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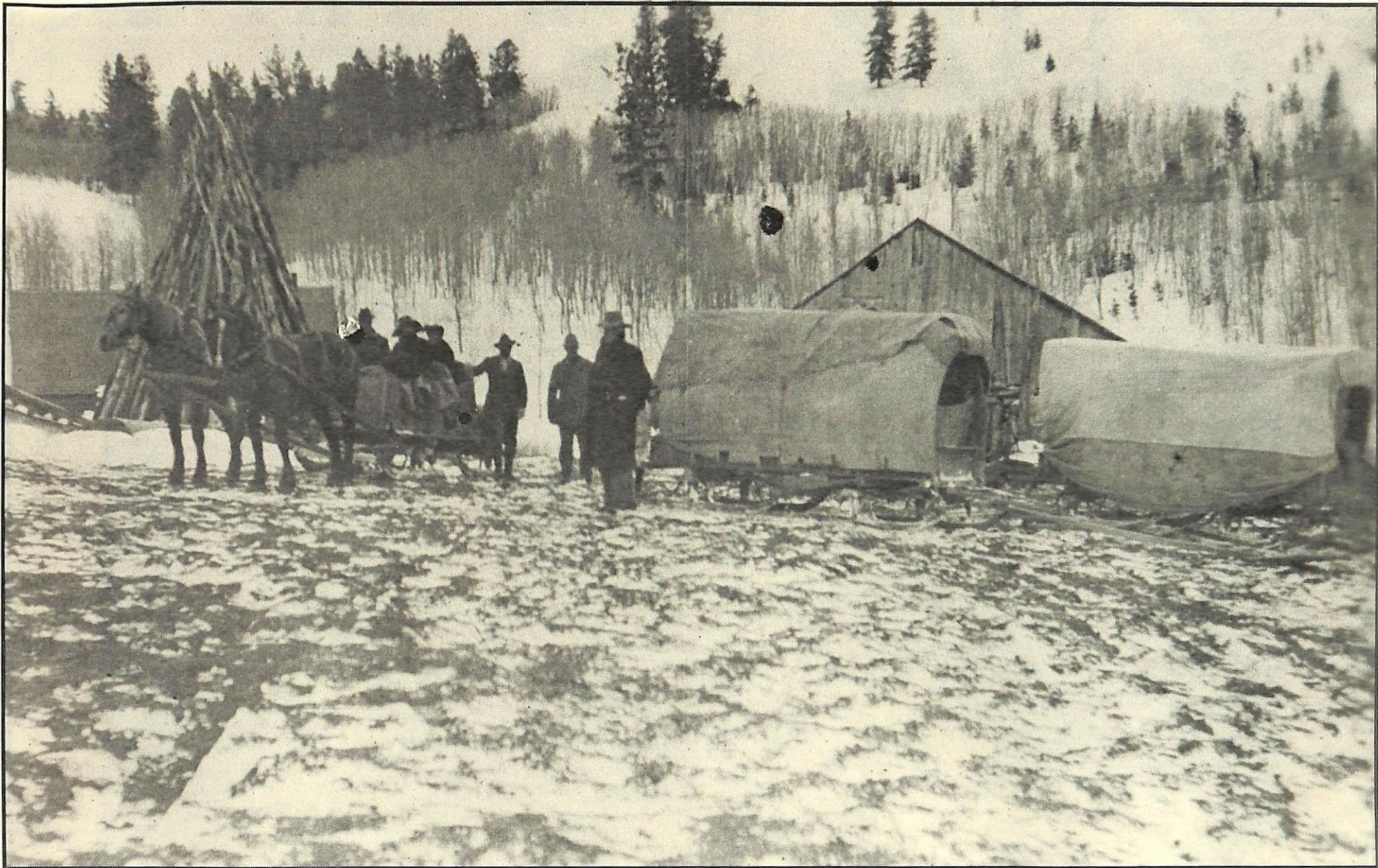


*Hauling Wool Bales over White Dugway on the Crow Creek Road*

Calendar of  
Star Valley History

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*Winter at Halfway - halfway between Star Valley and Montpelier  
in the days of freighting by team and wagon*

