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Ponca Chief Standing Bear

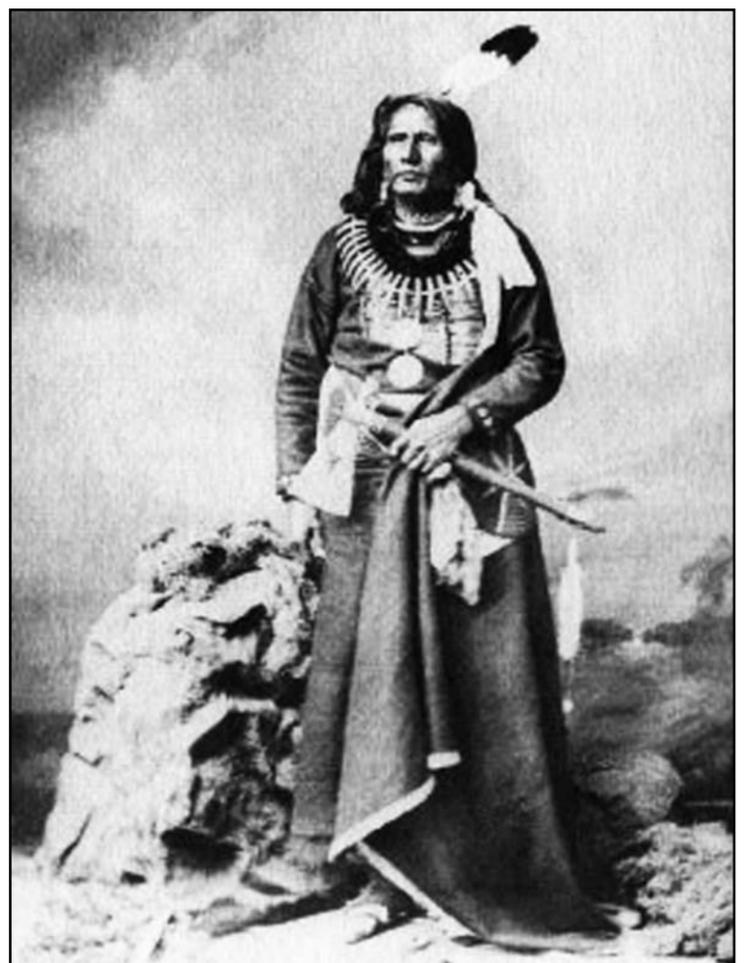
Proves that an Indian is a 'Person'

By Richard W. Kimball

The Ponca Tribe of Nebraska is a small Indian nation, its population never much more than 800. When the Lewis & Clark expedition reached their village in 1804, smallpox had drastically slashed their number to about 200. At that time, the tribe lived along Ponca Creek. They lived in large earth lodges and were primarily dependent on farming. However, the Poncas also made seasonal trips onto the plains to hunt for buffalo. Historians believe the tribe migrated west to Ponca Creek from the Lake Winnipeg area. The Ponca speak a dialect of the Siouan language. They are related to the Omaha and Kansa Indians to the south. In the early 1700s, the larger

Sioux tribes that surrounded them forced them to relocate to the west bank of the Mississippi River.

The Ponca Indians might have been lost to history if not for Chief Standing Bear's lawsuit against the U.S. Army. He was against the Army's standard policy of forcing small Indian tribes from their traditional homeland and making them relocate into the Indian Territory. The Ponca always tried to deal with the government in good faith. They even agreed to sign an 1858 treaty that took away almost all their lands except a small area along the Niobara River in Nebraska. Then the U.S. government made a huge mistake. When the U.S. and the Great Sioux Nation signed the Fort Laramie treaty in 1868, the docu-



ment gave away the last of the Ponca land to the Sioux. Afterward, the Sioux began harassing the Ponca people trying to drive them away.

According to Vince Ap-

pling, a Ponca historian: "It was easier for the government to move us because we were a peaceful people.

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The Real Johnny Appleseed



Most folks have probably heard about the legendary "Johnny Appleseed" who, according to story and song, spread his apple seeds all over the nation. Well, it turns out that there really was a "Johnny Appleseed" and he did indeed travel the country planting seeds.

His name was John Chapman and he was born in Massachusetts in 1774. Not much

is known about his early life except that sometime in his twenties he left the Northeast to settle in the Ohio Valley, carrying with him a supply of apple seeds. His work as a nurseryman was inseparable from his devotion to the teachings of Emanuel Swedenborg, a scientist and philosopher who claimed to have had a "spiritual

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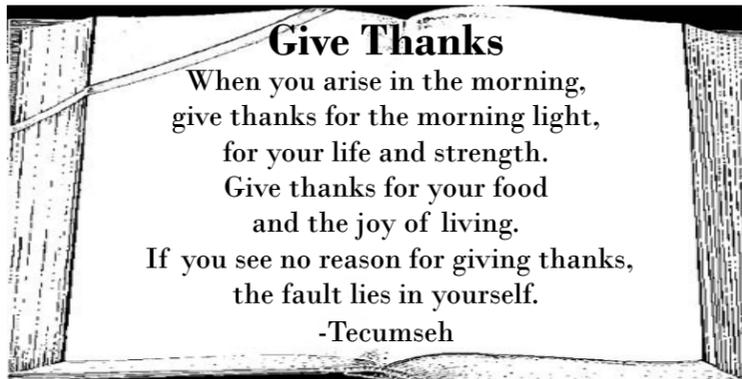
The Battle of Glorieta Pass

In the summer of 1861, only a few months after the Civil War had broken out, Confederate Lieutenant Colonel John R. Baylor marched west with 800 men of the 2nd Texas Mounted Rifles Regiment. Baylor advanced all the way to Tucson, proclaiming himself governor of the Confederate Territory of Arizona.

