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Curly Bill Brocius Wounded By New Mexico Gunfighter



Curly Bill Brocius

By Richard W. Kimball

On May 19, 1881, Curly Bill Brocius stormed out of a Galeyville saloon to confront Jim Wallace, a notorious gunfighter from New Mexico. As Curly Bill walked across the street, Wallace, who was standing behind a horse, waited with a cocked six-shooter in his hand. He shot once. The bullet went through Curly Bill's cheek and out through the other side. Although the wound was bloody and took out a couple of teeth, it was not serious. Curly Bill had a strong constitution. He tied a bandanna around his head to keep his jaw in one piece. After a few weeks, the bandage came off and, except for the scars, Curly Bill was as ornery as ever.

Lincoln County War (1878-1881). At that time, they rode with one of the outlaw gangs plaguing that region. Once the war was over, the hired gunfighters and other outlaws moved on. Some went back to Texas; others into Old Mexico and still others to Arizona.

The rough and rowdy towns of Galeyville and the adjacent community of Charleston were located just west of the New Mexico-Arizona line. Both towns were controlled entirely by outlaws and attracted criminals of all kinds, including cattle rustlers and stagecoach robbers. The worst of the bunch was Curly Bill Brocius, a man described as "fully six feet tall with black curly hair, a freckled face, and well built." He was known by most folks as the outlaw king of Galeyville. A news story in a frontier newspaper

crossed paths several years earlier in New Mexico Territory during the tumultuous

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In Their Own Words

The Santa Fe Trail

The Santa Fe Trail began when merchants formed an annual caravan in 1822, after news of Mexico's independence from Spain reached the United States. The Spanish government had prohibited trade with the U.S.; the new Mexican government welcomed it.

The wagons started the 780-mile route in Independence, Missouri, or Council Grove, Kansas, usually reaching their destination in forty to

sixty days. By the time the trail began, Santa Fe, which had

Southwest. Though it had only about 3,000 permanent residents, as many as 40,000 buyers and sellers met there to haggle.

The eyewitness of this account, Josiah Gregg, made many trips. His first, in 1831, recounted here, was with 100 wagons carrying about \$200,000 worth of goods. By the 1850s, several million dollars of goods were transported annually.

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been the capital of New Mexico since 1609, had already been long established as the trading center of the

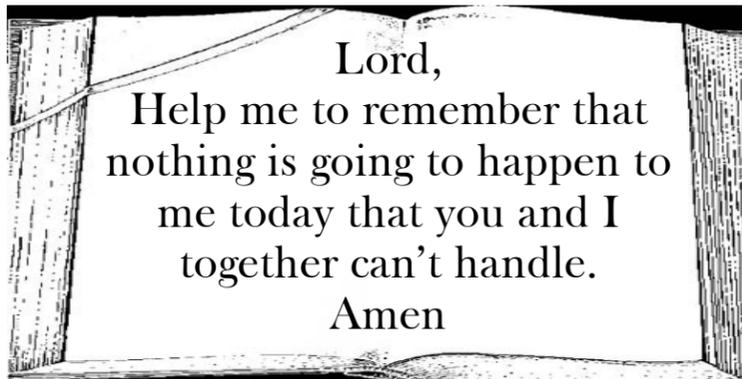
Pete Kitchen

In the days of early settlement by Anglos in southeast Arizona, there was probably no one more feared and respected than Pete Kitchen. He was born around 1822 in either Tennessee or Kentucky, joined the army at the age of 22 and ended up serving along the Rio Grande. After getting out of the army he moved to California to try his luck prospecting for gold.

Kitchen came to southern Arizona around 1854. With his Mexican wife, Dona Rosa, he stayed

to farm the rich bottomland of the Santa Cruz River Valley north of present day Nogales, Arizona. The area was frequented by bands of hostile Apache Indians so Kitchen was forced to fortify his home to protect his land, his family and his hired ranch hands. His adobe home had a flat roof with a four-foot high parapet surrounding it. From this vantage point, a sentinel could stand guard in relative safety. And there was always a sentinel on

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Captain's Bar Presents

ARIZONA TRIVIA

This Week's Question: Who was Tombstone's town marshal when the "Gunfight at the OK Corral" occurred?
(9 Letters)

Last Issue's Question: Which Arizona city is home to the largest flowering rose bush in the world?
Answer: Tombstone

Congratulations! You got the right answer!

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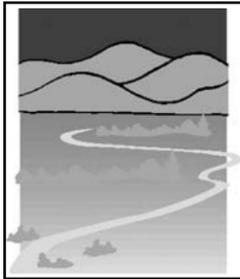
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Arizona - Web of Time

Jim Harvey
The Arizona Trail

Fantastic stories have been told about the Superstition Mountains east of Phoenix, but few match what an 1896 Winslow, Arizona, newspaper editor said about them. He claimed the fish there had legs, the trees reached out to grab people, wild animals by the thousands came out of solid rock, and fire, smoke, horrible groans and howls

filled the air.

