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## Pauline Weaver Trailblazer & Mountain Man

### Pioneer is Known as Prescott's First Citizen

By Richard W. Kimball

In 1863, Joseph Walker, leading a small party of gold seekers, went into the Bradshaw Mountains looking for riches. Walker had been in Arizona once before. After spending 20 years in California, he decided to return. Following along the Hassayampa River, the Walker party reached a point in central Arizona where the city of Prescott is located today. When the prospectors reached Granite Creek, they were surprised to find an old mountain man already encamped there. It was a trapper called Pauline Weaver.

Weaver was born in 1797 in Tennessee, the son of Henry Weaver and a Cherokee woman whose name is lost to history. His given name was Powell, but it was changed when he went into the West.

As a young teen, he spent a couple of years working for the Hudson's Bay Company in Canada. In 1830, he joined a group of trappers on an expedition into the Rocky Mountains. When the weather turned cold, the trappers went south to Taos, New Mexico, to spend the winter.

It was while he was in Taos that his name was changed. The local Mexicans and Indians called him Paulino, not Powell. His Anglo companions called him Pauline. While living in Taos, Weaver married a Mexican woman named Maria Dolores Martin, and together they produced a son and two daughters.

In October 1831, Weaver joined Ewing Young and more than 30 other men on a horse-buying trip into California. At that time, only a few Americans had ever been



in Arizona. Young's group went from Taos through the White Mountains and then down the Salt River. From there, they traveled along the Gila River until they reached the Colorado River in January of 1832. The Americans bought supplies from friendly Pima Indians they met along the way. A few months later,

Young's group returned from California with more than 600 mules and 100 horses. Another group of men, led by French-Canadian scout Antoine Leroux, joined up with Young's men at Yuma. The much larger force took a more southerly route to

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### In Their Own Words

## Deadly Hand to Hand Combat With an Apache



John C. Cremony

Born in Boston in 1815, John C. Cremony spent most of his life in the Old West. He served as an interpreter to the U.S. Boundary Commission for three years, 1849-51. He was a Major of California Volunteer Cavalry, operating in Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Western Arkansas. He was the first white man to become fluent in the Apache language, learning it in his role as an interpreter, and published the first written compilation of their language

as a glossary for the army. Cremony authored *Life among the Apaches* in 1868. The following excerpt describes a desperate encounter with an Apache warrior.

No one expected an attack in so open, exposed and unsheltered a place, yet it was the very one selected for such a purpose. The wily savages knew that we would be upon our guard in passing a defile,

(See Battle on Page 5)

## Frontier Jails

As formal, organized law enforcement spread into the West, the lack of secure jails was a serious drawback. There could be no justice if the defendant broke out of jail and escaped before being brought to trial.

Reports of escapes from frail jailhouses were common in frontier newspapers. At Yerba Buena (which later became San Francisco) a hungry prisoner appeared one morning before the local magistrate,

carrying on his back the door of the hoosegow, to which he was chained, and demanded his breakfast. Later, San Francisco used a old ship as a jail. Los Angeles had prisoners chained to a log in an old adobe house. At Monroeville, California, lawbreakers were locked in an iron cage placed in the shade of a tree.

In Colorado, on one occasion, the sheriff of Gilpin County arrested a pair of

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### An Irish Blessing

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This Week's Question: What city is the county seat of Mohave County? Clark Gable and Carole Lombard were married there.  
 (7 Letters)

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Answer: Show Low

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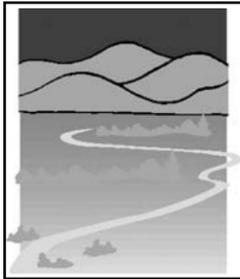
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## Arizona - Web of Time

### Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

Spanish-speaking ranchers grazed their long horned cattle on the grasslands of southeastern Arizona in the 1820s and 1830s. In later years, the long horns became a symbol of the wild and woolly American West during the age of the cowboy.

One hundred and 30 years ago, in 1881, the federal government's Indian Agent on the Navajo Reser-

vation was a thief and liar. The Navajos chased him out of Arizona because they said his stealing "gave them headaches and made their legs ache."

It was hard to insulate Flagstaff houses against the cold of a Northern Arizona winter in 1893. One housewife said the lack of adequate insulation forced her to close her parlor four or five months

a year. Often, she added, her bedroom "felt too cold to enter."

1901 Flagstaff residents saw a traveling motion pictures show at the Opera House. People were surprised at the amount of equipment required to project the moving pictures. An advertisement in the local newspaper promised "first class" entertainment.

A 1911 aviator named Robert Fowler flew 165 miles in 206 minutes without landing to set a new world sustained flight record. His route took him over the southern Arizona desert between Yuma and Maricopa.