But there was a strong Federal force in Northern New Mexico under the com-

mand of Colonel E.R.S. Canby. The Confederacy sent Baylor reinforcements in the form of three Texas regiments led by Brigadier General H. H. Sibley. Sibley and more than 2,000 Texans marched up the Rio Grande while Canby dug in at Fort Craig, about 35 miles south of Socorro, New Mexico, with 3,800 men. Although outnumbered, Sibley's Texans

(See Civil War on Page 8)



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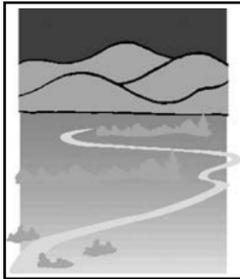
Last Issue's Question: On August 18, 1912, an earthquake caused a 50-mile crack in what Arizona mountain range?
Answer: San Francisco Peaks

Congratulations! You got the right answer!

Keith Adams, Sid Clarke, Larry Damer, Doyle Ekey, Richard Fordyce, Kevin Gartley, Donnie Harris, Roger Kvammie, Robert Lidgett, Richard Ringer, Bill Riordan, William Smith, Richard Valley.

How to Play

Letters are hidden in the advertisements. Find the letters to spell the answer. Submit your answer with your name, address & phone number on a postcard for the current issue's question to Territorial Publishing, P.O. Box 1690, Apache Junction, AZ 85217. Look for the answer in the next issue. To have your name listed in the next issue, cards must be received no later than 10 days past the current issue of the Territorial News. For example: submitted answers to the 2/20/19 question, deadline is 3/2/19. Limit one postcard per household per issue. Must be at least 18 years old. Remember to put your name on your entry!



Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey

The Arizona Trail

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Members of an 1854 U.S. Army exploring party riding west past where the towns of Ash Fork and Seligman are now saw Hualapai and Havasupai Indian men whose faces were painted red. Their leggings were mountain sheep pelts with the fur on and their necklaces were of white and blue beads. The Hualapai and Havasupai still live in that part of Arizona and welcome visitors.

Results of the Apache scorched earth policy to drive settlers of European descent out of Arizona south

of Tucson were described by an 1864 traveler from California. He said the 40-mile road between San Xavier and Tubac was a scene of desolation and there was not a single living soul. Houses had been burned, fences torn down, and machinery once used for mining scattered across the ground.

In 1884, Bill Bass of Williams got into the tourist business and built a 60-mile stagecoach road for sightseers to the Grand Canyon. There were three corrals at relay stations along the way where horses were changed for fresh ones. The Grand Canyon Railway, still in operation today, replaced the stagecoaches in 1901.

Dr. P.G. Cornish, an 1894 Flagstaff doctor, made house calls on a bicycle. He once peddled 50 roundtrip miles on dirt roads to care for a patient on an isolated ranch.

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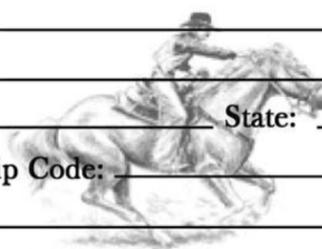
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Lewis and Clark Help Form Missouri Fur Company

In September 1806, William Clark and Meriwether Lewis completed their epic journey to the Pacific Ocean, arriving back in St. Louis after more than two years in the western wilderness. Except for the difficult crossing of the Rocky Mountains, the expedition team had traveled by river. On the journey, they were overwhelmed by the abundance of beaver, otter, and other fur-bearing creatures they saw. The territory was ripe for fur trapping, they reported to President Thomas Jefferson.

Both Lewis and Clark recognized that sizeable fortunes could be made in fur trapping, and they were not averse to using their exclusive knowledge to gain a share of the profits. Two years after their return, Lewis and Clark helped organize the St. Louis Missouri River Fur Company. Among their partners were the experienced fur traders and businessmen Manuel Lisa, Pierre

Choteau, and Auguste Choteau.

Lewis, whom Jefferson had already appointed to the governorship of Louisiana Territory, was presumably a silent partner, and for good reason. The new company planned to mix public and private interests in potentially unethical ways. During their earlier voyage west, Lewis and Clark had con-

vinced an Upper-Missouri River Mandan Indian named Big White to go east and meet President Jefferson. Lewis had promised Big White that the American government would later return him to his people. Now the St. Louis Missouri River Fur Company proposed to use public money to mount a private

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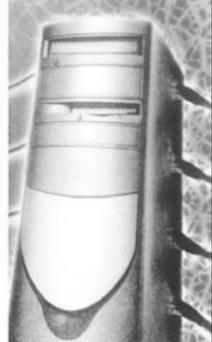
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Standing Bear

Person

(From Page 1)

There were more of the Sioux, and they were troublemakers. That is the reason the government gave them our land."

The U.S. admitted its mistake in 1875, but by then nothing more could be done except to relocate the Poncas to Indian Territory. Government agents from the Office of Indian Affairs accompanied a group of Ponca leaders, including Standing Bear, to Oklahoma to pick a place for a new Ponca reservation.

Unfortunately, much of the land available was barren or of little value for these native farmers. After many weeks of searching, the frustrated government agents told Standing Bear and the rest of the chiefs that if they wanted to return to Nebraska, they'd have to walk the entire 500 miles on foot to get there. With no other choice, the Ponca leaders began the long and arduous journey at once.

When they finally arrived back in Nebraska, the Ponca leaders found that many of their tribesmen had already been forced to go to Oklahoma. In May of

1877, the army forced more than 600 Poncas, including Standing Bear and his family, to walk back to Indian Territory. Many of the Indians died during the walk from illness or starvation, including Standing Bear's daughter and son.