August of 1857, the first camels in Arizona since the last Ice Age thousands of years earlier arrived at Fort Defiance, a U.S. Army post built to subdue the Navajo Indians. The camels were from the Middle East and were being used as pack animals to carry water and supplies. They and their

Arab drivers had been sent by the American government on an expedition to locate a wagon road route to California across northern Arizona. A quarter century later the Atlantic and Pacific Railroad followed the camels' path, as did U.S. Route 66 beginning in 1926.

An estimated 500 prospectors took part in an 1871-72 gold rush to the bottom of the Grand Canyon. All they got was exercise climbing trails because the treasure they were after was just imagination.

It was a sign of civic progress at Phoenix in 1881 when a walkway paved with beer bottles was built to make it easier for residents to cross a rutted and sometimes muddy street.

An Apache Indian scout for the U.S. Army was convicted of assaulting an officer in 1889 and escaped when he was being transported to serve a term at Yuma's territorial prison. He never was captured. Soldiers called him the Apache Kid.

Prescott's Mercy Hospital charged patients \$21 for a week's stay in the 1890s.

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By 1841, a dispute developed between the clan of his uncle Chief Smoke and that of Chief Bull Bear. Near Fort Laramie, the ambitious Red Cloud shot and killed Bull Bear, but his fierce act against a Sioux chief ensured that he would never be trusted as chief of all Ogalalas.

Red Cloud's first known action against U.S. soldiers erupted spontaneously when he was in his

early twenties. In 1854, near Fort Laramie, a scuffle between soldiers and a band of Sioux ensued over the



slaughter of a cow. When the band's chief was killed, the warriors, including Red Cloud and many from his clan, chased down the soldiers and killed them one at

a time. Over the next few years, the fierce warrior engineered a bloody and successful campaign known as Red Cloud's War along the Bozeman Trail. The war began when the trail, which led to the Montana gold fields, opened in the early 1860s, cutting through some of the richest hunting grounds of the Sioux and Cheyenne. Because travelers were constantly harassed by Indians, the federal government decided to protect this dangerous route.

In August 1865, Red Cloud and Chief Dull Knife of the Cheyenne led about 500 warriors against a large wagon train

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Curly Bill Wounded

Galeyville

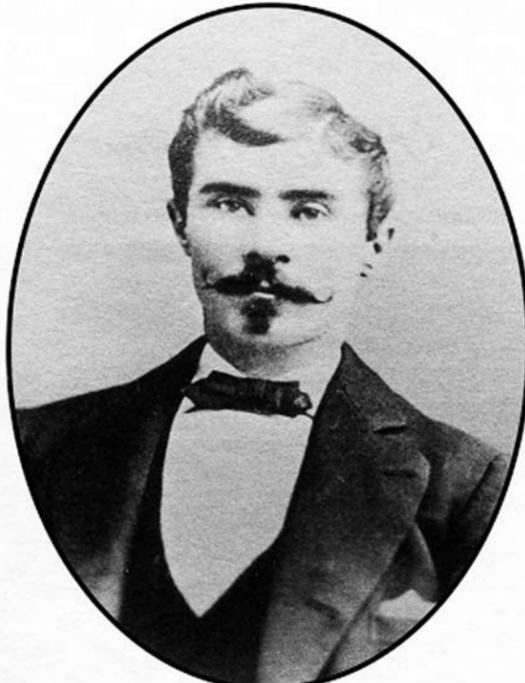
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said, "The playful exhibition of his skill with a pistol never failed to delight those communities which the peripatetic gunman favored with his presence."

Wallace arrived in Galeyville earlier that day on the back of a fine-looking chestnut gelding with a white stripe on its face. He tied his horse to the hitching rail in front of Babcock's saloon and went inside to meet with Curly Bill and some of the other outlaws. While they were drinking whiskey, catching up on the latest news and telling tall tales, the town constable, whose name is known only as Goodman, came down the street and inspected the horse Wallace had been riding. He went inside the saloon to ask whose horse it belonged to. When Wallace claimed it was his,

the constable asked where he got it. At that point, Wallace yanked out his pistol and fired a shot into the floor at the constable's feet. "If you want that horse more than I do, try to take him!" Constable Goodman quickly turned around and left the saloon

by. He went out to the street and shouted, "Are you after that horse, too?" Breakenridge looked at the horse. "Hah!" he said. "I have a better horse than that in my corral." Wallace, who always mistrusted lawmen since his Lincoln County days, tried to pull his revolver, but the Deputy Sheriff was too quick for him. Breakenridge yanked his own pistol and jammed it hard into Wallace's stomach. Then he grabbed the outlaw's gun hand and twisted it behind his back. "Stop making a fool of yourself," he said to Wallace. With that, Breakenridge went into the saloon to buy a round of drinks for everyone inside.