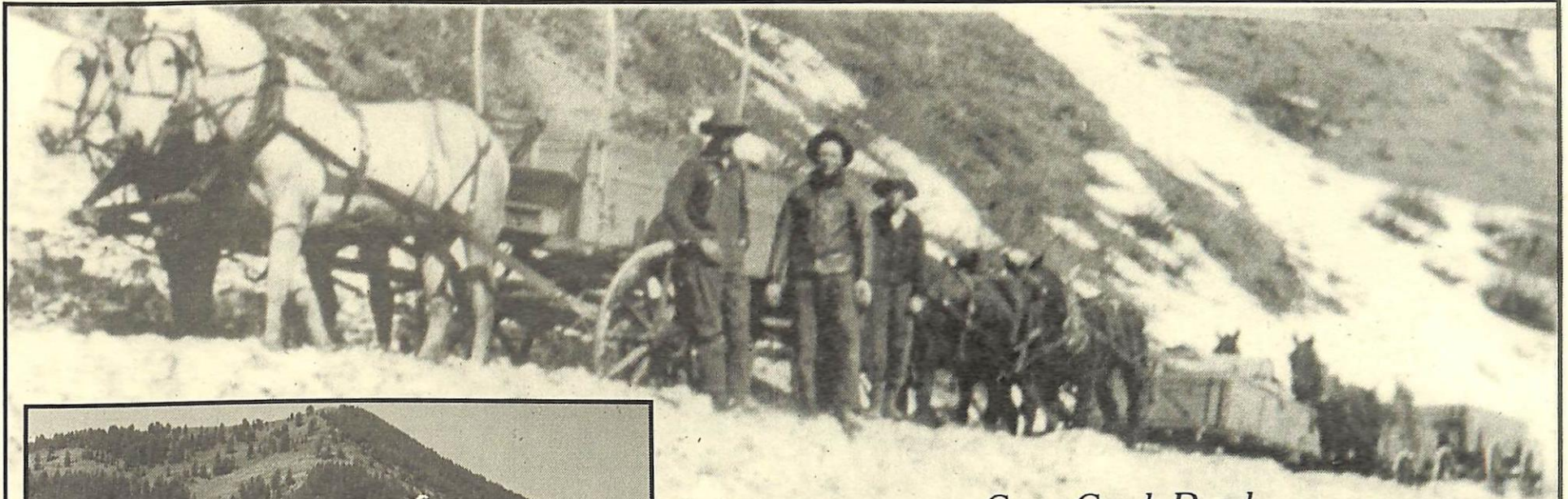
# JANUARY

# 2012

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--|---|--|--|---|---|---|
| <b>1</b><br>Fire siren rings for first time in Afton – 1937<br><b>New Year's Day</b>             | <b>2</b><br>Three day blizzard began – many animals and people died – 1949                                      | <b>3</b> The Afton Chamber of Commerce Banquet was held at Camp State Line F-23 – Grover Park – 1936   | <b>4</b><br>Jitterbug dance craze hits Star Valley – 1940                                    | <b>5</b><br>Star Valley Creamery Company in Afton organized – 1933  | <b>6</b><br>Small pox epidemic hits Star Valley – 1928  | <b>7</b><br>Julesburg attacked by Indians, the beginning of the raids on the Overland Stations – 1865 |
| <b>8</b><br>Sunday is the golden clasp that binds together the volume of the week – Long-fellow  | <b>9</b> Butch Cassidy released from jail – 1896 -- Laramie County was established by Dakota Legislature – 1867 | <b>10</b><br>The first street car made its appearance in Cheyenne – 1888   | <b>11</b><br>Forty is the old age of youth; fifty is the youth of old age                    | <b>12</b> First Annual Fireman's Ball – 1935 -- Time has a wonderful way of weeding out the trivial           | <b>13</b><br>Experience is another word for mistakes – Marriage is the cure for love's intoxication | <b>14</b><br>The U.S. ratified the peace treaty that ended the Revolutionary War – 1784               |
| <b>15</b><br>The Wyoming State Bar Association was organized – 1915                              | <b>16</b> "Uncle Tom's Cabin" directed by W.J. Cassity played in Osmond - 1933<br><b>Martin Luther King Day</b> | <b>17</b><br>Don't brood over your troubles, you'll only hatch them out  | <b>18</b><br>First agricultural plane rolls off assembly line at IMCO – 1963                 | <b>19</b><br>Magpies killed cattle in Star Valley because of weakened condition of cattle – 1933              | <b>20</b><br>Swiss Cheese plant established by Ernest Brog in Freedom – 1928                        | <b>21</b><br>Too little temptation can lead to virtue   |
| <b>22</b><br>Exodus of Star Valley workers because of war jobs – 1942                            | <b>23</b><br>To act is easy; to think is hard.  | <b>24</b> James W. Marshall discovered a gold nugget at Sutters Mill that led to the gold rush to California of '49  | <b>25</b><br>Eight head of elk killed & distributed to needy in valley by Fish & Game – 1934 | <b>26</b><br>A school meeting was held at Fairview and plans were laid for building a new school house – 1903 | <b>27</b><br>54 degrees below zero at Orson Johnson's ranch 1956                                    | <b>28</b><br>First U.S. Telephone switchboard began operation – 1888                                  |
| <b>29</b><br>General P.E. Conner attacked the camp of Chief Bear Hunter on the Bear River – 1863 | <b>30</b><br>Call Air builds snow cars to meet increased demands in deep snow areas 1953                        | <b>31</b> Wyoming State Flag designed by Mrs. A.C. Keyes of Casper was adopted by the 14th legislature – Indian Paint Brush adopted as State Flower – 1917 |  |   |   |   |

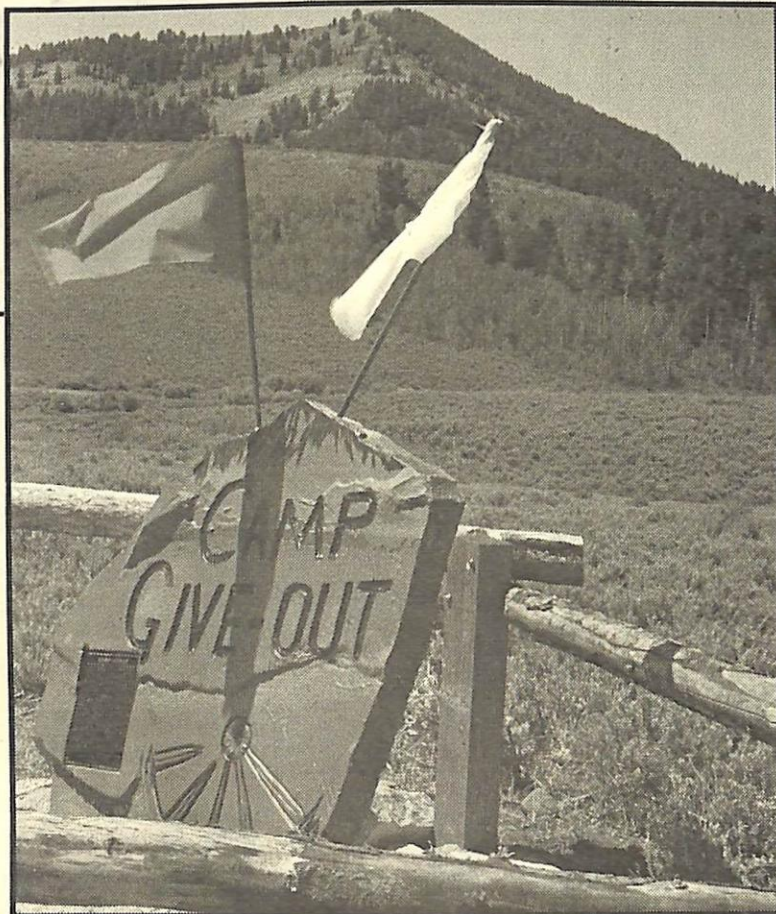
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## *Crow Creek Road*