"At least nine died on that walk," Appling said, "including Standing Bear's daughter, Praise Flower. When they arrived in Oklahoma, it was too late to plant crops. They lost nearly a third of the people from malaria and starvation."

Standing Bear would later recall those terrible times. He said, "I had only one son left; then he sickened. As he was dying, he asked me to promise him one thing—to bury him in the earth of our Nebraska homeland. Bear Shield was my only son. What else could I do but promise."

During the next winter, Standing Bear and a small group of Poncas left Oklahoma on foot to return to their Nebraska homeland. Standing Bear brought with him the bones of Bear Shield. They walked for two months and finally obtained shelter on land owned by the Omaha people. In the spring of 1879, the Army discovered the little group of Poncas and attempted once again to move them south. The Poncas were encamped just outside the town of Omaha.

Thomas Tibbles, an editor at the Omaha Daily Herald, was instrumental in bringing the plight of the Ponca Indians to the American public. He interviewed Standing Bear while the chief

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On December 8, 1883, five desperadoes rode into the booming mining town of Bisbee, Arizona. Their leader, Daniel "Big Dan" Dowd, had heard that the \$7,000 payroll of the Copper Queen Mine would be in the vault at the Bisbee General Store. The outlaws barged into the store with their guns drawn and demanded the payroll. To Big Dan's disappointment, they discovered they were too early—the payroll had not yet arrived. The out-

laws quickly gathered up what money there was (reports vary between \$900 to \$3,000), and took valuable rings and watches from the unlucky customers.

For reasons that are unclear, the robbery then turned into a slaughter. When the five desperadoes rode away, they left behind four dead or dying people, including Deputy Sheriff Tom Smith

and a Bisbee woman named Anna Roberts.

The people of Arizona were shocked by the senseless brutality of the killings. The newspapers called it the "Bisbee Massacre." The sheriff quickly organized citizen posses to track down the killers, placing Deputy Sheriff Billy Daniels at the

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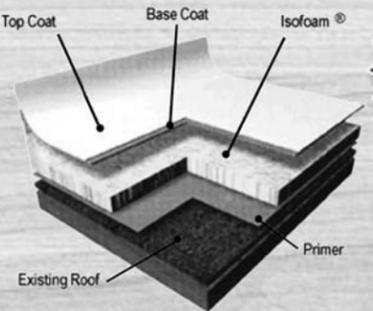
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Johnny Appleseed

Chapman

ANONYMOUS

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awakening” and began to interact directly with the denizens of heaven, hell, and the world of spirits between. He went on to write numerous books on his theological views and other subjects.

The following are excerpts from three letters which give a little bit of insight into the real Johnny Appleseed. The first account is from a letter to a Swedenborg society:

There is in the western country a very extraordinary missionary of the New Jerusalem. A man has appeared who seems to be almost independent of corporal wants and sufferings. He goes barefooted, can sleep anywhere, in house or out of house, and live upon the coarsest and most scanty fare. He has actually thawed the ice with his bare feet.

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The next account is a response to a fictionalized profile in Harper's magazine:

S. C. COFFINBURY

John Chapman was a small man, wiry and thin in habit. His cheeks were hollow; his face and neck dark and skinny from exposure to the weather. His mouth was small; his nose small and turned up quite so much as apparently to raise his upper lip. His eye was dark and deeply set in his head, but searching and penetrating. His hair was black and straight which he parted in the middle, and permitted to fall about his neck. His hair, withal, was rather thin, fine and glossy. He never wore a full beard, but shaved all clean except a thin roach at the bottom of his throat. His beard was lightly set, sparse, and very black.

In 1840, when the writer last saw him in Mansfield

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The Lynching of Cattle Kate

The lynching of Ella Watson, aka "Cattle Kate," and Jim Averill near Independence Rock, in Wyoming Territory, was an example of vigilante bravura in the West. It earned Watson the dubious distinction of being the only woman ever hanged in Wyoming.

The events that preceded this particular incident began on October 29, 1880, when Averill filed a claim on choice grazing land on the banks of the Sweetwater River in Carbon County. The land was used regularly by three large outfits, the UT, the Bar 11, and the Hub and Spoke. Over the years, Averill had opened a general store and become the area's postmaster. He often registered his opinions on the conflicts between cattle barons and ranchers in editorials written for the Casper Weekly Mail.

Blasting the barons in print was not enough for Averill. Rumors flew that he dabbled in the rustling trade. As new cowboys arrived in the area to help with the bustling cattle business, Averill decided to expand his operations by hiring Ella as a cook at his store. There are some reports that Watson was actually a prostitute, but those may have been stories put out by the cattle barons to discredit her and Averill.

On March 24, 1888, Watson filed a claim for some land about a mile from Averill's operation and soon began building a small cabin and a large cor-

ral. During the following year, Averill and Watson grew bolder. One stockman found 20 of his maverick cattle at Watson's place before she ran him off at rifle-point. A "get tough" attitude was voiced at local smokers. An editorial in the July 13, 1889, Casper Weekly Mail hinted that the court's failure to convict thieves might result in "stockmen taking the law into their own hands."

Rancher A. J. Bothwell decided to do just that, shortly after 50 of his stock appeared among Watson's herd. On the afternoon of

July 20, 1889, he rode with six cowhands to Cattle Kate's place. Her 14-year-old stable boy watched in horror as Kate was loaded into a wagon, swearing and kicking as she went. Bothwell and his band then galloped to Averill's property and picked him up.