Prudent 1920s sightseers motoring off the beaten path through northern Arizona's vast wide open spaces far from doctors, hospitals and improved roads carried large first aid kits. A typical one was assembled by a man from New York City for his 1927 trip east of the Grand Canyon.

His kit included bandages, tourniquets, scissors, tweezers, iodine, ammonia, aspirin, and a variety of ointments and other medicines for insect bites. There were cactus thorns to puncture blisters, and medications for sunburn, eye irritation, dry throat and coughing, chapped lips, aching feet, saddle sores, and motion sickness.

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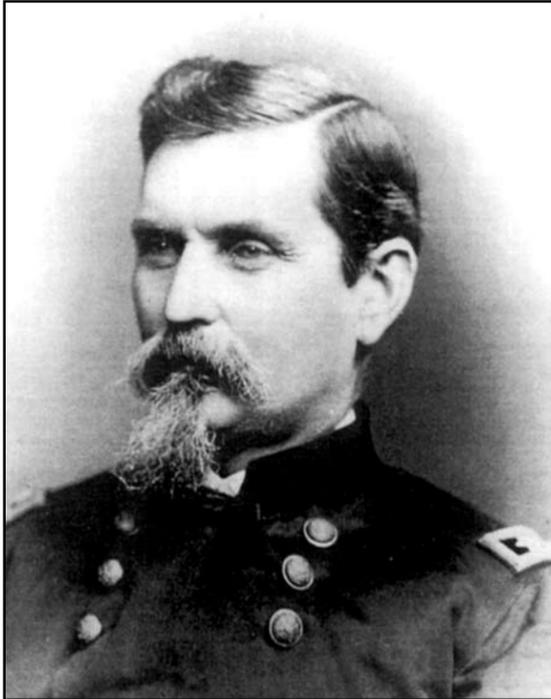
# John Gibbon Historic Military Career

John Gibbon was a career infantry commander who found himself repeatedly on the battle lines that helped shape American history.

Gibbon was born in Pennsylvania, but spent much of his childhood in North Carolina. After graduating from West Point, he first saw action in the decades-long struggle to subdue the Florida Seminoles and force them westward into Indian Territory. He served in the Mexican-American War and as an artillery instructor at West Point, where he wrote *The Artillerist's Manual* in 1859. The manual was a highly scientific treatise on gunnery and was used by both sides in the Civil War. Then he was sent to Utah Territory as part of the force intended

to maintain federal authority at the conclusion of the misdirected "Mormon War."

The secession of the South posed a deep personal dilemma for Gibbon. His



serving as a captain of the 4th U.S. Artillery and became chief of artillery to Maj. Gen. Irvin McDowell. In 1862, he was appointed brigadier general of volunteers and commanded the brigade of westerners known as the "Black Hat Brigade" (due to their distinctive black Hardee hats that Gibbon selected for them). He led the brigade into action against the famous Confederate Stonewall Brigade at Brawner's Farm in the Second Battle of Bull Run. He was still in command of the brigade during their strong uphill charge at the Battle of South Mountain, where Maj. Gen. Joseph Hooker

exclaimed that the men "fought like iron". From then on, the brigade was known as the "Iron Brigade." Gibbon

parents were Democrats and slaveholders, and his three brothers had enlisted in the Confederate army. Nevertheless, Gibbon chose to fight for the Union. Gibbon was

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# Pauline Weaver

## Pioneer

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reach Santa Fe and arrived there in July 1832.

It is believed that during its trek north the group passed by the ruins at Casa Grande, not far from present-day Coolidge. Scratched on an adobe wall inside the ruins is graffiti some people have attributed to Pauline Weaver. The inscription reads: "P. Weaver 18\_\_." The date is hard to read, but it could be 1832. That's when the horses

and men passed through the area. Was it carved there by Weaver? Probably not. Weaver was illiterate and could only write an X when asked for his signature.

In 1845, Weaver was back in California and lived there for a while on a ranch near Banning. Being a restless kind of fellow, he wandered around in the mountains of the Southwest hunting and trapping. It wasn't long before people began to think of him as a first-rate mountain man and guide. In 1846, Commodore Stockton and

John C. Fremont and other Americans became involved in a series of disputes with the Mexican government in California. It is now believed that those fights and quarrels set the stage for the beginning of the Mexican War. The Americans began sending reports east to Santa Fe. Kit Carson and Pauline Weaver were each asked to take some of the dispatches back to New Mexico—a distance of some 800 miles. After meeting General Stephen Kearny, who was commanding the Army of the West, Carson was pressed into duty as a guide to lead U.S. soldiers into California. Weaver, and Antoine Leroux, were asked to guide the Mormon Battalion to California through the desert of southern Arizona. The battalion marched under the command of Col. Philip St. George Cooke. Since Col. Cooke wanted to take the town of Tucson before attempting the desert journey, Weaver and Leroux were under considerable pressure to bring the military force through the parts of Arizona they knew little about.