Curly Bill Brocius

A few minutes later, the Deputy Sheriff left the saloon to continue his round.

amid peals of laughter from the outlaws standing at the bar.

A few minutes later, Wallace saw Deputy Sheriff Billy Breakenridge passing

Curly Bill was seething. Even though Breakenridge was a lawman, he was also a good friend. He grabbed Wallace by the shirt. "Listen! That man is a friend of mine. I want you to get him back in here so you can make a public apology." Humiliated, Wallace did as he was told. But Curly Bill was not pleased when he heard his apology. "I've got a good notion to shoot your horse!" he said. "And I might even shoot you, too! No Lincoln County hoss thief can come in here and abuse Breakenridge like that. Breakenridge is our deputy and he suits us."

Things settled down a bit after that, but Curly Bill was still brooding. Finally,

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Ron's incessant search of the many truths and legends of the Lost Dutchman mine, the tunnels of Jesuit treasure, the controversial

Peralta Stone Maps, the lost cities of Cibola, Coronado's failed expedition, the truths of Montezuma and the missing Aztec treasure, led Ron

fellow vets in need of assistance.

There are many legends of Superstition Mountain, We wish Ron Silver Eagle D'Andri God's blessings as he now takes his rightful place among the cast of past treasure hunters, prospectors, and personalities who have sought her mysteries and treasures over the years. Although his ashes will be interred in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery

in Boscawen, New Hampshire, his spirit will reside in Superstition Mountain forever.

**Oleg
Ralph S. Henderson
Territorial News**



on a 44-year quest to unlock the mysteries of Thunder God's Mountain and preserve them for the future. A true American Hero from the Vietnam era, Ron was a true Patriot also spending countless hours in service to his

Ron Silver Eagle D'Andre (Ronald Armand Rousseau)

June 17, 1941-September 5, 2019

Sgt. Ron Silver Eagle D'Andre, formally Ronald Armand Rousseau, 78, died peacefully in the early morning hours of September 5, 2019, in Mesa, Arizona. A decorated veteran of Vietnam serving two tours with one additional overseas assignment in Germany and Greece, Ron was a recipient of numerous service medals including the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Rifle, M-14, .45 Caliber Pistol Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Medical Badge, Overseas Bar and three Purple Heart Medals.

In 1975 Ron Eagle relocated to the Arizona desert where he has spent the past 44 years in the shadows of his beloved Superstition Mountains, spending his time exploring, researching and writing tales of the treasures

the mountain held. A well-known Patriot, Ron was a past president of the Am Vets, and served countless hours with his local VFW, he was also very involved with the VA hospital and other patriotic organizations in the area.

He is preceded in death by his parents Clarence and Vera Rousseau; his sister Barbara Gross, Brothers Clarence (Rocky) Rousseau, Chester (Chet) Rousseau and Eugene (Geno) Rousseau; his late wife Linda D'Andre and his grandson, Brandon Greenwood.

He is survived by his sister Joyce Rousseau Kochol, sons Christian Keach and Ronnie Rousseau, and daughters Lisa Rousseau, Mary Saringer, Tammy Rousseau and Merry D'Andre Dumas, his step-son Damian D'Andre, his twelve grandchildren, and his thirteen great grand children.



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The Santa Fe Trail

Traders

(From Page 1)

Some distance beyond the Colorado a party of about a dozen (which I joined) left the wagons to go ahead to Santa Fe.

A few miles before reaching the city the road emerges into an open plain. Ascending a table-ridge, we spied in an extended valley to the northwest occasional groups of trees skirted with verdant corn and wheat fields, with here and there a square block-like protuberance reared in the midst. A little farther and just ahead of us to the north irregular clusters of the same opened

our view. "Oh, we are approaching the suburbs!" thought I, on perceiving the cornfields and what I supposed to be brick-kilns scattered in every direction.

These and other observations of the same nature

pouring down the last declivity at about a mile distance from the city.

To judge from the clamorous rejoicings of the men and the state of agreeable excitement which the muleteers seemed to be laboring under, the spectacle must have been as new to them as it had been to me. It was truly a scene for the artist's pencil to revel in.

Even the animals seemed to participate in the humor of their riders, who grew more and more merry and obstreperous as they descended towards the city. I doubt whether the first sight of the walls of Jerusalem was beheld by the crusaders with much more tumultuous and soul-enrapturing joy.