As they would later testify, the members of the self-appointed posse meant only to "throw a scare" into their adversaries. The wagons traveled about four miles to Spring Creek Gulch. Suddenly, Jim Buchanan, one of Averill's men who had

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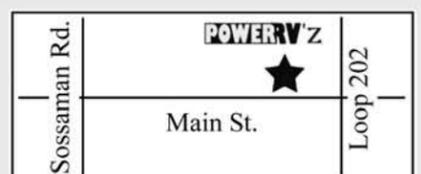
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Glorieta Pass

Civil War

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executed a determined assault on February 21, 1862, forcing the Federals to abandon their position. A few days later, Sibley hoisted the Stars and Bars over Santa Fe.

To the east, Federal troops still held Fort Union, and more than 1,300 Regulars, Coloradans, and New Mexicans marched toward Santa Fe on March 22. Major John Chivington, leading 418 Coloradans in advance of the federal column, encountered 400 Texans in Apache Canyon near Glorieta Pass, Southeast of Santa Fe. There was a sharp engagement, and the Confederates pulled back after losing a hundred men.

A night march brought 700 Confederate reinforcements, and Brigadier General William R. Scurry assumed command of a combined force numbering about 1,000 men. The Confederates prepared a defensive position at the western end of Apache Pass. On March 27, about 900 Federal reinforcements arrived, and the adversaries came together the next day at Glorieta Pass. The next six hours were filled with charges and countercharges, artillery volleys, and hand-to-hand fighting.



Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley

When the conflict ceased, the Confederates controlled the battlefield.

During this action, however, Chivington had led 500 men on a 16-mile march and struck the lightly guarded Confederate supply train. Chivington's men destroyed as estimated 80 wagons, bayoneted 500 horses and mules, and burned food, clothing, and medical supplies. The destructive attack was a crippling blow to the force. Canby soon advanced, forcing the Confederates to abandon Santa Fe and Albuquerque and to commence a long, grueling retreat from waterhole to waterhole through the summer heat to Texas.

Of the approximately 3,500 Texans who had invaded New Mexico in an attempt to expand the Confederacy, more than 500 men were dead and another 500 were captured or missing. Known as the "Gettysburg of the West," the engagement was unquestionably decisive in the Civil War struggle for the Far West.

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Stephen H. Long

Twenty years before the Pathfinder, John C. Fremont, produced his enthusiastic descriptions of the West, another Army explorer, Major Stephen H. Long, published a different sort of conclusion about the Great Plains: "In regard to this extensive section of the country, I do not hesitate in giving the opinion, that it is almost wholly unfit for cultivation, and of course, uninhabitable by a people depending upon agriculture for their subsistence."

Long was attempting to find the headwaters of the Arkansas, Platte, and Red Rivers. His expedition was characterized by a series of misjudgments and minor disasters. He got confused about the rivers: he never found the source of the Arkansas and mistook the Canadian for the Red

River. He lost most of his scientific records when three deserters ran off with them. And he succeeded in branding the Plains with a discouraging and largely misleading name. On the



official map of his expedition thousands of square miles were labeled "Great Desert."

This view was echoed by virtually every traveler on the Plains for the next generation, with the notable exception of Fremont.

In Astoria, an account of the Western fur trade written in 1836, Washington Irving described the vast region between the Mississippi and the Rocky Mountains as: "undulating and treeless plains, and desolate sandy wastes, wearisome to the eye from their extent and monotony."

Major Long felt the arid Plains were a blessing in disguise, explaining that they would "serve as a barrier to prevent too great an extension of our population westward." Such an idea was anathema to the expansion-minded Fremont. He minimized the region's shortcomings and instead emphasized the presence of rich, arable soil, sparkling streams, and lush grasses. "Everywhere," he exulted, "the rose is met with and reminds us of cultivated gardens and civilization."

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An adaptation of the ancient windmill provided a solution. The Great Plains were ceaselessly swept by brisk winds at velocities averaging 12 to 14 miles per hour. This free source of power could be harnessed mechanically to pump water up from deep levels. In the 1850s, a Connecticut mechanic named Daniel Halladay fashioned a windmill with a governor to reduce the pitch of the blades in high wind, keeping them from spinning so

rapidly that the machine would be torn apart. A simple vertical fin kept the mill headed into the wind. A crankshaft converted the rotary motion of the blades to the up-and-down action required to pump water.

exceeding one million dollars by 1879. By the 1890s, reduced production costs and rising farm income allowed more and more farmers the convenience of a mechanical water supply.



A mill could lift hundreds of gallons of water a day. The tallest windmill in the West was located on the Yellow Houses Division of the three-million-acre XIT

Ranch in the Texas panhandle. At Yellow Houses headquarters, water was found at a depth of just 40 feet, but headquarters was located in a sheltered canyon. The mill's tower was built 130 feet tall to catch the winds above the canyon walls. This impressive structure finally blew down in 1926, but today a replica stands in the nearby town of Littlefield.

Well drillers charged \$1.25 to \$2.00 per foot for wells, which sometimes extended 50 to 500 feet deep. A windmill might cost \$100, running the price for well and mill to perhaps \$1,000—prohibitive for an early homesteader. But ranchers, railroads, towns, and prosperous farmers drilled wells and planted windmills, so that 16 factories totaled annual sales

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Cattle Kate

Lynching

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trailed them, opened fire on the group. Kate yelled, "Shoot the bastards, every one of them!"