After winning a battle against Mexican troops at Tucson, the battalion pushed west, all the time suffering from a severe lack of food and water. The battalion didn't reach the Colorado River until January 1847. Then the battalion became lost in the desert for several weeks before it was able to reach "civilization" in southern California.

When the Mexican War was over, Weaver went back into the mountains to trap beaver along the waterways. While he was thus occupied, Weaver became friendly with

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# Hand to Hand Combat

## Battle

(From Page 1)

a thick wood, or a rocky canyon; and also judged that we might be careless while crossing an open plain. They were well acquainted with the dusty character of the road, and relying on it to conceal their presence, had secreted themselves close to its southern edge, awaiting our approach.

At a certain spot, where a dozen or two yucca trees elevated their sharp-pointed leaves about four feet above ground, and while we were shrouded in a cloud of dust, a sharp, rattling volley was poured into us from a distance of less than twenty yards. It has always been a matter of astonishment to me that none of our party were either killed or wounded; but we lost two mules and three horses by that fire. The dense dust prevented the Apaches from taking aim, and they fired a little too low. It was no time for hesitation, and the order was at once given to dismount and fight on foot. We could distinguish little or nothing; shot after shot was expended in the direction of the savages; now and then a dark body would be seen and made a target of as soon as seen. Each man threw himself flat upon the ground; but scarcely any could tell where his companions were. It was pre-eminently a fight in which each man was on "his own hook."

While we laid prostrate the dust settled somewhat, and we were about to obtain a good sight of the enemy,

when John Wollaston cried out—"Up boys, they are making a rush." Each man rose at the word, and a hand to hand contest ensued which beggars all description. It was at this juncture that our revolvers did the work, as was afterward shown. Again the dust rose in blinding clouds, hurried up by the tramping feet of contending men. We stood as much chance to be shot by each other as by the

savages. The quick rattling of pistols was heard on all sides, but the actors in this work of death were invisible. The last charge of my second pistol had been exhausted; my large knife lost in the thick dust on the road, and the only weapon left me was a small double-edged, but sharp and keen, dagger, with a black whale-bone hilt, and about four

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# Frontier Jails

## Jails

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suspected horse thieves and held them for trial the next morning. As he had no jail, he took the prisoners to his home and handcuffed them to the post of a bed and let them sleep on the floor. But his wife, who was confined to the bed with a young baby, objected to this arrangement so strenuously that in the morning the sheriff rounded up enough townspeople to build a small stone jail.

On the Great Plains, where both stone and timber were scarce, the housing of prisoners was a problem. Of



The old jail at Ft. Griffin, Texas

ten culprits were chained to a tree or placed in a dry cistern. A Kansas officer chained a drunk to a telegraph pole. In Texas a Ranger fastened one

to a windmill. Elsewhere law-breakers were housed in a livery stable, a law office, and a milk room.

Most of the early jails were so flimsy that it was easy to dig out or break a hole through the roof. A Texas sheriff explained that his jail was "unsafe and insufficient to detain prisoners with security and safety and could easily be broken open, either by prisoners or by persons without."

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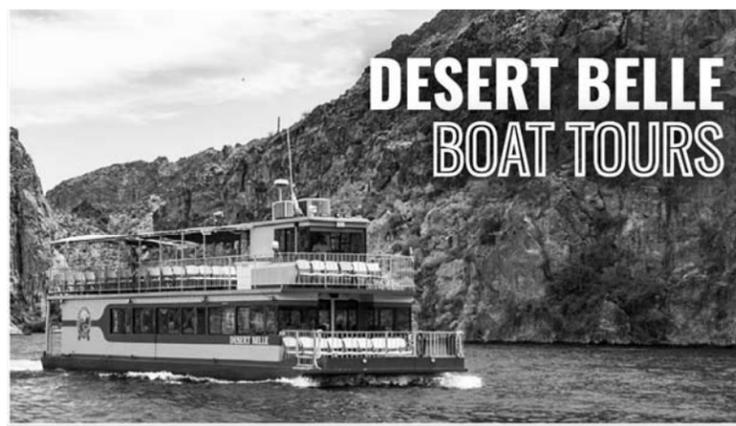
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# John Gibbon

## Soldier

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led the brigade for the last time at the Battle of Antietam, where he was forced to take time away from brigade command to personally man an artillery piece in the bloody fighting at the Cornfield.

