more tractable, smarter and capable of pulling a heavier load, but they also proved to be cranky and slow. Holladay intended to run the mail and stage line with the swiftness and regularity of the railroads. Ben Holladay instructed his men to "spare no expense, and buy the best." And so they did. He paid the bill of over \$500,000 for his new stock: 2750 of the best horses available which were sent to the stage stations. Each team, usually well matched of the same shade, would make the

(See Stagecoach on Page 21)



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The Oregon Trail

Emigrants

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were few, though the river crossings could be dangerous for wagons. The danger of Indian attacks was a small, but genuine, risk. To be on the safe side, the pioneers drew their wagons into a circle at night to create a makeshift stockade. If they feared Indians might raid their livestock-the Plains tribes valued the horses, though generally ignored the oxen-they would drive the animals into the enclosure.

Although many of the pioneers believed Indians were their greatest threat, they quickly learned that they were more likely to be injured or killed by a host of more mundane causes. Obstacles included accidental discharge of firearms, falling off mules or horses, drowning in river crossings, and disease. After entering the mountains, the trail also became much more difficult, with steep ascents and

descents over rocky terrain. The pioneers risked injury from overturned and runaway wagons.

Yet the vast majority of pioneers on the trail survived to reach their destination in the fertile, well-watered land of western Oregon. The migration of 1844 was smaller than that of the previous season, but

in 1845 it jumped to nearly 3,000. Thereafter, migration on the Oregon Trail was an annual event, although the practice of traveling in giant convoys of wagons gave way to many smaller bands of one or two-dozen wagons. The trail was heavily traveled until 1884, when the Union Pacific constructed a railway along the route.

Wild West Facts

The first gold strike in the Old West was made by Jose Ortiz in 1832 south of Santa Fe, New Mexico, in what would quickly become the boom town of Delores.

Billy the Kid was born in New York City on September 17, 1859.

Established in 1827, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas is the oldest military post in continuous operation west of the Mississippi.

The famous gunfight at the O.K. Corral only lasted about thirty seconds.

Jesse James was called "Dingus" by his friends.

Cowboys driving cattle to the market could expect to make between \$25 and \$40 per month. A Trail Boss might make as much as \$125 per month.

Female bandit, Pearl Hart, was the last person to rob a stagecoach in 1899.



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Fetterman Massacre

Eyewitness

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As was afterward learned, this party was on the very field of carnage, and doubtless they were completing their robbery and butchery. It was after dark when Captain Ten Eyck returned, with forty-nine of the bodies, and made the terrible announcement that all were killed.

To a woman whose house and heart received the widow as a sister, and whose office it was to advise her of the facts, the recital of the scenes of that day, even at this later period, is full of pain; but at the time, the Christian

fortitude and holy calmness with which Mrs. Grummond looked upward to her Heavenly Father for wisdom and strength, inspired all with something of her same patience to know the worst and meet its issues.


The body of Lieutenant Grummond had not been rescued, and there was some faint hope that stragglers might yet come in and break the absolute gloom of the tragedy by some explanatory and redeeming feature.

At last the wood train came in, having seen nothing of Fetterman, not even having heard the firing, or suspected any additional danger after repulsing their own immedi-


ate assailants. Imagination only can suggest how wide-sweeping would have been the massacre had any considerable portion of the hostile bands renewed the attack on the train after the successful decoy of the others to inevitable destruction.

With the next morning came a meeting of officers, with universal disinclination, generally expressed, to venture a search for the remaining dead. The safety of any small party seemed doubtful, and the post itself might be imperiled by a large draft upon the garrison. But the colonel had made up his mind, and freely expressed his purpose "not to let the Indians have the conviction that the dead could not be rescued," and besides this, the very men who had passed through the war with out blanching began to form ideas of the numbers and barbarity of the Indians, which threatened to take away one-half their real strength. So the colonel informed Mrs. Grummond that he should go in person, and would bring home her husband. Captain Ten Eyck, Lieutenant Matson, and Dr. Ould went with the party. Long after they left, and they left with the cheerful Godspeed of every woman and soldier of the garrison, on a holy mission, the pickets, which were distributed on the line of march, indicated their progress, and showed that neither the fort nor the detachment could be threatened without such connection of signals as would advise both and secure co-operation whatever might ensue.

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Overland Stage

Stagecoach

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"Reno." "Reno" kept the public informed of the army's troubles, including sickness from spoiled supplies and some questionable command decisions.

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sutler's store remained intact.

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Valentine State

Joe Six Pack

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The Catholic Church recognizes three saints by that name, all who were martyred on February 14. In 496 A.D., February 14 was declared a Church holiday in the name of St. Valentine by Pope Gelasius. It remained a Church holiday until 1969, when Pope Paul VI took it from the calendar.

The St. Valentine that the day is named for is believed to have been a priest and physician in the 3rd century who performed secret marriages when the Roman Emperor Claudius II thought single soldiers were more likely to enlist in the army. That St. Valentine was imprisoned and executed. Legend says while imprisoned he converted the jailer by restoring sight to the jailer's daughter. Additionally some believe he left a farewell note to the jailer's daughter, who had become his friend, signed "From Your Valentine."

Many customs surround-

ing St. Valentine's Day originated in Europe during the Middle Ages, that on February 14th, half-way through the second month of the year, the birds begin to pair. In English poet Geoffrey

Chaucer's 14th century "Parliament of Fowles" we read:

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