*Freight loaded from wagon to sleigh at Camp Give-Out  
then sleigh to wagon at Books Ranch - spring and fall*



## *CAMP GIVE-OUT - New Monument 2010*

*(Ron Anderson photo)*

*Cal Price Monument - funded by  
Mormon Historic Site Foundation*

*(note how monument matches  
the slope of the mountain behind)*

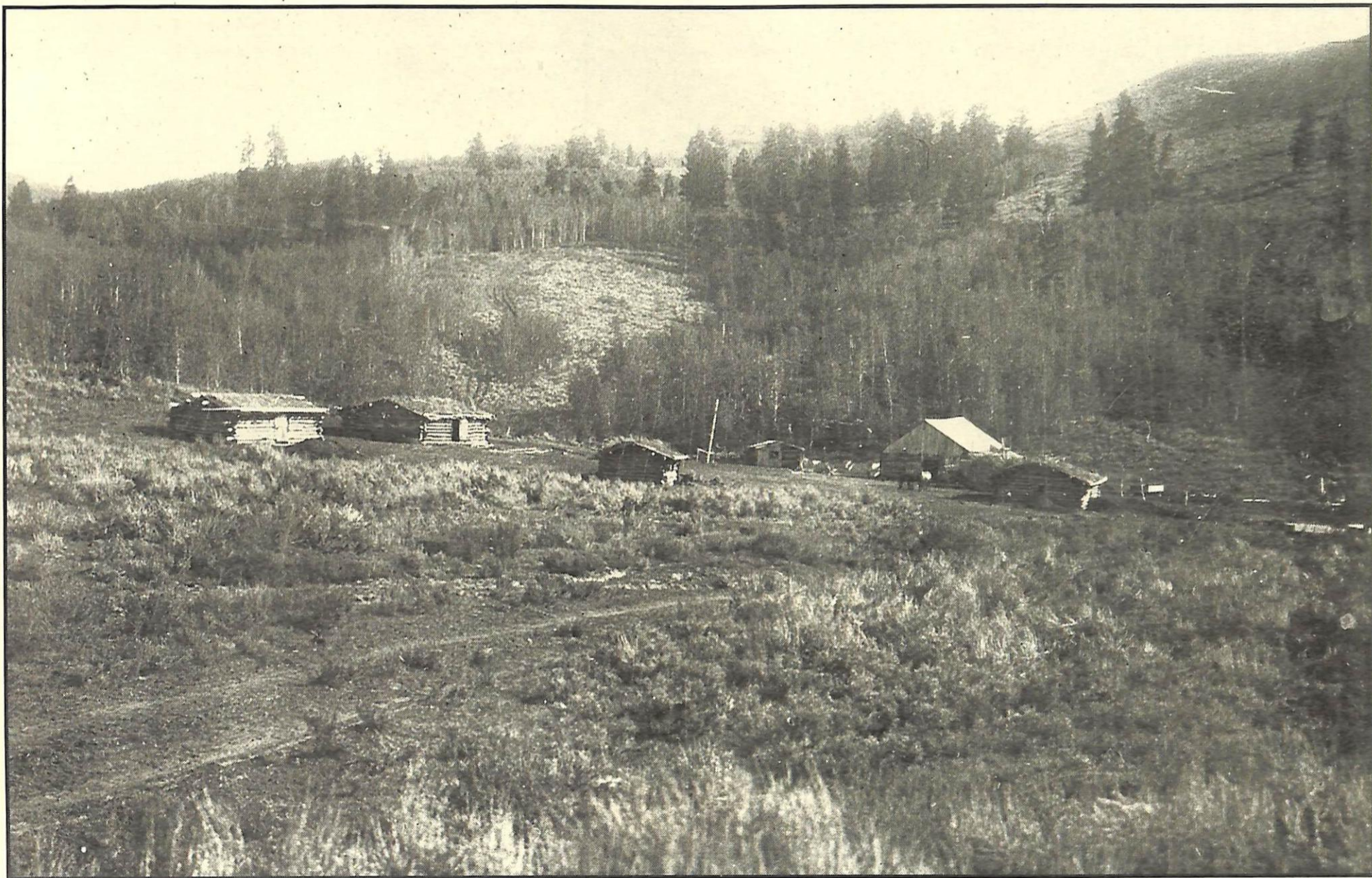
# FEBRUARY

# 2012

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|  |   |  | <b>1</b><br>The Bureau of Forestry became the Forest Service – 1905   | <b>2</b><br>First radio in Star Valley put in High School – 1923   | <b>3</b><br>Imagination is more important than knowledge   | <b>4</b><br>200 rabbits killed in Fairview to save the haystacks because of drought – 1932        |
| <b>5</b> The Meadow Lark designated as the State Bird – 1927 -- Farm machinery parts hard to find because of the war - 1942  | <b>6</b><br>Coal was \$5 per ton at Will Roos Coal Mine in Salt Canyon – 1920   | <b>7</b><br>The rationing of shoes began – 1943 -- If it goes in the ear and out the mouth it is gossip. | <b>8</b><br>Was 60 degrees below zero at Border WY – 1929   | <b>9</b><br>Lester Barrus was voted the most ambitious Senator in the Wyoming State Legislature – 1939                               | <b>10</b><br>Maud Ranzenberg was called to teach school at Merna WY – 1943                                   | <b>11</b><br>Snake River Canyon road opened – excellent for one way traffic – 1940                |
| <b>12</b> ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY – First National of Kemmerer took over the State Bank of Cokeville – 1932               | <b>13</b><br>CCC Camp 2508, was in the process of building a new road up Snake River to Jackson – 1936                  | <b>14</b><br>To be 70 years young is more cheerful than to be 40 years old<br><b>Valentine's Day</b>     | <b>15</b> Snow did not come to Star Valley till this date in 1919 -- The State Motto, "Equal Rights" was adopted – 1955 | <b>16</b> Big Piney couple wed by telephone – 1916 -- Worst blizzard in many years hit Star Valley – 1923                            | <b>17</b> Esther Hobart Morris of South Pass City, first woman ever to be appointed Justice of Peace – 1870  | <b>18</b><br>State Fish, Cutthroat Trout was adopted – State Fossil "Knightia" was adopted – 1987 |
| <b>19</b> Wyoming Day – December 10, was adopted on this day – 1935 -- 237 men register for the draft in World War II – 1942 | <b>20</b> Marshall Owen Miles brought two steel cells from Kemmerer for the local jail – 1941<br><b>President's Day</b> | <b>21</b><br>Caroline Sprague Campbell & baby are the first grave in Fairview Cemetery – 1891            | <b>22</b> GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY – All American Cutter Racing Association organized – 1948                        | <b>23</b> The State Mammal, the bison was adopted – 1985 -- John Burton called as first missionary from the Star Valley Stake – 1893 | <b>24</b> The war with Mexico ended giving us Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado and Wyoming – 1846 | <b>25</b><br>Vanadium Mine closes in Dry Creek Canyon – 1943                                      |
| <b>26</b><br>Grand Teton National Park created – 1929  | <b>27</b><br>Swiss Cheese Factory in Freedom destroyed by fire – 1936   | <b>28</b><br>Ad in newspaper - Taysom Brothers has 100 pairs of high top laced black shoes – 1920        | <b>29</b><br>LEAP YEAR – If Noah had been wise, he would have swatted those 2 flies                                     |  |  |   |