Gibbon was promoted to command the 2nd Division, I Corps at the Battle of Fredericksburg, where he was wounded. He recovered in time for the Battle of Chancellorsville, but his division was in reserve and saw little action. At the Battle of Gettysburg, he commanded the 2nd Division, II Corps and temporarily commanded the corps on July 1 and July 2, 1863, while Maj. Gen. Winfield S. Hancock was elevated to command larger units. At the end of the council of war on the night of July 2, army com-

mander Maj. Gen. George G. Meade took Gibbon aside and predicted, "If Lee attacks tomorrow, it will be on your front." And his division did bear the brunt of fighting during the defense against Pickett's Charge on July 3, when Gibbon was again wounded. While recovering from his wounds, he commanded a draft depot in Cleveland, Ohio.

Gibbon was back in command of the 2nd Division at the battles of the Wilderness, Spotsylvania Court House, and Cold Harbor. During the Siege of Petersburg, Gibbon became disheartened when his troops refused to fight at Ream's Station. He went on sick leave, but his service being too valuable, he returned to command the newly created XXIV Corps in the Army of the James. His troops helped achieve the decisive breakthrough at Petersburg, capturing Fort Gregg, part

of the Confederate defenses. He led his troops during the Appomattox Campaign and blocked the Confederate escape route at the Battle of Appomattox Courthouse. He was one of three commissioners for the Confederate surrender.

Gibbon stayed in the army after the war. He reverted to the regular army rank of colonel and was in command of the infantry at Fort Ellis, Montana Territory, during the campaign against the Sioux in 1876. Gibbon, Gen. George Crook, and Lt. Col. George A. Custer were to make a coordinated campaign against the Sioux and Cheyenne, but Crook was driven back at the Battle of the Rosebud, and Gibbon was not close by when Custer attacked a very large village on the banks of the Little Bighorn River. The Battle

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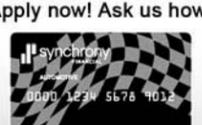
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# Hand to Hand Combat

## Battle

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inches long on the blade. I was just reloading a six-shooter, when a robust and athletic Apache, much heavier than myself, stood before me, not more than three feet off. He was naked with the single exception of a breach cloth, and his person was oiled from head to foot. I was clothed in a green hunting frock, edged with black, a pair of green pants, trimmed with black welts, and a green broad-brimmed felt hat. The instant we met, he advanced upon me with a long and keen knife, with which he made a plunge at my breast. This attack was met by stopping his right wrist with my left hand, and at the same moment I lunged my small dagger full at his abdomen. He caught my right wrist in his left hand, and for a couple of seconds—a long time under such circumstances—we stood regarding each other, my left hand holding his right above my head, and his left retaining my right on a level with his body. Feeling that he was greased, and that I had no certain hold, I tripped him with a sudden and violent pass of the right foot, which brought him to the ground, but in falling he seized and carried me down with him. In a moment the desperate savage gained the ascendant, and planted himself firmly on my person, with his right knee on my left arm, confining it closely, and his left arm pinioning my right to the ground, while his right arm was free. I was completely at his mercy. His personal strength and weight were greater than mine. His triumph and delight glared from his glittering black eyes, and he resolved to lose nothing of his savage enjoyment. Holding me down with the grasp of a giant, against which all my struggles were wholly vain, he raised aloft his long, sharp knife, and said—Pindah lickoyee das-ay-go, dee-dah tatsan," which means, "the white-eyed man, you will be soon dead." I thought as he did, and in that frightful moment made a hasty commendation of my soul to the Benevolent, but I am afraid that it was mingled with some scheme to get out of my pre-

dicament, if possible.

To express the sensations I underwent at that moment is not within the province of language. My erratic and useless life passed in review before me in less than an instant of time. I lived more in that minute or two of our deadly struggle than I had ever done in years, and, as I

was wholly powerless, I gave myself up for lost—another victim to Apache ferocity. His bloodshot eyes gleamed upon me with intense delight, and he seemed to delay the death-stroke for the purpose of gladdening his heart upon my fears and inexpressible

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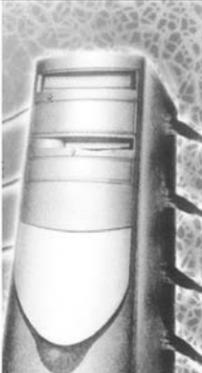
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# Pauline Weaver

**Pioneer**

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several of the Indian tribes that lived in those regions. In 1851, Weaver became involved in a kind of peace-keeping mission between the Indians and the Americans in California. The Indians were angry about a plan put forth by a local politician to tax the tribes. As the Indians were planning an uprising,

Weaver defused the situation when he found the man who drafted the tax plan and took him captive. A few days later, law enforcement officers arrested Weaver. They took him away to be hanged for treason, murder and robbery. Luckily for Weaver, the California legislature passed a resolution for the "relief of Powell Weaver." He was awarded a \$500 compensation package which was to be paid back to the Indians for

horses and supplies that has been taken.