The arrival produced a great deal of bustle and excitement among the natives. "Los Americanos!"--"Los cargos!"--"La entrada de caravana!" were to be heard in every direction; and the crowds of women and boys flocked around to see the new-comers; while crowds of leperos hung about, as usual, to see what they could pilfer. The wagoners were by no means free from excitement on this occasion. Informed of the ordeal they had to pass, they had spent the previous morning in rubbing up; and now they were prepared, with clean faces, sleek-combed hair, and their choicest Sunday suit to meet the fair eyes of

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becoming audible, a friend at my elbow said, "It is true those are heaps of unburnt bricks, nevertheless they are houses--this is the city of Santa Fe."

Five or six days after our arrival the caravan at last hove in sight, and wagon after wagon was seen

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With the human stampede to find gold in Dakota Territory, mining towns proliferated. First there was Custer City, then Elizabeth City, and Crook City. The first gold was discovered in August 1875 by a party led by Frank Bryant, near what would become Deadwood. Located at the head of Deadwood Gulch and named for trees felled either by a tornado or possibly by a beaver colony, the town was laid out on April 28, 1876.

Along one of Deadwood's main streets, a mining camp civilization sprung up almost overnight. For every store, there were three saloons. Perhaps as many as 10,000 people populated Deadwood and the surrounding hills. As had been the case with the California and Colorado gold crazes, gamblers and prostitutes were drawn to the mines like magnets.

One of the favorite pastimes in Deadwood was rushing to reported new strikes, with or without evidence of actual gold. The bizarre "Wolf Mountain Stampede" began when livery stable owner Red Clark spread a rumor of a fabulous discovery in the mountains. At least 1,500 prospectors headed for the hills, though

no one really knew where to look. Neither the location nor the gold was ever found, but we do know that Clark sold all his horses.

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celebrated personality never left. James Butler "Wild Bill" Hickok, a man long on reputation but short on cash, arrived in the spring of 1876, hoping to strike it rich at the gaming tables.

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Deadwood in 1876

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became known not for its sea of faceless prospectors but for its celebrities. Reverend Henry W. "Preacher" Smith was famous for his street-corner sermons until he was mysteriously mur-

dered on his way to nearby Crook City. Mule skinner Phatty Thompson, noticing the dearth of felines in the town, rounded up a wagonload of cats in Cheyenne and then sold them to Deadwood's prostitutes; many claim the term "cathouse" originated here.

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Pete Kitchen

Pioneer

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duty. The hacienda commanded a view of the valley in all directions, as it sat on a rocky summit. If the Apaches crept up on the house under cover from any direction, the guard would fire his rifle. The shot would bring everyone up from the fields to huddle together in the main house, where Kitchen and Dona Rosa would parcel out the rifles and ammunition. This state of constant vigilance never allowed the Apaches to gain any advantage.

Despite repeated attempts by the Apaches to destroy Kitchen's little settlement, which he called El Portero, it became the only safe haven for travelers in the region. Kitchen was well known for his hospitality. His place was completely self-sufficient, having its own blacksmith, saddler, wagon-maker, etc. Anyone was welcome and made to

feel at ease. Besides Pete and Dona Rosa, other family members included eight of his wife's nieces, girls he treated as his own. If food was not already prepared, someone would get busy fixing the traveler a hot meal. He welcomed everyone to stay as long as they wished and to come back as

away all his neighbors, but Kitchen held on. On one occasion, his adopted son of twelve went with the workers to the fields, where he fell asleep in the haystacks. When the Apaches struck, the workers ran for the house, leaving the boy behind. His family could do nothing but watch helplessly as the Indians came upon the youth. The boy made the sign of the cross just before they killed him.

If Kitchen was known for anything other than his hospitality,



it was probably for his marksmanship. His reputation for accuracy with pistol and rifle alike soon became legendary throughout southern Arizona and northern Mexico. Years later, a favorite niece who had grown up at El Portero related the following story about Kitchen's prowess with a rifle:

"One day my Uncle Pete saw an Apache up by the rock on the hill across

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The Santa Fe Trail

Traders

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glistening black that were sure to stare at them as they passed. There was yet another preparation to be made in order to show off to advantage. Each wagoner must tie a brand new crack-

er to the lash of his whip; for on driving through the streets, and the plaza-publica every one strives to outvie his comrades in the dexterity with which he flourishes this favorite badge of authority.

Our wagons were soon discharged in the warehouses of the custom house;

and a few days' leisure being now at our disposal, we had time to take that recreation which a fatiguing journey of ten weeks had rendered so necessary. The wagoners and many of the traders, particularly the novices, flocked to the numerous fandangoes which are regularly kept up after the arrival of a caravan. But the merchants generally were anxiously and actively engaged in their affairs--striving who should first get his goods out of the custom house and obtain a chance at the hard chink of the numerous country dealers, who annually resort to the capital on those occasions.

The wagon trail was made obsolete by the Santa Fe railroad, completed in 1880, which followed much of the old route.