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*1914 - Halfway before house was built*

# MARCH

# 2012

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|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
|  |   |  |  | <b>1</b><br><br>Life is a mystery to be lived, not a problem to be solved.                          | <b>2</b><br><br>If your knees are knocking, kneel on them.   | <b>3</b><br><br>United Department of Interior created in 1840  |
| <b>4</b> New Auburn Ward chapel dedicated - 1951 -- Snow measures on Greys River and Salt River - 38% of normal - 1955 | <b>5</b><br><br>Nothing is more terrible than ignorance in action.          | <b>6</b><br><br>Four children of Sylvester Roberts of Etna die in house fire - 1925                    | <b>7</b><br><br>1,781 rabbits were killed in Star Valley in contest to save hay - 1935   | <b>8</b><br><br>South Ward Chapel was dedicated by Spencer W. Kimball - 1953                        | <b>9</b> Governor Francis E. Warren signed a bill authorizing construction of a Mental Hospital at Evanston - 1886 | <b>10</b><br><br>Two children of Arthur Spackman in Freedom die of scarlet fever - 1932                |
| <b>11</b><br><br>Rex and Louise Wirthin's airplane reported missing - 1962   | <b>12</b><br><br>How immense appear to us the sins we have not committed    | <b>13</b><br><br>Standard Time adopted throughout the United States - 1884                             | <b>14</b><br><br>Eli Whitney received patent for his cotton gin - 1794                   | <b>15</b><br><br>Jackson Hole National Monument created - 1943                                      | <b>16</b><br><br>Banks reopened after National Bank Holiday in depression - 1933                                   | <b>17</b><br><br>Greys River snow deepest ever recorded - 51 inches - 1949<br><b>St. Patrick's Day</b> |
| <b>18</b><br><br>Probably he who never made a mistake, never made a discovery  | <b>19</b><br><br>Congress approved Daylight Savings Time - 1918             | <b>20</b><br><br>National Guard reported to Kemmerer - 30 local boys leave - 1917                      | <b>21</b><br><br>I will listen to anyone's convictions, but keep your doubts to yourself | <b>22</b><br><br>A rail bridge was finally put across the Missouri River, eliminating ferrys - 1872 | <b>23</b><br><br>Congress established Grand Teton National Park - 1929   | <b>24</b><br><br>Flattery is warming yourself by an artificial fire                                    |
| <b>25</b><br><br>Afton's new fire truck was delivered - 1948   | <b>26</b><br><br>Bucking horse copyrighted for Wyoming license plate - 1942 | <b>27</b><br><br>Willard and Elworth Nield open meat and grocery market - 1935 - it closed in May 2001 | <b>28</b><br><br>An ounce of morning is worth a pound in the afternoon                   | <b>29</b><br><br>Wyoming State Capitol building was completed - 1888                                | <b>30</b><br><br>Major Neil Eddins was elected to command USAF Thunderbirds - 1967                                 | <b>31</b><br><br>It was announced, highway to Geneva and Montpelier will be built soon - 1932          |

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*The Ritzen Family at Halfway*



