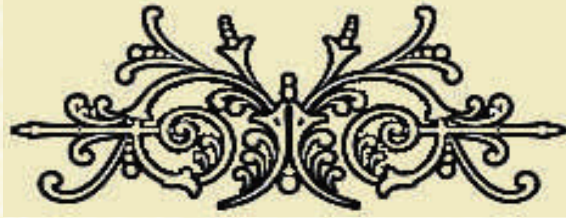


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THE WESTERN GAZETTE IS DEVOTED TO ALL THE LITTLE INCIDENTS AND FACTS THAT, TO ME, REALLY MAKE THE 19TH CENTURY FASCINATING. MY HOPE IS THAT YOU WILL FIND THESE ANECDOTES BOTH ENLIGHTENING AND AS MUCH FUN AS I DO. I'VE INCLUDED MY SOURCES AT THE BOTTOM SO THAT YOU CAN READ MORE ABOUT ANY OF THESE SUBJECTS.

1896

Langtry's Big Fight

For about a minute and a half, Langtry, Texas became the center of the civilized world. "Langtry!" brawled the headlines in distant lands. "Langtry!" bleated every American sport between the Barbary Coast and the Bronx. What caused this great pilgrimage?

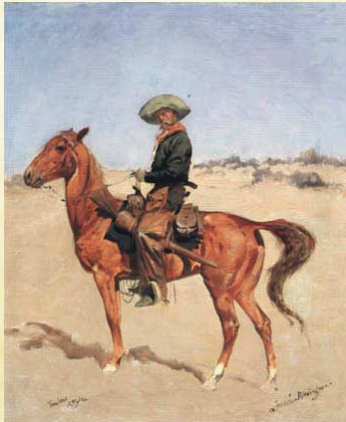
In short, it was the year Roy Bean staged the Fitzsimmons-Maher championship fight on a sandy flat in the Rio Grande Canyon, a stone's throw from his front porch. (1)

1857

"Charity" in Oregon

"I only meant to stun him," Charity Lamb told a judge, explaining the two lethal, 5 inch long ax gashes she'd left in her husband's cranium. "I don't know that I murdered him. He was alive when I saw him last."

Seems trouble in the Lamb clan started when a drifter by the name of Collins so enchanted Charity and her 19 year old daughter that both wanted to elope with him. Collins decided that he really didn't want another man's wife and child, so he split to California. Charity was persistent, though, and wrote to Collins of her plans to join him. Her husband's discovery of the note led to "shouting....and waving his arms a lot". Charity finally ended the domestic quarrel with an ax—and pulled a life sentence. (2)



1886

Siringo's Advice To Young Cowboys

Well, now for the cost of a common outfit, with a few words of advice to the young "tenderfoot" who wishes to become a cow-boy,

Mount a railroad train and go to any of the large shipping or "cattle towns." Then purchase a cheap pony, for about \$25.00; saddle for \$25.00; leather leggings for \$5.00; broad-brimmed white hat, \$5.00; saddle blanket, which would do to sleep on also, \$5.00. Another \$5.00 bill for spurs, bridle, stake-rope, etc. And now for the most important ornament, the old reliable Colt's "45" pistol, \$12.00. If you are foolish enough to go without the latter, the cooks at the different ranches where you happen to stop will not respect you. Instead of putting the handle to your family name, they will call you the sore-footed kid, old man Nibbs, or some such names as those. We know from experience that the pistol

carries much weight with it, and therefore especially advise the young "tenderfoot" to buy one, even if he has to ride bare-backed, from not having enough money left to buy a saddle with. (3)

Where Are They Now?

Judge Roy Bean

Died March 16, 1903

Buried: Whitehead Museum

Del Rio, Texas

Jean Baptiste "Pomp"

Charbonneau

Died May 16, 1866

Buried: Jordon Valley, Oregon

Bob Ford

Died June 25, 1892

Buried: Creede, Colorado

"Wild Bill" Hickok

Died Aug. 2, 1876

Buried: Deadwood, South Dakota

Sitting Bull

Died December 15, 1890

Buried: Mobridge, South Dakota

Johnny Ringo

Died July 13, 1882

Buried: Cochise County, Arizona

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