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Undaunted, the baron tried again east of Denver with a suburb called Montclair. His new gimmick was to sell huge lots to newly rich Denverites as sites for posh country

estates. The baron trundled his prospects to Montclair in horse-drawn carriages, and he galloped alongside with a pack of wolfhounds to provide a taste of country living. The sales clincher was often a peek at the baron's own imposing castle, whose grounds were stocked with wild bears and wild canaries. The edifice took two years to build, but the busy baron and his English wife lived there only three years before departing for London and a stylish Regent Street residence.

Von Richthofen hastened back to Denver during the financial panic of 1893 and attempted to recoup his large losses by promoting the most ambitious of his projects—a luxurious health spa with mineral water piped in from a well twenty miles away. But when he died

in 1898, his vision of a "Colorado Carlsbad" died with him. It remained for his nephew Manfred, the Red Baron of World War I, to immortalize the von Richthofen name with the deadly aerial flourishes of his "Flying Circus."



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Four Dead in Five Seconds

The “Four Dead in Five Seconds” Gunfight occurred on April 14, 1881 in El Paso, Texas. Arising from racial tensions between Mexicans and Whites after the murder of two Mexican vaqueros, the incident played out like a scene from a Hollywood movie. City Marshal Dallas Stoudenmire accounted for two of the four fatalities with his twin .44 calibre Colt revolvers.



El Paso In 1881

A tall, rangy, impressive figure, Stoudenmire patrolled the teeming streets of El Paso with a brace of six-guns tucked under his coat in a pair of leather-lined hip pockets. He also carried a snub-nosed revolver as a hideout gun.

Stoudenmire was a walking arsenal, because trouble seemed to seek him out. As a 16-year-old in 1862, the Alabama native joined the Confederate Army and suffered numerous wounds in combat. After the war, he moved to Texas and fought the Comanche with the Texas Rangers. After leaving the Rangers, he shot an opponent in a pistol duel, then boldly walked over to watch him die. The next year he wounded several adversaries in a brawl, but was shot himself. In 1878, Stoudenmire participated in a vicious melee over ownership of a herd of cattle in which two members of the opposing faction were killed and another badly wounded. Matters would not change after Stoudenmire’s arrival in El Paso.

On the day of the gunfight, a posse of about 75

heavily armed Mexicans galloped into El Paso looking for two missing vaqueros named Sanchez and Juarique, who had been searching for 30 head of stolen cattle. Ben Schucter, the mayor of El Paso, made an exception for the Mexicans, allowing them

the night of April 13 or in the early morning of the 14th.

Meanwhile, a large crowd had gathered in El Paso, including John Hale and his friend, former town Marshal George Campbell. There was tension between some of the Americans, concerned about the Mexicans being heavily armed within the city, and the Mexicans, who wanted justice for their two murdered comrades. At the inquest, Pervey and Fredericks

were formally charged with the murders and immediately arrested. The court was adjourned and the crowd dispersed. They were scheduled for trial at a later date. The Mexicans rode quietly back to Mexico with the bodies. Marshal Stoudenmire, who had only started as town marshal four days earlier, was present in the courtroom. After the court adjourned, he walked across the street for dinner. Constable Krempkau went to a saloon next door to retrieve his rifle and pistol. There, a confrontation took place with George Campbell over remarks allegedly made by Campbell about Krempkau’s translations and his apparent friendship with the Mexicans. John Hale, who was reportedly unarmed, was heavily intoxicated and was also upset with Krempkau’s involvement in the matter. Hale grabbed one of Campbell’s two pistols and yelled, “George, I’ve got you covered!” He then shot Krempkau, who reeled backward. Slumping against a saloon door, Krempkau drew

to enter the city limits with their firearms. Gus Krempkau, an El Paso County Constable, accompanied the posse to the ranch of Johnny Hale, a local ranch owner and suspected cattle rustler, who lived some 13 miles northwest of El Paso in the Upper Valley. The corpses of the two missing men were located near Hale’s ranch and were carried back to El Paso.

A court in El Paso held an inquest into the deaths, with Constable Krempkau, who was fluent in Spanish, acting as an interpreter. The verdict was that Sanchez and Juarique had been in the vicinity of Hale’s ranch looking for the stolen cattle. The court determined that the American cattle rustlers, among them Hale, had feared that the men would discover the cattle and return with a larger force. Two American cattle rustlers, Pervey and Fredericks, were accused of the murders of Sanchez and Juarique after they were overheard bragging about killing two cowboys when they found them trailing the herd to Hale’s ranch during

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Samuel Strawhim leads a pack of drunken teamsters

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Red Cloud

Warrior

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bound for Virginia City, Montana. When the warriors circled the wagons, they were surprised to find that two companies of U.S. infantry were acting as an escort. From this encounter, Red Cloud and Dull Knife learned that a fort was being built to anchor the trail. The fort was called Fort Connor, named after General Patrick Connor, who was heading a major military expedition in the region.