# APRIL

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|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
| <b>1</b><br>APRIL FOOL'S DAY – Prohibition repeal went into effect – 1935   | <b>2</b><br>A Monument to be placed on Lander Trail where it crosses Highway 89 through Star Valley – 1939 | <b>3</b><br>Pony Express began operation – 1860  | <b>4</b><br>Sophronia Phillips was first child born in Grover – 1886      | <b>5</b><br>Beginning of Mormon exodus from Winter Quarters – 1847                 | <b>6</b> The American Fur Co. was chartered by the legislators of New York – 1808 -- Ignorance with love is better than wisdom without it | <b>7</b><br>Census article states half of population of Lincoln Co., 4,823 people now live in Star Valley – 1953 |
| <b>8</b><br>Game licenses went on sale; fifteen birds, fifty fish – license cost \$1.00 – 1921<br><b>Easter</b>                     | <b>9</b><br>Cost of wintering horses in Nebraska - \$64,500 because of the drought – 1920                  | <b>10</b><br>Jackson Hole gets its name from David Jackson, partner in Rocky Mountain Fur Company – 1829 | <b>11</b><br>Dr. O.L. Treloar wins whisker growing contest – 1935         | <b>12</b><br>Lower Valley Power and Light celebrated 50 years of service in 1987   | <b>13</b><br>William Clayton wrote "Come, Come Ye Saints," – 1846   | <b>14</b><br>Afton passed Zoning Ordinance – 1949  |
| <b>15</b> The first territorial governor, John J. Campbell, appointed by President Ulysses S. Grant, took his oath of office – 1869 | <b>16</b><br>Arlynn Ashment's black heifer gave birth to 4 calves, all died – 1926                         | <b>17</b><br>Sugar is rationed because of the war – 1942   | <b>18</b><br>Osmond Ward Chapel dedicated – 1954                          | <b>19</b><br>Welch Dance Hall burned, Star Valley's largest fire – 1945            | <b>20</b><br>Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves   | <b>21</b><br>John Boyer is first man legally hanged in Wyoming – 1871  |
| <b>22</b><br>Star Studs in Afton cut its first wood – 1964  | <b>23</b><br>First official baseball league organized in Star Valley – 1920                                | <b>24</b><br>Citizens contribute money to keep Afton-Montpelier road open – 1925                         | <b>25</b><br>Be bold for what you stand for and careful what you fall for | <b>26</b><br>Construction boom hits Afton Main Street – eight new buildings – 1946 | <b>27</b><br>Wyoming Highway Patrol established – 1933  | <b>28</b><br>Call Aircraft completed their first airplane – 1940   |
| <b>29</b><br>Star Valley Seminary dedicated – built for cost of \$10,000 – 1943   | <b>30</b><br>Four hundred home-stead entries during this month – 1902                                      |  |   |  |   |  |

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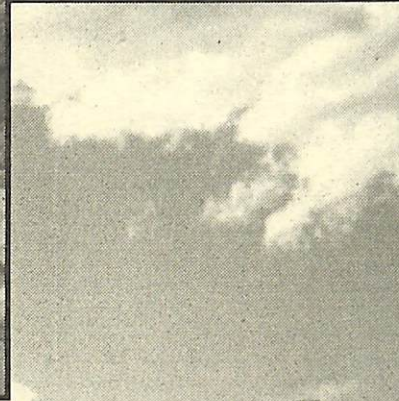
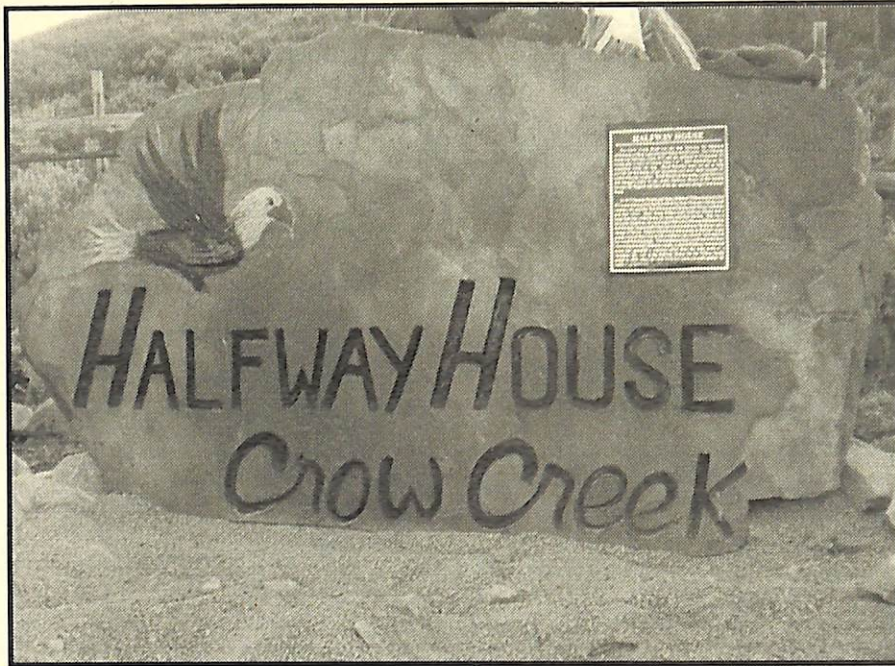
*Kennington Family at Halfway*

# MAY

# 2012

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|   |   | <b>1</b><br>MAY DAY –<br>Farnum Call built<br>first airplane in Star<br>Valley – 1930                    | <b>2</b><br>First car of the season<br>came over the south<br>end road – 1924   | <b>3</b><br>Isador Shuster quit<br>business in his<br>clothing store in<br>Afton – 1945   | <b>4</b><br>School Bond election<br>for \$100,000 to<br>build 5 grade schools<br>in Star Valley –<br>1923 | <b>5</b><br>Lester Bagley<br>became Wyoming<br>Game & Fish<br>Commissioner –<br>1954 |
| <b>6</b><br>Charles C. Rich and<br>Moses Thatcher<br>founded settlement of<br>Star Valley – 1879                | <b>7</b><br>Electric lights were<br>turned on for the first<br>time in Afton – 1907 | <b>8</b><br>First acroplane flown<br>to Star Valley,<br>secured by Texaco<br>Agent E.M. Barrus<br>– 1925 | <b>9</b><br>Lincoln County Farm<br>Bureau was orga-<br>nized – 1919   | <b>10</b><br>The Free Silver<br>Band of Fairview was<br>organized – 1897                  | <b>11</b><br>There were 50<br>families living in Star<br>Valley by this date –<br>1889                    | <b>12</b><br>Twenty-one graduate<br>from Star Valley<br>High School – 1922           |
| <b>13</b><br>Afton State Bank<br>and Freedom State<br>Bank were consoli-<br>dated – 1927<br><b>Mother's Day</b> | <b>14</b><br>E.M. Barrus was<br>elected mayor of<br>Afton – 1920                    | <b>15</b><br>Jim Baker, mountain<br>man died – 1898 --<br>When God shuts a<br>door He opens a<br>window  | <b>16</b><br>Memorial services<br>were held for 14<br>victims of Spanish<br>Flu in Star Valley –<br>1919                          | <b>17</b><br>The Homestead Act<br>became law – 1862                                       | <b>18</b><br>Seven die in Kelly<br>when Gros Ventre<br>Dam breaks – 1927                                  | <b>19</b><br>The territorial<br>government was<br>formally inaugurated<br>– 1869     |
| <b>20</b><br>Charles Lindberg<br>took off for Paris<br>from New York in<br>'Spirit of St. Louis' –<br>1927      | <b>21</b><br>Keep clear of a man<br>who does not value<br>his own character         | <b>22</b><br>The Wyoming Game<br>& Fish was organized<br>– 1922  | <b>23</b> Forestry to study<br>wolves to seek<br>methods of elimina-<br>tion of them because<br>of cattlemen<br>complaints – 1906 | <b>24</b><br>First C.C.C.'s arrive<br>and camp at Sheep<br>Creek on Greys<br>River – 1933 | <b>25</b><br>You can only make<br>others better by being<br>good yourself                                 | <b>26</b><br>C.C.C. Camp F12<br>established in head of<br>Salt River – 1933          |
| <b>27</b><br>Roy Rogers bought a<br>horse (Trigger<br>stand-in) from Lusk<br>man for \$2,000 –<br>1944          | <b>28</b><br>There was a total<br>eclipse of the sun –<br>1900                      | <b>29</b><br>Valuable oil strike in<br>Big Piney – 1900  | <b>30</b><br>He who is always up<br>in the air harping,<br>isn't necessarily an<br>angel  | <b>31</b><br>Dean Millward<br>released as Prisoner<br>of War – 1945                       |   |  |