Buchanan was driven off with return fire. Then almost as an afterthought, the group completed what it had set out to do. Amateurs at proper execution, Bothwell and his men tossed the first rope over a low branch, put the noose around Averill's neck, and then pushed him off a large rock. As he kicked and writhed, slowly strangling, they grabbed Cattle Kate and did the same to her.



officials arrived at the gully the next morning, they found the bodies, according to the Mail, "swaying to and fro by the prairie flowers across the plains." "A Cattle Thief and His Paramour

"The Man Weakened But the Woman Cursed to the Last."

No charges were ever brought against anyone. The witness, Buchanan, disappeared, returned

briefly, and then vanished for good. The stable boy died of Bright's disease. A grand jury was dismissed on October 14, 1889, having failed to issue an indictment because of lack of evidence.

Recalled one old-timer, years after the fact: "This was a horrible piece of business, more especially the lynching of the woman, and in many ways indefensible; yet, what is one to

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Standing Bear

Person

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was detained at Fort Omaha. Tibbles' articles grabbed the attention of the public. When some of the townspeople found out what the government was going to do with the Indians, they hoped someone would take the Army to federal court. Soon several lawyers came forward to volunteer their services. The attorneys filed a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of the Ponca people which prevented the Army from forcing the natives

back to Indian Territory. The resulting legal battle soon became a major civil rights case for the American Indian. It also became one of Nebraska's most notable trials. Standing Bear fought hard for his freedom in an Omaha courtroom.

General George Crook was dismayed when he heard about the plight of Standing Bear and the rest of the Ponca. Unlike other army officers, Crook was sympathetic with the Indians. Even hostile Indians like Red Cloud, a Sioux chieftain, trusted the general's words. In fact, Red Cloud once said, "He never

lied to us. His words gave us hope."

Since he was an Army officer, Crook could not openly help with Standing Bear's suit against the Army so he did it secretly. He reached out to Tibbles, the newspaper man, and asked for help. "You have a great daily paper here," he said. "I ask you to go into this fight against those who are robbing these helpless people." Tibbles wrote an editorial that very night and it was printed the next day. The story was also distributed to other newspapers across the country.

Standing Bear was brought before General Crook for a preliminary hearing. The chief was dressed in his best buckskins. "I have always obeyed every order that was sent me," he told the general. "I never committed a crime in my life, yet

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Gunman Jessie Evans

Jesse Evans was an outlaw and gunman of the Old West, and leader of the Jesse Evans Gang. Best known for his involvement in the infamous Lincoln County War, Evans was a cold-blooded killer. Even Billy the Kid, in a letter to New Mexico governor Lew Wallace, wrote of his fear of Evans.

Jesse J. Evans was born in 1853 in either Missouri or Texas. His first brush with the law came in June 1871 in Elk City, Kansas, when he was arrested with both his mother and father for passing counterfeit money. This was interesting, because up to that point Jesse had led a promising life, even graduating from Washington and Lee College in Virginia.

After that incident, Evans began working as a cowboy, even spending some time in the employ of famed cattle baron John Chisum. After a time, Evans ventured to both Las Cruces and La Mesilla, New Mexico, where he became associated with a man named John Kinney. At the time, Kinney was leading one of the more well-known criminal gangs of the New Mexico Territory. Evans joined the gang, and over time he and Kinney became close.

On the night of December 31, 1875, Kinney, Evans, Pony Diehl, and Jim McDaniels went into Las Cruces. While there the gang members became involved in a disagreement and later a brawl with soldiers of the U.S. Cavalry stationed at Fort Seldon. The outlaws lost the fight, and left, only to return and open fire on the saloon, killing two soldiers and one civilian, and wounding several others.

Kinney had been badly wounded in the earlier fight, and went into hiding. Soon after that night, while Kinney was still healing, Evans, gang member Samuel Blanton, and possibly another outlaw named Morris, shot and killed Quirino Fletcher in Las Cruces, for reasons still not known. Evans stood trial for the murder, but was somehow acquitted.

It was around this time that Evans broke away from the Kinney Gang to form his

own. Several of Kinney's men followed him including Billy Morton, Frank Baker, Jim McDaniels, Buffalo Bill Spawn, Dolly Graham, Tom Hill, Bob Martin, Nicholas Provencio, and Manuel Segovia. Although usually referred to as the Jesse Evans Gang, they referred to themselves as "The Boys". They

became involved in numerous acts of robbery and cattle rustling between 1875 and 1877.

Meanwhile, tensions were growing in Lincoln County between factions controlled by two sets of wealthy businessmen in the area.

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There was Abilene, Wichita, Hays City, Dodge City, Ellsworth, Ogallala, and Caldwell, to name a few. Most started out shabby and maintained a scruffy

look even in their days of prosperity—their dusty streets, walkways of wooden planks, sleazy saloons, gambling dens, bordellos, and false front stores lending them an air of impermanence.

Although popular dime novels and eastern newspapers grossly exaggerated the violence of the cattle towns, these places were in fact at least as colorful—if not nearly as bloody—as the popular imagination has always painted them. Some (notably Ellsworth, Caldwell, and Dodge City)

had acquired their seamy reputations well before they became cattle centers—reputations based on the presence of a collection of railroad men, soldiers, and buffalo hunters, plus the virtual absence of any system of law. Indeed, the coming of the cattle trade was often the signal for towns like Dodge or Wichita to settle down, organize local governments, and become at least moderately respectable. A good year for cattle sales meant plenty of hard money, not only for itinerant gamblers, barkeeps, and ladies of the evening, but also for boot makers, dry goods merchants, grocers, financiers, and other citizens of substance. As historian Robert R Dykstra phrased it in his book *Cattle Towns*, "The problem for the cattle town people was not to rid themselves of visitors prone to violence, but to suppress the violence while retaining the visitors."