Red Cloud decided that the stockade and artillery would render a direct attack on the fort too costly. Instead, a series of raids was launched against travelers and soldiers. The end result of Red Cloud's successful tactics was the removal of General Connor from command. Fort Connor was renamed Fort Reno, and Connor's expedition was terminated.

The Army returned in force, however, directing Colonel Henry Carrington and his 18th Infantry to fortify and secure the Bozeman Trail. Colonel Carrington met with Sioux leaders at Fort Laramie. Through an interpreter, Red Cloud bitterly recounted the encroachment of white men on tribal hunting grounds, moments before stalking out of the conference.

As Carrington oversaw the construction of a series

of forts, Red Cloud continued to raid and to wage guerrilla war against travelers on the trail. Red Cloud kept Carrington's garrison in a virtual state of siege behind the elaborate fortifications of newly construct-



man; the two were confident in their troops and anxious to go to battle with the Indians. They disobeyed orders to stay behind the Lodge Trail Ridge and instead continued to pursue a small band of warriors led by an Indian on an injured horse. It was the wily Crazy Horse, who was only pretending to be a vulnerable target. He tricked Captain Fetterman and his troops into following him into an ambush of over 2,000 Arapaho, Sioux, and Cheyenne. Red Cloud's warriors suffered only 14 casualties, while slaughtering the entire detachment of 81 from Fort Phil Kearny. After the massacre, Carrington was removed from command. It had been the army's worst defeat in the West up to that time.

ed Fort Phil Kearny. In December 1866, the bloodiest battle of the war, called the Fetterman Massacre, took place. Captain William J. Fetterman was sent with two civilians and 79 cavalry and infantry-men to chase away a small Indian war party that had attacked nearby. Captain Frederick Brown accompanied Fetter-

The military presence was maintained along the Bozeman Trail, and Red Cloud continued to send his warriors against civilians and soldiers at every opportunity. Finally, the War Department relented.

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Curly Bill Wounded

Galeyville

(From Page 4)

Wallace, Curly Bill and Breakenridge went across the street into Phil McCarthy's saloon for more whiskey. After tossing back a few drinks, Curly Bill's wrath bubbled up again. He took a gun from his holster and pointed at Wallace. "I think I'll just kill you anyway—for good luck," he said. When some of the other outlaws in the saloon separated the two men, Curly Bill seemed to calm down. Wallace shook his head and shrugged. He went back across the street where his horse was tied to a rail in front of Babcock's saloon. He went behind the animal, took out his own six-shooter and waited. Another outlaw, who was observing what was going on, went into McCarthy's saloon to warn Curly Bill that the man from New Mexico was waiting for him in the street.

Curly Bill, filled with whiskey and blind rage, rushed through the batwings and back into the street. When he saw Wallace standing behind his horse, he drew a gun and walked slowly down the middle of the street. Wallace waited patiently. He put his pistol

over the top of the horse's neck. When Curly Bill was near enough, he fired. The blast caught Curly Bill by surprise. He fell to the ground with blood oozing from his face. The bullet had gone through one of his cheeks and out the other.

Wallace tried to mount his horse so he could get out of town as quickly as he

Deputy Sheriff Breakenridge arrested Wallace and hustled him down the street to the office of the town's justice of the peace, a Mr. G.W. Ellington. During the hearing, no witnesses came forward to explain what happened. Taking Wallace at his word, Ellington had no other choice but to release the gunslinger from custody. Wallace then borrowed ten dollars from the Deputy Sheriff and went back to New Mexico. He was never seen in Arizona again. A few years later, he was killed in a gunfight in Roswell.

After the shooting, one of Curly Bill's men rushed to Tombstone to get the best "gun-shot physician" in the Territory—Doc Goodfellow. Most people thought it was going to be the end of the road for Curly Bill. But it wasn't. Somehow, once the bleeding was controlled, the outlaw chief pulled through. When the doctor arrived in Galeyville, he was surprised to find the outlaw king's wound was not as serious as he was told. Except for losing a tooth or two, Curly Bill was still cantankerous. For the next several weeks after the shooting, Curly Bill had to wear a big bandage tied around his head to keep his jaw in place. A month or two later, the bandage came off. Except for the scars in his cheeks, Curly Bill looked the same as he always did.



Billy Breakenridge

could, but a couple of Curly Bill's friends reached up and pulled him down from his saddle. Other outlaws, pouring out of the saloon, came and surrounded Wallace. A few of them wanted to string him up immediately on the nearest tree. Harry Elliott, an attorney from Silver City, had seen what was happening and tried to defuse the situation. Eventually, he was able to convince the mob to let justice prevail.