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## HALFWAY HOUSE

The Crow Creek Road was the link between the Mormon settlements of Bear Lake and Star Valley for 50 years. The 100 mile round trip between Afton, WY and the railhead at Montpelier ID would take a team of horses from 3 to 7 days depending on the conditions along the way. Road Ranches were set up to help provide for the needs of the freighters and their draft animals no matter what the weather. Nield Ranch to the north, Camp Giveout and Henggi's Dairy to the south, Halfway House in the middle became the biggest and best of all the stations along Crow Creek Road.

In 1912 Benoni (Noen) and Mary (Maime) Wilkes homesteaded 322 acres where cabins had been built by Hale-Tolman with the mail contract, Mr and Mrs Tom Ritson, and Charles and Orson Anderson and their wives. Here, Noen Wilkes built Halfway House and a large barn that could house 32 teams and their drivers. This was a haven for freighters, the mail wagon between Afton and Montpelier, and the daily stage coach where travelers could stop for dinner and a change of horses. Maime telephoned Afton daily to find how many guests were on their way so she could provide a family style meal on her wood-burning range. The bunkhouse had a cook stove for those who wished to cook their own meals. A stop at Halfway was a social event that provided a welcome relief from the hard work of a freighters life. Life at the Halfway House for the Wilkes family ended in 1925 when the state highway (convict road) pulled the traffic over Salt Creek Pass further east.



*HALFWAY HOUSE - New Monument 2010 (Ron Anderson photo)  
Cal Price Monument - Cal donated this monument to the Crow Creek project*

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|   |  |  |  |  | <b>1</b><br><br>You can't turn back the clock, but you can wind it up again       | <b>2</b><br><br>Kid Curry, Butch Cassidy & Sundance Kid robbed the Wilcox train - 1899                |
| <b>3</b><br><br>Problems are only opportunities with thorns on them   | <b>4</b><br><br>J.C. Penney opened first Penney store in Kemmerer - 1902                             | <b>5</b><br><br>First newspaper published in Star Valley called The Star Valley Pioneer - 1901 | <b>6</b><br><br>Afton got their first fire truck - 1935                                      | <b>7</b><br><br>People do not lack strength, they lack will - Victor Hugo            | <b>8</b><br><br>Afton Electric Company building new plant up Swift Creek - 1928   | <b>9</b><br><br>Railroad station opened at Evanston - 1869  |
| <b>10</b><br><br>All autos must have license plates to drive - Sheriff Seymor Allred - 1921   | <b>11</b><br><br>Deputy Assessor Louis Jensen completed census - 2,535 people in upper valley - 1915 | <b>12</b><br><br>Crews pushed the railroad track through Cokeville - 1882                      | <b>13</b><br><br>Alpine C.C.C. Camp disbanded - built Snake River road - 1941                | <b>14</b><br><br>Census reveals Afton population is 1,311 in 1950<br><b>Flag Day</b> | <b>15</b><br><br>Goodness is the only investment that never fails - Thoreau       | <b>16</b><br><br>Railroad ties were cut and floated down Smith's Fork to railroad in Cokeville - 1882 |
| <b>17</b> If you are going to be able to look back on something and laugh about it, you might as well laugh about it now<br><b>Father's Day</b> | <b>18</b> Glenco Ward (now Thayne) was organized - 1891 -- There is nothing permanent except change  | <b>19</b><br><br>Dixon's Service Station in Afton opened for business - 1925                   | <b>20</b><br><br>Two creameries open in Fairview, making 13 creameries in Star Valley - 1919 | <b>21</b><br><br>First company of Mormons arrive at Great Salt Lake - 1847           | <b>22</b><br><br>Dr. S.H. Worthen reported for war duty - 1942                    | <b>23</b><br><br>Gros Ventre landslide - 1925   |
| <b>24</b><br><br>To be suspicious is to invite treachery  | <b>25</b><br><br>Harvey Allred contracted to build Fairview Church for \$16,797 - 1936               | <b>26</b><br><br>The best thing to do with a wet blanket is to let it drip dry                 | <b>27</b><br><br>Jane Tolman submitted the name for Fairview - 1889                          | <b>28</b><br><br>New Post Office building put to use in Fairview - 1913              | <b>29</b><br><br>Opening of Valleon Hotel & Ballroom, Evan P. Call manager - 1939 | <b>30</b><br><br>One does not gain much by mere cleverness  |