The U.S. Census showed that Weaver was living in Tucson in 1860. His net worth at the time was \$2,100. The next year he was back in the mountains, this time prospecting for gold. Eventually, Weaver and some of his trapper friends discovered gold not far from the community of La Paz on the Colorado River. The entire region quickly became known as the Weaver Mining District even though Weaver never made much money there. Weaver was in Yuma when the Civil War broke out. He soon found himself working as a scout for Union forces. In March 1862, he helped General Carleton's California Volunteers drive the Confederates out of New Mexico and Arizona.

One of the volunteers, a man named George Oakes, said Weaver "had come to Arizona about 30 years ago and knew the country and the Indians well. He was pretty much of an Indian himself

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Bitter Creek Newcomb stepped outside and mounted his horse to check the streets. Officer Dick Speed asked 19-year-old Dell Simmons to identify the rider. "Why that's Bitter Creek!" he cried. Seeing Simmons point at him, Bitter Creek threw up his rifle, but Speed was quicker, getting off a shot that smashed the outlaw's magazine, and then tore into his right leg. Bitter Creek's shot went wild, but he managed to

turn his mount and race out of town.

Arkansas Tom Jones was startled out of his bed by the sudden gunfire. Seizing his Winchester and stepping to a window, he drilled Speed



Bill Doolin

in the shoulder, then fired a second shot that instantly killed the lawman.

The outlaws inside the saloon began shooting, killing a horse at the hitch rail and driving back the posse members. From his vantage point in the two-story building, Arkansas Tom spotted young Del Simmons running down the street and cut him

down with a rifle bullet. Simmons died late in the afternoon.

The posse poured a hail of fire into the small frame saloon, but succeeded only in hitting the owner, Old Man Ransom. As the outlaws snuck out the side door, bartender Neil Murray poked his Winchester out the front door, only to be wounded by two bullets. The outlaws scampered to the livery stable.

In the hotel, Arkansas Tom could see out of front and back windows, but he knocked a hole in both sides of the roof so that he could command all angles from his elevated position. He pumped two fatal slugs into officer Tom Houston.

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Added Joe, "When I was a kid my aunt took me to a St. Patrick's festival at our church and I won a button that said "Kiss Me I'm Irish." My aunt had me wear that button all day...All those kisses! Geez. Wish I'd been older!"

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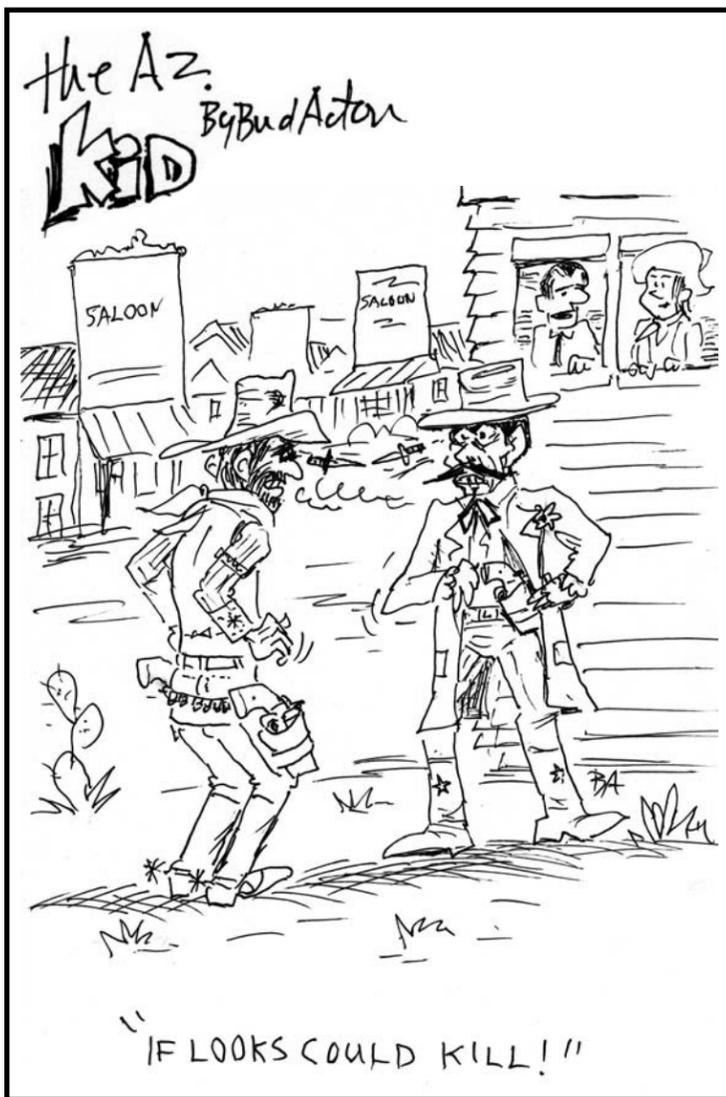
Of all the perils confronting the plainsman, illness was perhaps the most dreaded. Although the humid Mississippi region to the east was even more unhealthy, almost all families on the drier plains were sadly familiar with cholera, smallpox, and typhoid. As late as 1880 there were 224 deaths in what is now South Dakota from diphtheria alone. Malaria—the ague—and pneumonia were endemic. Malarial mosquitoes, unrecognized then as disease carriers, bred in moist areas by grassland rivers and were blown into drier regions. Cholera, which swept the plains in countless epidemics, was known to arrive without warning, sometimes striking—and killing—its victims in a single day.