Andy Adams, a veteran of the cattle trade, summed up the situation from the drovers' standpoint in his *Log of a Cowboy*: "Dodge is one town where the average bad man . . . finds himself badly

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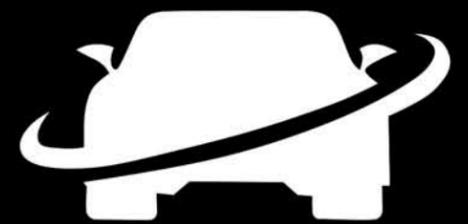
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Jessie Evans

Gunman

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In late 1877 Evans and his gang were hired by the Murphy-Dolan group to face off against Billy the Kid and his boys, known as the Regulators, who were under the control of the McSween-Tunstall faction. Despite the fame that Billy the Kid would eventually receive due to the conflict, by many accounts Evans was the most feared of the gunmen. Evans and members of his gang harassed rancher John Tunstall, and on February 18, 1878, Evans, Frank Baker, William Morton, and Tom Hill murdered Tunstall, which ignited the bloody Lincoln County War.

Evans would figure prominently in the range war, often taking the lead on operations against the Lincoln County Regulators. His role is often downplayed, but in most documented accounts, Evans was at the front. In later letters written by Billy the Kid to Governor Lew Wallace, Evans was mentioned, and the Kid even stated in one that he feared being assassinated by Evans. William Morton and Frank Baker were tracked down by the Regulators and killed for the Tunstall murder, and on that same day Tom Hill was killed and Evans was wounded when they tried to rustle some sheep but were thwarted by the rancher.

On April 29, 1878, Evans led a posse that killed Regulator Frank McNab and badly wounded Regulator Ab Saunders. Evans and his gang were a main factor in the Battle of Lincoln, a three-day affair which ended with three dead on the Regulators side, and three dead on the Murphy-Dolan side, along with several Murphy-Dolan men being wounded.

After the Lincoln War ended, Evans and gang member Billy Campbell killed an attorney named Huston Chapman on February 18, 1879, who was the lawyer hired by Susan McSween on behalf of her husband Alexander Mc-

Sween, who was killed during the Battle of Lincoln, and the gang was again on the run from lawmen. Texas Rangers caught up to them on July 3, 1880, near Presidio del Norte, in Mexico. In the ensuing gunbattle, Evans shot and killed Ranger George Bingham, while gang member John Gross was wounded by the Rangers, and gang member George Davis was shot and killed by Rangers

D.T. Carson and Ed Sieker. Ranger Carson was also shot and wounded. The Rangers eventually prevailed and Evans was arrested, tried, and sentenced to prison. He managed to escape while on work detail one day, however he was recaptured a few months later. Sent to Huntsville Prison, he was released in 1882 and was never seen or heard from again. Where he went and what happened to him is a mystery.

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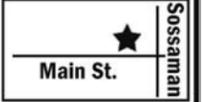


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Standing Bear

Person

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here we are—prisoners.” He added that the Poncas signed all treaties forced upon them

and that they broke no laws. He said he didn’t want to live on a reservation in Indian Territory. “Why couldn’t we be like any other ordinary American?” he asked.

The 14th Amendment,

which granted rights to former slaves several years earlier, did not apply to Indians and denied them citizenship. The Amendment, as it was interpreted, guarantees the right of any person in the United States to life, liberty, and property unless they were removed by due process of law. Indians at that time were always considered non-citizens. Since they were not recognized as “persons,” they could not sue in court or seek legal help for any wrongs held against them.

Crook and Tibbles got together to figure out a strategy that would be beneficial for Standing Bear and the Poncas. They found two lawyers willing to take the case on a pro bono basis. The lawyers filed a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of Standing Bear in the Omaha U.S. District Court. To make sure the case would proceed quickly, the editor tracked down the judge who would hear the case—the Honorable Elmer Dundy.

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Chapman

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this was his appearance, and at the time he had changed but little, if any, in his general appearance, since he first remembered seeing him when the writer was a small boy.

The dress of this strange man was unique. The writer here assumes to say that he never wore a coffee sack as a part of his apparel. He may have worn the offcast clothing of others; he probably did so. Although often in rags and tatters, and at best in the most plain and simple wardrobe he was always clean, and in his most desolate rags comfortable, and never repulsive.

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own ingenuity and in itself was a curiosity. It consisted of one width of the coarse fabric, which descended from his neck to his heels. It was without collar. In this robe were cut two arm holes into which were placed two straight sleeves. The mother of the writer made it up for him under his immediate direction and supervision.

The last excerpt recalls a meeting near the farm of Amos Harding, great-grandfather to President Warren Harding:

FRANKLIN VANDORN

I shall never forget how pleased he appeared to be when we came up to him in

the wilderness, four miles from a living soul but Indians, among bears, wolves, catamounts, serpents, owls and porcupines, yet apparently contented and happy. Here Johnny had some poles put on crotches, covered with elm bark. Some five or six rods from this were logs cut for a cabin and some clapboards for a roof.

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"Well," one of the boys replied, "you appear to be as happy as a king."

"Yes," said Chapman, "I could not enjoy myself better anywhere--I can lay on my back, look up at the stars, and it seems almost as though I can see the angels praising God, for he has made all things for good."

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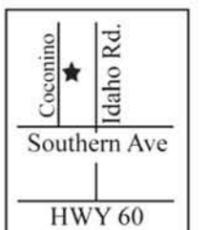
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Fur Trade
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Standing Bear

Person

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On May 1, 1879, the case of Standing Bear v. Crook commenced in the U.S. District Court in Omaha. The lawyers made their presentations and arguments. When they were through, Standing Bear asked to speak. Knowing that, officially, the rules of procedure did not allow this, Judge Dundy murmured quietly, "Court is adjourned." Then, speaking in a normal manner, told the Ponca chief he could speak.