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*SNOW SLIDE CANYON - New Monument 2010 (Ron Anderson photo)  
Cal Price Monument - funded by Frank P. Cranney and Eliza Kingston Cranney Family*

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|--|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| <b>1</b><br><br>Auburn was organized as an LDS Branch - 1889                     | <b>2</b><br><br>Fairview LDS Ward was organized - 1889   | <b>3</b> Shoshone Indians signed treaty giving all their Wyoming lands except the Wind River Reservation to the U.S - 1868 | <b>4</b><br><br>C.C.C. Camp F-23 was established at Grover Park - 1935<br><b>Independence Day</b>           | <b>5</b> First ascent of Devil's Tower - 1893 -- Green River Rendezvous junction of Horse Creek & Green River, close to Daniel WY - 1833 | <b>6</b><br><br>Rendezvous at Green River, Mrs. Marcus Whitman, Mrs. Elizabeth Spaulding present - 1836 | <b>7</b><br><br>First party of Mormons arrived at Fort Bridger - 1847   |
| <b>8</b><br><br>A peculiar stone was unearthed at Bedford - 1927                 | <b>9</b><br><br>Rendezvous at Ham's Fork - 1834  | <b>10</b> WYOMING STATEHOOD DAY - 1890 -- First ad for moving picture theatre in paper, admission 10 and 15 cents - 1915   | <b>11</b><br><br>Stagecoach between Afton and Montpelier daily, cost \$2.00 - 1902                          | <b>12</b><br><br>Fairview graveyard surveyed by Civil Engineer William Carr - 1904   | <b>13</b><br><br>The fewer the words, the better the prayer - Martin Luther                             | <b>14</b><br><br>When you're over the hill you pick up speed  |
| <b>15</b><br><br>Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcast for the first time - 1929     | <b>16</b><br><br>The first group of immigrants over the Crow Creek Road to settle Star Valley - 1879 | <b>17</b><br><br>Jim Bridger, famous scout and guide died - 1881   | <b>18</b><br><br>Homecoming celebration held for World War I soldiers, 4,000 attend - 1919                  | <b>19</b><br><br>Veterans acquire title for land for memorial building - 1947  | <b>20</b><br><br>The total census of Wyoming, 8,014 - 1869  | <b>21</b><br><br>The Globe Theatre, the first moving picture theatre in Afton, changes its program to 3 times a week - 1915 |
| <b>22</b><br><br>Wray Theatre opens in Afton, one of the best in the West - 1935 | <b>23</b><br><br>Sprague Canyon water piped by residents of Bitter Creek - 1931                      | <b>24</b> Mail contractor Christopherson put on Ford trucks for carrying the mail - 1918<br><b>Pioneer Day</b>             | <b>25</b><br><br>Wyoming Territory came into existence, carved from Dakota, Utah & Idaho territories - 1868 | <b>26</b><br><br>300 sheep died on Stumpp Creek, poisoned by lupine - 1935   | <b>27</b><br><br>A penny saved isn't a heck of a lot  | <b>28</b><br><br>Site for Salt Lake Temple is chosen by Brigham Young - 1847  |
| <b>29</b><br><br>Six families located in Afton - 1885                            | <b>30</b><br><br>It's one thing to itch for something and another to scratch for it.                 | <b>31</b><br><br>When I no longer thrill to the first snow of the season, I'll know I'm getting old                        |   |  |   |   |

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*Books Ranch House*

*Note: rag hanging out the window meant dinner was ready*



# AUGUST

# 2012

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|---|---|--|---|--|---|---|
|   |   |  | <b>1</b><br><br>Greys River Coal Company incorporated – 1938  | <b>2</b><br>Frederick W. Lander camped on Smith's Fork with 47 Mormon crew members building Lander Road – 1858 | <b>3</b><br><br>Newell Gardner appointed Game Warden – 1939   | <b>4</b><br>Bedford L.D.S. branch was organized – 1895 / oiling began on Afton Streets – 1950 |
| <b>5</b><br><br>The federal government levied an income tax for the first time – 1861                                 | <b>6</b><br><br>You can't have a rainbow without a little rain!                                   | <b>7</b><br>Indian Scare in Star Valley – 1895 / you know you're old when you've lost all your marvels | <b>8</b><br><br>Dr. Oral Beal died of pneumonia – 1935  | <b>9</b><br><br>Absence makes the heart go wander  | <b>10</b><br><br>Charles Brown opened store in Fairview – 1923  | <b>11</b><br><br>Star Valley Stake was formed – 1892  |
| <b>12</b> Albert Barrus and Henry Erickson were successful bidders for the school wagons for the coming season – 1927 | <b>13</b><br><br>George Osmond sustained as President of Star Valley Stake – 1892                 | <b>14</b><br><br>Work being rushed to build road to Cottonwood Lake – 1918                             | <b>15</b> Ad in Independent – fried chicken, .50;; T-Bone steak, .45; Sirloin .45; Hamburger, .05; Hamburger Steak, .25 -- 1935 | <b>16</b><br>Be brief, for words are like sunbeams, the more they are condensed, the deeper they burn.         | <b>17</b><br>Ninety-eight miners killed at Frontier's Coal Mine. Alfred Walton was one of those killed – 1923 | <b>18</b><br><br>Osmond Ward was organized in honor of George Osmond – 1910                   |
| <b>19</b><br><br>The cornerstone for the Afton Tabernacle was laid – 1904   | <b>20</b><br><br>A temper is a valuable thing – spend it, but don't lose it                       | <b>21</b><br><br>A man who looks for easy work, goes to bed tired                                      | <b>22</b><br><br>Ernest Brog opened first cheese factory in Freedom – 1927  | <b>23</b><br>Marriage is like vitamins, we supplement each others minium daily requirements.                   | <b>24</b><br><br>Blind Bull Mine on Greys River opens, 8 feet wide vein of coal – 1933                        | <b>25</b><br><br>The human race is the best when it has the greatest liberty – Dante          |
| <b>26</b><br><br>Rex Hale died in forest fire near Cody – 1937  | <b>27</b><br><br>The Star Lumber & Mining Company at Cottonwood Lake is running full blast – 1920 | <b>28</b><br><br>Burglars get \$24,000 in Star Valley Bank robbery – 1953                              | <b>29</b><br><br>Mary Osmond first person from Star Valley to graduate from University of Wyoming – 1919                        | <b>30</b><br><br>Even a family tree has to have some sap.  | <b>31</b><br><br>A kiss is the jumper cable of the heart.   |   |