In addition, the plains farmers of the mid-19th century still lived in a state of medical superstition. The germ theory was as yet unknown, and they thought many ailments were caused by miasmas rising from the mists or even the early morning dew. The sod huts and their privies were unhealthy—they were dark, damp, crowded, unsanitary and had dirt floors. Contaminated food, dust-covered belongings, and bedbugs, fleas, and flies were constant aggravations. In home, school, and village, common drinking cups spread infection. Water supplies often were tainted, and the frontiersman's poor diet frequently caused scurvy and an intestinal malady dubbed bilious fever.

however, calling the doctor was the last resort. The nearest physician might live far away, and his fee could come to 50 cents a mile, plus a dollar for consultation and additional sums for medicines. This was far too expensive for many, well aware that the professional remedies were often no better than the folk medicines of the farmer's wife with her herbs and poultices.

Sometimes the cures the prairie wife claimed left doubt about the accuracy of the diagnosis. Typical was Mrs. Edith Wheeler of Texas, who reported: "Old Man Rufe Harper sprouted a skin cancer that the doctor swore would spread till it ate up his face. Uncle Rufe came to me...I remembered how my mother used to take warts off our hands with an ointment made from the crushed leaves of a weed called sheep sorrel. I didn't know how it would work on cancer, but I figured it wouldn't kill Uncle Rufe... To make the medicine strong, I mixed in gunpowder...and smeared that cancer with fresh applications every day. Uncle Rufe swore it burned 'worse than hell'...But after five days that cancer slid off his face like a dried scab."

For their families' more ordinary ailments plainswomen used homemade remedies: for rheumatism, wahoo-root tea or polk root; as a physic, slippery elm; for ague, sulfur and molasses; to trigger sweating, snakeroot tea; to stanch bleeding, cobwebs. Oddly enough, for childbirth—one of the most natural of human trials—the frontier woman generally sought a doctor's help, perhaps



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In 1869, 15-year-old Nat left the South to become a cowboy, making his way on foot to Dodge City, where he was attracted to a Texas outfit with several black cowboys. Offered a job if he could ride a rank beast named Good Eye, Love, who had broken colts for a neighbor at ten cents apiece, was able to stay aboard. He began his career as a cowboy. Booted and spurred, sport-

ing a bright bandanna and a broad-brimmed white hat, he worked as a cowhand, driving Texas longhorns to Kansas for several years.



Dakota gold-mining boomtown Deadwood, where he entered the centennial Independence Day celebrations. Love related that he won a roping competition and a shooting contest. "Right there," he reminisced, "the assembled crowd named me 'Deadwood Dick' and proclaimed me champion of the Western cattle country."

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# Frontier Medicine

## Remedies

(From Page 16)

because, due to lack of antiseptics, "childbirth fever" killed so many young women. Often, though, distances and storms prevented the physician's timely arrival, and thousands of children were born with only their fathers in attendance. Whether mother or baby survived was mostly a matter of luck. Indeed, until modern medicine got to the plains in the 20th century, everyone's survival depended almost exclusively on good fortune.

Some frontier treatments actually brought relief, especially the herb teas and

drawing poultices, but mostly they were little better than a rabbit's foot or a four-leaf clover. Here are a few more examples of frontier do-it-yourself remedies:

Oil of geese, wolves, bears or polecats for rheumatism.

Mashed snails and earthworms in water for diphtheria.

Common salt and scrapings from pewter spoons for worms.

Tonic made by soaking half a bucket of rusty nails in vinegar as a blood purifier.

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Tea made from the scrapings of stallion hooves to cure hives.

Warm brains of freshly killed rabbit applied to child's gums to relieve teething pains.

Hot blood of chicken to cure shingles.