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Red Cloud

Warrior

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In 1868, the Bozeman Trail forts were abandoned and the trail was closed. Red Cloud had engineered the only successful campaign waged by Native Americans against the U.S. Army. The triumphant chief rode into Fort Laramie in November 1868 and signed the Treaty of Fort Laramie in which the U.S. agreed to withdraw its troops completely from Lakota territory.

Uneasy relations between the expanding United States and the natives continued. In 1870, Red Cloud visited Washington D.C., and met with Commissioner of Indian Affairs Ely S. Parker (an Iroquois Native American and U.S. Army General) and President Ulysses Grant. This trip, and several other visits to the capital, made him realize the extent of his enemy's size and power. Although he had stated his intention to fight to the death rather than submit, his responsibilities as a leader impelled him to bring his people onto reservations.

In 1871, the Red Cloud Agency was established on the Platte River, downstream from Fort Laramie. As outlined in the Treaty of 1868, the agency staff were responsible for issuing rations to the Lakota weekly as well as providing the annually distributed supply of

goods. In the fall of 1873, the agency was removed to the upper White River in northwestern Nebraska.

Red Cloud settled at the agency with his band by the fall of 1873. He soon became embroiled in a controversy with the new Indian agent, Dr. John J. Saville.

In 1874, General George Armstrong Custer led a reconnaissance mission into Sioux territory

finally informed them on May 27th that Congress was ready to resolve the matter by giving the tribes \$25,000 for their land and resettling them into Indian Territory. The delegates refused to sign such a treaty.

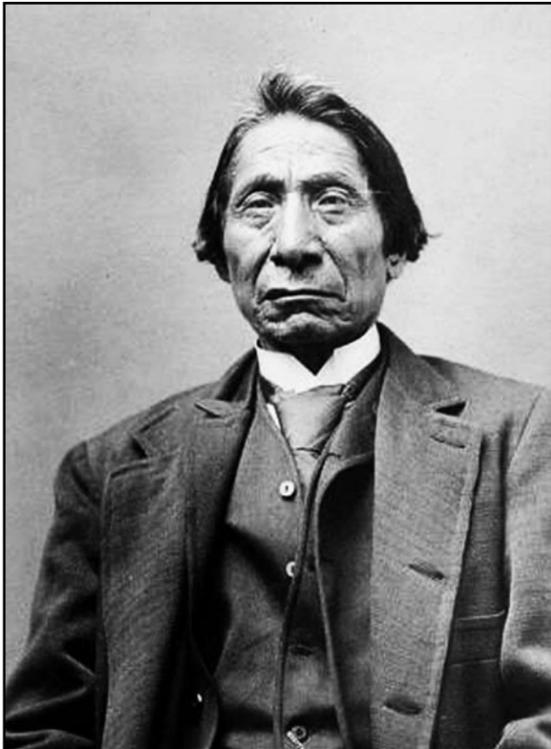
Although Red Cloud was unsuccessful in finding a peaceful solution, he did not take part in the Lakota war of 1876-77 led by Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull.

In the fall of 1877 the Red Cloud Agency was removed to the Missouri River and the following year was removed to the forks of the White River where it was renamed the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Red Cloud continued fighting for his people, even after being forced onto the reservation. In 1889 he opposed a treaty to sell more of the Sioux land He negotiated strongly with Indian Agents

such as Dr. Valentine McGillicuddy, and opposed the Dawes Act.

Red Cloud became an important leader of the Lakota as they transitioned from the freedom of the plains to the confinement of the reservation system. He outlived the other major Sioux leaders of the Indian wars and died in 1909 at the age of 87 on the Pine Ridge Reservation, where he is buried.



that reported gold in the Black Hills, an area held sacred by the local Indians. Formerly, the Army tried to keep miners out but did not succeed; the threat of violence grew. In May of 1875, Sioux delegations headed by Red Cloud, Spotted Tail, and Lone Horn traveled to Washington, D.C., in a last-ditch attempt to persuade President Grant to honor existing treaties and stem the flow of miners into their lands. The Indians met on various occasions with Grant, and other government officials, who



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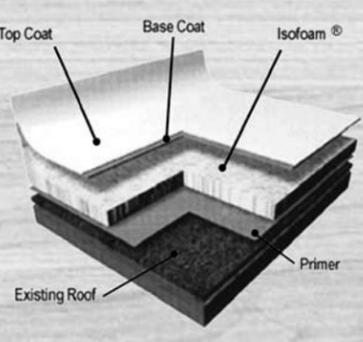


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Gunfight

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his own pistol.

Marshal Stoudenmire heard the shot. Jumping up from his dining chair at the Globe Restaurant and pulling out his pistols, he ran out into the street. While running, Stoudenmire fired once, wildly, killing an innocent Mexican bystander who was running for cover. Quickly sobering up, John Hale jumped behind a thick adobe pillar, but as he peered out from behind it, Stoudenmire shot him between the eyes, killing him instantly.