Standing Bear got to his feet and looked around at the people in the courtroom. He stood a long time without saying anything. Many people became restless and some were mumbling that the Indian leader did not know how to speak. Finally, Standing Bear raised his right hand, turned to face the judge and said these words: "That hand is not the color of yours, but if I pierce it, I shall feel pain. If you pierce your hand, you also feel pain. The blood that will flow

from mine will be the same color as yours. I am a man. The same God made us both." Standing Bear went on to tell about a dream he had recently that involved the judge. When the Ponca leader finished speaking the courtroom exploded with "a great shout." General Crook was one of the first to leap up to shake the chief's hand.

On May 12, Judge Dundy issued a ruling in favor of Standing Bear. He said the Ponca chief and his band were really "persons" under the law. They were all entitled, as any other person in the United States, to all rights guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution. Tibbles later wrote a series of articles about the trial. He

said, "I saw tears on Judge Dundy's face. General Crook sat leaning forward, covering his eyes with his hand."

Government attorneys quickly appealed Dundy's decision and the case went to the Supreme Court of the United States, but the justices refused to hear it. In the eyes of the law, Standing Bear and his companions were left free to return to their homeland. Ironically, all the former Ponca land had been taken away from them. There was no place for them to return to. Ultimately, with the help of sympathetic friends with money, about 26,000 acres was purchased and restored to become the property of the Ponca Tribe of Nebraska.

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New Mexico	61,547
(Includes present Arizona and part of Colorado)	
Oregon	12,093
Texas	212,592
Utah	11,380
Washington	1,000

Cattle Towns

Colorful

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handicapped. The buffalo hunters and range men have protested against the iron rule of Dodge's peace officers, and nearly every protest has cost human life. Don't ever get the impression that you can ride your horses into a saloon, or shoot out the lights . . . Most cowboys think it's an infringement of their rights to give up shooting in town, and if it is, it stands, for your six-shooters are no match for Winchesters or buckshot; and Dodge's officers are as game a set of men as ever faced danger." Though Adams was probably exaggerating the human toll this law-and-order policy exacted, in other respects his picture was accurate.

trade while attracting more permanent businesses, town officials had to walk a careful tightrope. The best way to do this seemed to provide the rowdier pleasures the Texas cowpokes

lice officers.

Contrary to legend, in the Kansas cattle towns a marshal's lot was not usually a glamorous one, and certainly not a lonely one. The more sensible businessmen and politicians were not about to risk either their own safety or their city's reputation by hiring only one gun-happy officer with more enthusiasm for mayhem than



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were so fond of while at the same time controlling those pleasures and extracting considerable income from them. Newly incorporated towns were quick to pass laws establishing a lucrative system of fines for such offenses as gambling and prostitution and carrying a concealed weapon. This income filled the town coffers admirably, enabling some localities to offer tax advantages to legitimate business and to pay for po-

common sense. There were arrests to be made—preferably without bloodshed—fines to be levied, drunken cowboys to be pacified, records to be kept, sidewalks to be repaired, and the occasional stray steer to be removed. All of this fell within the marshal's duties (even for such legendary marshals as "Wild Bill" Hickok of Abilene and Wyatt Earp of Wichita), and

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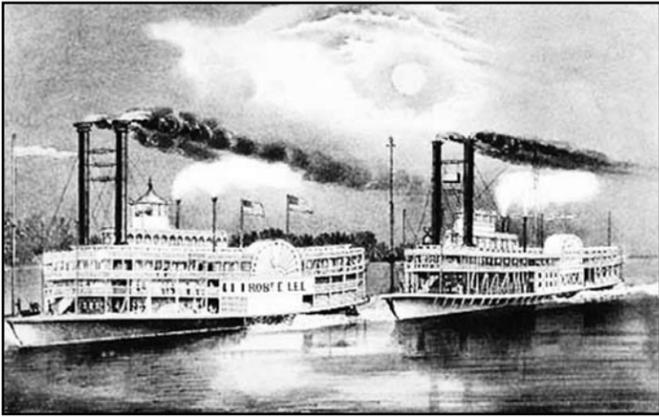
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along the route and flooded commercial exchanges and telegraph offices throughout the world.

Public excitement was as hot as the fires in the steamboats' boilers as they slipped their moorings at about 5:00 p.m. on June 30 and, trailing plumes of sparks and charcoal-black

smoke, plowed upriver. In riverside towns like Natchez, Vicksburg, Memphis, and Cairo, odds changed frequently and new wagers were struck by the light of bonfires as the days wore into nights.

Fiercely determined to win, Cannon staged a running refueling from another boat he had waiting in mid-river and plunged dangerously forward through the fog (any sane man would have laid up, Leathers snarled). After three days, 18 hours, and 14 minutes—more than six hours in front of the Natchez, the Robert E. Lee panted into St. Louis to a tumultuous greeting. Her time was never equaled.

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Cattle Towns

Colorful

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for such work a preening gunslinger was singularly unsuited. Most towns had at least five police on call in the cattle season.

When a cowboy came into Abilene, Dodge, or Wichita after months on the trail, what he wanted was booze, bawds, music, and merriment. The townsmen themselves were eager to cater to these whims—within reason—but they were totally unwilling to turn the entire town over to the cowboys. Occasionally the merchants, in their eagerness to maintain control, hired the wrong people to uphold the law. Such was the case in Ellsworth during the panic of 1873, when thousands of unsold cattle and restless cowboys flooded the surrounding area. The townsfolk added

to their police force a desperado known as "Happy Jack" Morco, an illiterate loudmouth whose trigger finger worked better than his brain. Morco had soon alienated the Texans so thoroughly that the cattlemen threatened to take their trade elsewhere. At that, the local tradesmen woke up and dismissed Morco, who refused to be disarmed and was shot dead by one of his police colleagues.