# John Gibbon

## Soldier

(From Page 8)

of the Little Bighorn resulted in the deaths of Custer and some 261 of his men. Gibbon's approach on June 26 probably saved the lives of the several hundred men who

were still under siege. Gibbon arrived the next day, and helped to bury the dead and evacuate the wounded.

Gibbon was still in command in Montana the following year when he intercepted a telegraph from Oliver O. Howard to cut off the Nez Perce, who were camped

along the Big Hole River in western Montana. At the Battle of the Big Hole Gibbon's forces inflicted heavy losses, but became pinned down under Indian sniper fire. Gibbon held off the warriors until General Howard's forces arrived late on the second day of battle and drove them off. Gibbon was promoted to brigadier general in the regular army, in 1885, and took command of the Army of the Pacific Northwest. He placed Seattle, Washington, under martial law during the anti-Chinese riots of 1886.

John Gibbon died in Baltimore, Maryland, and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. In addition to his famous and influential Artillerist's Manual of 1859, he is the author of Personal Recollections of the Civil War (published posthumously in 1928) and Adventures on the Western Frontier (also posthumous, 1994).

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# Pauline Weaver

## Pioneer

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and liked to scout far ahead of us. He had been so much alone that his speech was part English, part Spanish, with a few Indian words thrown in for good measure."

According to a short news story published by the Los Angeles Star, "A party intends to leave the Colorado River on the 10th of November for [Arizona's] San Francisco Mountains under the guidance of Pauline [sic] Weaver [to go] where diggings of unparalleled riches are known to ex-

ist." The prospecting party left Fort Yuma on April 1, 1863, and soon had discovered a hill 30 miles south of present-day Prescott that was covered with gold nuggets and ready to be taken. The hill, ultimately known as Rich Hill, soon became part of the Weaver Mining District No. 2. Weaver didn't profit much from that claim either. Later that same year, Captain Nathan Pishon and a squad of military men left Santa Fe bound for the Bradshaw Mountains. When the soldiers bivouacked by Granite Creek, they encountered Pauline Weaver who was hunting in the area as well

as doing a little prospecting. It was about the same time that the Walker party arrived from California.

In 1864, Weaver was hired to serve as scout for the U.S. Army post at Fort Whipple. It was said that Weaver "lived a great deal with the Indians and had acquired their stealthy manner of walk and other peculiarities. He was then an old man." Judge Joseph Pratt Allyn, who had arrived in the area with the governor's party, said Weaver "is the opposite of Walker in every respect, garrulous to a fault, tells large stories until he has the reputation of a sort of Arizona Munchausen, impulsive, and with a failing memory."

In June of 1865, Weaver was wounded by Yavapai Indian in an ambush outside Prescott. Thinking he was seriously wounded and would die soon, Weaver began singing his "death song"—something he learned while living with the Indians of the Rocky Mountains. The Yavapai warriors thought he had gone crazy and left him sitting alone propped up against a pine tree. When Weaver realized he wasn't going to die after all, he got up and stumbled back to Fort Whipple where he was treated for his wounds.

During that summer, he served as a spy for both Fort Whipple and Fort McDowell. In November 1866, Weaver was assigned to Camp Lincoln [now known as Camp Verde]. It was said that he "slept on the ground in a jungle of cottonwood trees, willows, reeds and other swamp-like vegetation, removed some distance—as usual—from the larger military encampment."

In the early summer of the next year, he became sick with a fever, but refused to go to Fort Whipple for treatment. On June 21, he was found dead. The military buried the old frontiersman on the grounds of Camp Verde. In 1892, his body was exhumed and reburied in San Francisco. During the 1920s, a campaign to bring the old mountaineer back "home" to Prescott was started by Prescott poet and historian Sharlot Hall,

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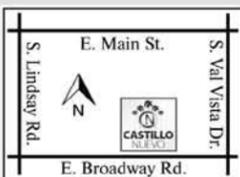




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# Kiss Me, I'm Irish

## Joe Six Pack

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"Had many a fine St. Patty's Day," says Joe.

"Good eats, drink, song. Why not? Might as well have some fun with it." Hey, I'm Irish too! I love the John Wayne movie "The Quiet Man" (1952) with Maureen O'Hara. A classic. He should have won best actor.

Remember the movie "The Fugitive" with Harrison Ford? In the scene where Tommy Lee Jones is chasing him during the St. Patrick's Day parade in Chicago, they're at the Chicago River and it's dyed green. The cop asks, "If they can dye it green for the parade, why can't they dye it blue the rest of the year?" What a great line.

## St. Patrick's Day

According to the U.S. Census Bureau:

\*There are 34 million U.S. residents who claim Irish ancestry. This number is almost nine times the pop-

ulation of Ireland itself (3.9 million). Irish is the nation's second most frequently reported ancestry, trailing only German.