Campbell stepped from cover with his pistol drawn, saw Hale topple down, and yelled to Stoudenmire that it wasn't his fight. Constable Krempekau, mistakenly believing that Campbell had shot him, then fired his pistol twice at Campbell before losing consciousness. The first bullet struck Campbell's gun and broke his right wrist, while the second hit him in the foot. Campbell screamed and scooped up his gun from the ground with his left hand. Stoudenmire whirled and fired. Campbell dropped his gun again, grabbed his stomach and toppled to the floor. Stoudenmire walked slowly toward Campbell and glared down at him. In ago-

ny, Campbell yelled, "You big son of a bitch, you murdered me!" Stoudenmire said nothing. Both Campbell and Krempekau died within minutes.

Just like that, four men lay dead or dying. Witnesses generally agreed that the incident lasted no more than five seconds after the first gunshot, though a few would insist it was at least ten seconds. Three Texas Rangers were standing nearby, but did not take part, saying later that they felt Stoudenmire had the situation well in hand.

Three days after the gunfight, on April 17, 1881, James Manning, a friend of Hale and Campbell, convinced former deputy Bill Johnson to assassinate Stoudenmire. Stoudenmire had publicly humiliated Johnson days before. Late at night on April 17th, an intoxicated Johnson was hiding behind a pillar of bricks, but his wobbly legs gave in and he fell backward squeezing double triggers of his double barrel shotgun into the air which narrowly missed Stoudenmire. Stoudenmire immediately fired his Colts and sent eight bullets at Johnson, killing him.

This began a feud between Stoudenmire and Manning and his brothers. Eventually, first Stoudenmire's brother-in-law Stanley "Doc" Cummings and later Stoudenmire himself died at the hands of the Mannings, who were acquitted in two trials in which the juries were packed with their friends.

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Some time after the battle, Reno got himself into trouble by taking "improper and insulting liberties" with a Mrs. Bell, a commanding officer's wife. Reno had allegedly taken hold of Mrs. Bell's hands, "attempting to draw her person close to his own," and then put his arms around her waist.

Reno was ordered dis-

charged from the army, but in recognition of his past service, President Rutherford Hayes reduced his sentence to suspension from rank and pay for two years.



Only six months after his reinstatement, on November 10, 1879, Reno was caught peering through a window at Ella Sturgis, the daughter of his commanding officer at Fort Meade in Dakota Territory. Miss St-

urgis was sitting at home in the parlor when she became aware of the man staring at her through the window. The experience so unnerved the young lady that her parents feared "she might be taken by something like Saint Vitus dance."

Reno was ordered to stand court-martial. At the trial he stated that he had been peeping at Ella solely out of admiration for her. Indeed, a fellow officer testified that Reno "was dead in love with the young lady."

This time, neither his past service nor his plea that he was merely a lovesick suitor was enough to save him. He was found guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer and gentleman and he was dismissed from the army for good.

Deadwood

Dakota

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strides toward respectability. Incorporation came in 1881, floods devastated many buildings in 1883, and another major fire occurred in 1894.

But Deadwood's reputation stayed intact, and the town attracted the likes of the cigar-chomping Poker Alice Tubbs and Martha Jane Canary, The latter, better known as "Calamity Jane," was buried in Mount Mariah cemetery next to Wild Bill Hickok, her true love, in 1903.

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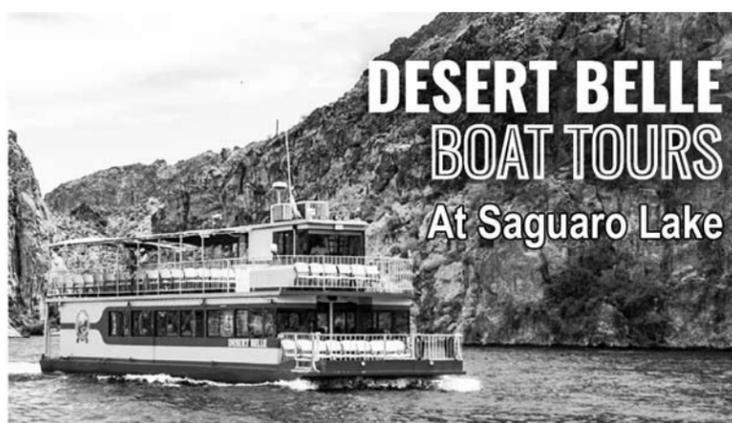
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Pete Kitchen

Pioneer

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Out in front of his ranch house, Kitchen had his own private "boot hill." He buried everyone, friend and foe alike, with Christian charity.

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Pete Kitchen

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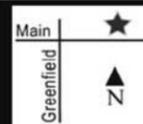
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