In at least one case a town marshal made an effortless transition from law enforcement to lawbreaking. Marshal Henry N. Brown of Caldwell, a former gunfighter, yielded to temptation after two relatively quiet years on the force and held up the bank at Medicine Lodge, killing two people in the process. In a rare instance of a cattle town's vigilante justice, the outraged citizens of Medicine Lodge promptly shot

the marshal and lynched his three henchmen.

Despite such incidents law enforcement generally proved to be relatively lenient and surprisingly effective. From 1870 to 1885 the documented homicide count for five chief cattle towns—Caldwell, Wichita, Dodge, Ellsworth, and Abilene—came to a rather ungrand total of 45. Some of these incidents, such as the shooting of a Caldwell woman by a drunken husband, had no connection to the cattle business at all, and of those that did, few were the result of the kind of blistering gunfight so dear to the hearts of western film buffs.

All in all, contemporary evidence suggests that, even though the cattle towns were indeed raw and colorful, their wilder tendencies were leavened with a judicious dose of American pragmatism.

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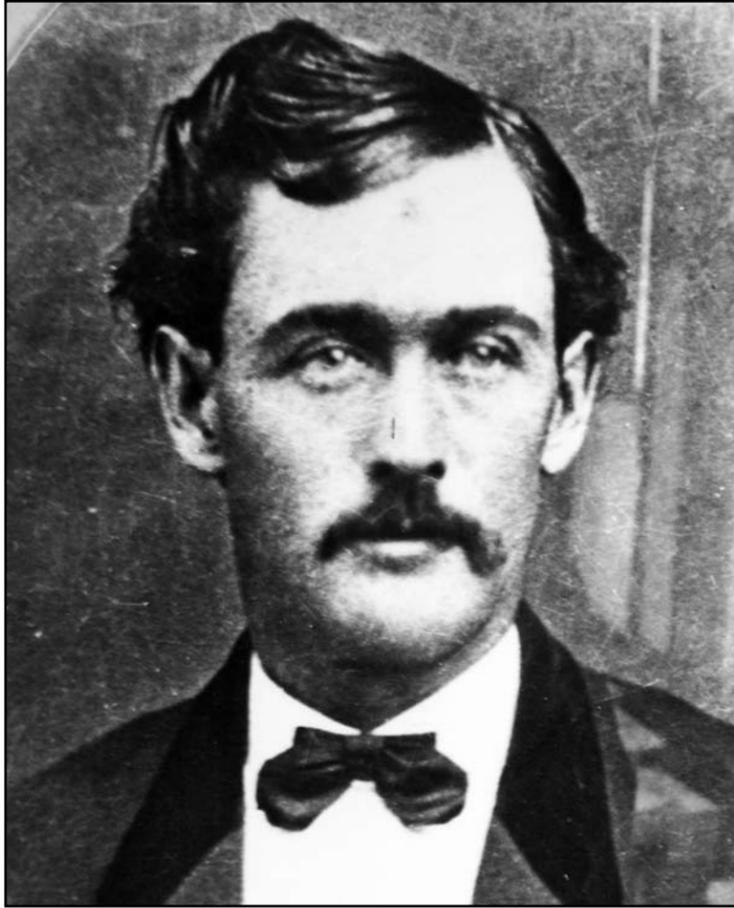
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head of one. The posses, though, soon ran out of clues and the trail grew cold. Most of the citizen members gave up. Daniels, however, stubbornly continued the pursuit alone. He eventually learned the identities of the five men from area ranchers and began to track them down one by one.

Daniels found one of the killers in Deming, New Mexico, and arrested him. He then learned from a Mexican informant that the gang leader, Big Dan Dowd, had fled south of the border to a hideout at Sabinal, Chihuahua. Disguising himself as an ore buyer, Daniels tricked Dowd into a meeting and took him prisoner. A few weeks later, Daniels returned to Mexico and arrested another of the outlaws. Other law officers apprehended the remaining two members of the gang. A Tombstone, Arizona, jury quickly convicted all five men and sentenced them to be hanged simultaneously. As the noose was fitted around his neck on the five-man gallows, Big Dan reportedly muttered, "This is a regular killing machine."

The next year, Daniels ran for sheriff but lost. He found a new position as an inspector of customs that required him to travel all around the vast and often isolated Arizona countryside, where various bands of hostile Apache Indians were a serious danger. Early on the morning of June 10, 1885, Daniels and two companions were riding up a narrow canyon trail in the Mule Mountains east of Bisbee. Daniels, who was in the lead, rode into an Apache ambush. The first bullets killed his horse, and the animal collapsed, pinning Daniels to the ground. Trapped, Daniels used his rifle to defend himself as best he could, but the Apache quickly overwhelmed him and cut his throat.

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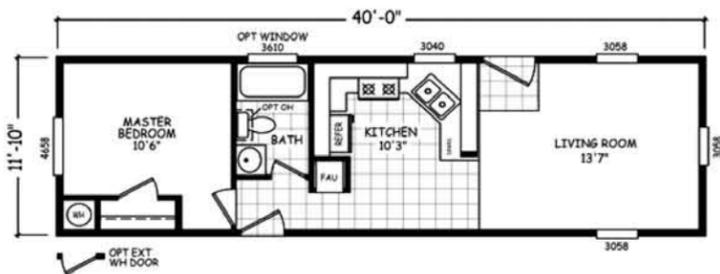
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