\*A total of 4.8 million immigrants from Ireland have been admitted to the U.S. for lawful permanent residence since 1820, the earliest year official immigration records exist. Only Germany, Italy, the United Kingdom and Mexico have had more immigrants admitted for permanent residence to the United States than Ireland.

\*St. Patrick's Day is a day when everyone is Irish. No other nationality has such a claim. Finding a four leaf clover is supposed to help one's judgment, bringing good fortune. Kissing the Blarney Stone, legend says, brings the kisser "persuasive eloquence" (blarney).

\*The first St. Patrick's Day parade took place in New York City on March 17, 1762, not in Ireland. In

modern day Ireland, St. Patrick's Day has traditionally been a religious occasion. Falling during the Christian season of Lent, prohibitions against the consumption of meat were waived and people would dance, drink and feast on the traditional meal of Irish bacon and cabbage; hence the traditional St. Patrick's Day meal Corn Beef & Cabbage here in the U.S. In fact, up until the 1970s, Irish laws mandated that pubs be closed on March 17th. Beginning in 1995, the Irish government began a campaign to use St. Patrick's Day to showcase Ireland to the rest of the world. Each year close to one million people take part in Ireland's St. Patrick's Festival in Dublin.

This St. Patrick's Day I'll be wearing green. I'll probably hoist a toast or two and sing a song. If I'm lucky my best gal will give me a kiss or two. Hey, I'm Irish....

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# Hand to Hand Combat

## Battle

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torture. All this transpired in less than half a minute, but to me it seemed hours. Suddenly he raised his right arm for the final stroke. I saw the descending blow of the deadly weapon, and knew the force with which it was driven.

The love of life is a strong feeling at any time; but to be killed like a pig, by an Apache, seemed pre-eminently dreadful and contemptuous. Down came the murderous knife, aimed full at my throat, for his position on my body made that the most prominent part of attack. Instantly I twisted my head and neck one side to avoid the blow and prolong life as much as possible. The keen blade passed in dangerous, proximity to my throat, and buried itself deeply in the soft soil, penetrating my black silk cravat, while his right thumb came within reach of my mouth, and was as quickly seized between my teeth. His struggles to free himself were fearful, but my life depended on holding fast. Finding his efforts vain, he released his grasp of my right arm and seized his knife with his left hand, but the change, effected under extreme pain, reversed the whole state of affairs. Before my antagonist could extricate his deeply-buried weapon with his left hand, and while his right was held fast between my teeth, I circled his body and plunged my sharp and faithful dagger twice between his ribs, just under his left arm, at the same time making another convulsive effort to throw off his weight. In this I succeeded, and in a few moments had the satisfaction of seeing my enemy gasping his last under my repeated thrusts. Language would fail to convey anything like my sensations during that deadly contest, and I will not attempt the task.

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# Frontier Jails

## Jails

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handicap as the lack of jails was the lack of a safe place for keeping court records. Often the first courthouse was a log cabin or part of a building used for other purposes. It was easily robbed or burned by persons awaiting trial who wanted to destroy the indictments against them. In Texas in the 1870s, such arsonists burned courthouse after courthouse.

Some of the early courts in the West were extremely casual in procedure. A visiting Englishman found a Galveston judge resting his feet on his desk and chewing a wad of tobacco while the lawyers, "ready of speech and loads of references, from Magna Carta upwards," smoked, chewed, and whittled. Later, in Guthrie, Oklahoma, according to Colonel Zach Miller in Fred Gipson's Fabulous Empire, the official crier at the federal court used to open the

proceedings by shouting, "Hear ye! Hear ye! Now all you mully-grubs in the back of the courtroom keep your traps shut and give these swell guys up front a chance to talk!"

Yet, gradually, serious judges brought formality and dignity into the courthouse. They banned tipsy lawyers and required everyone to leave his six-

shooters outside. A few even required jurors to wear coats. Some circuit judges showed unusual energy in riding horseback or driving a buggy many miles from one court to another. In many communities, court sessions came to be social events that attracted farm families who had come to town for marketing.

# Pauline Weaver

## Pioneer

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with the aid of the local Boy Scouts. Finally, on October 27, 1929, Weaver's coffin was delivered by train to Prescott. A procession of dignitaries followed the mountain man's coffin as it was carried several blocks by Boy Scouts to a new gravesite on the grounds of the Shar-

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Pauline Weaver's impact on the history of Arizona has not been forgotten. Several landmarks around the state still bear his name—the Weaver Mountains, Weaver Peak and Weaver Creek. In the Superstition Mountains, Weaver's Needle plays an important part in the stories about the Lost Dutchman Mine.




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