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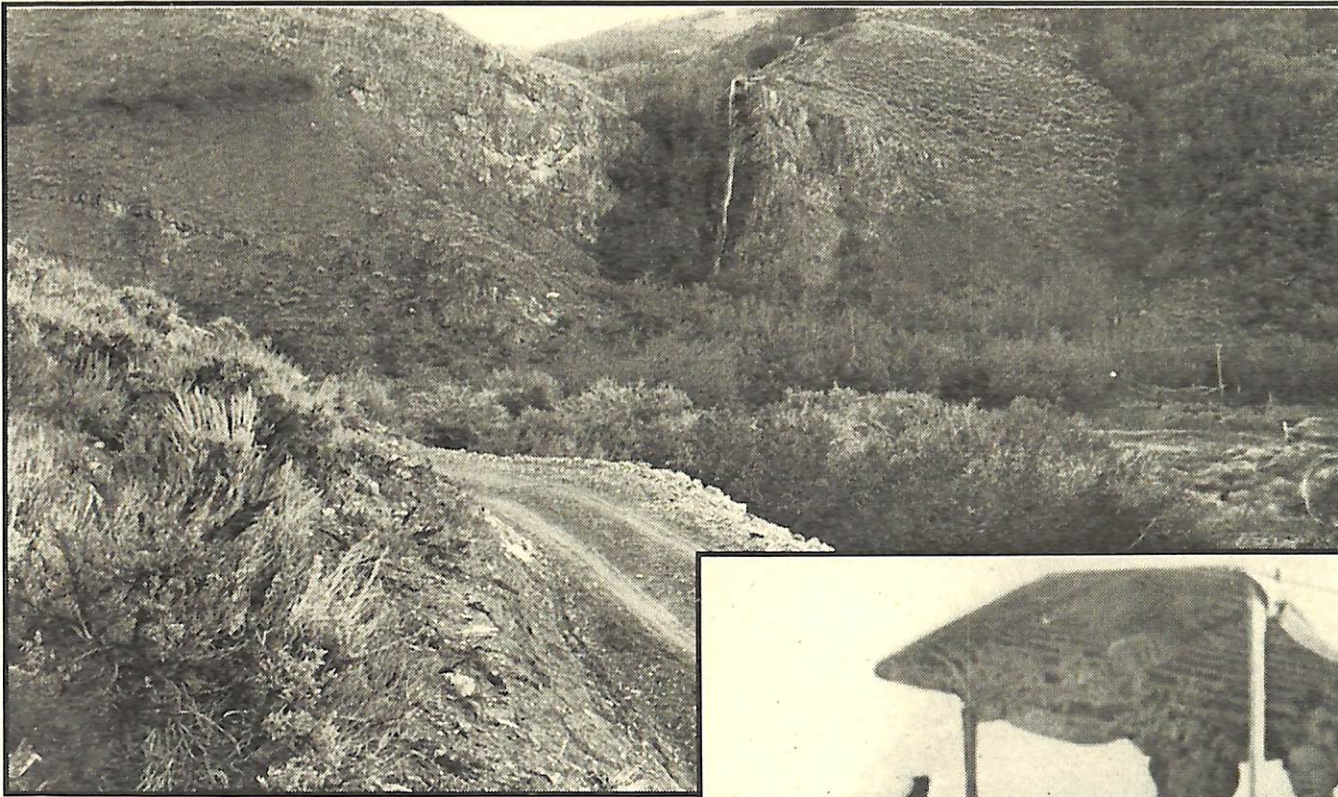
*Freight teams between Afton and Montpelier  
Left to right: Orland Eddins, Vernie Stoker and Charles Stoker (Donated by Ada Eddins)*

# SEPTEMBER

# 2012

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |   |  |   |  | 1<br>Cloudburst kills 20 head of cattle belonging to John Anderson in Grover - 1922 |
| 2<br>Tokyo time, Japan formally surrendered to the U.S. aboard the USS Missouri - 1945 | 3 Star Valley Independent only newspaper between Kemmerer and St. Anthony - 1907<br><b>Labor Day</b>                 | 4<br>Osmond farmers began construction of water pipeline - 1941                     | 5<br>Afton telephone connected to Montpelier through Crow Creek - 1902                         | 6<br>First equal suffrage vote cast by Louisa Swain of Laramie - 1870 | 7<br>Life shrinks or expands in accordance to ones courage                       | 8<br>Star Valley Pioneer renamed Star Valley Independent - 1904                     |
| 9<br>Afton State Bank opened - 1907  | 10 Mead Bakery starts up in Afton - 1936 / First hunting license sold for \$2.50; allowed 2 elk, birds & fish - 1911 | 11<br>Hugh & Charles Whitney held up Cokeville Bank - got \$600 and took off - 1911 | 12<br>First elections held in Star Valley - 1890   | 13<br>Nothing in the world is friendlier than a wet dog.              | 14<br>Devils Tower became the first national monument - 1906                     | 15<br>New resort built north of Afton at Auburn, called Sulphur Springs - 1913      |
| 16<br>Do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of - Benjamin Franklin  | 17<br>Six cases of Infantile Paralysis in Wyoming - no vaccine - 1943  | 18<br>Wyoming Driver's License law goes into effect - 1947                          | 19<br>Dean Millward reported missing in action in Germany - 1943                               | 20<br>10,000 acres on Pearson Creek up Greys River burn - 1934        | 21<br>Greys River road finished to LaBarge Ranger Station - 1933                 | 22<br>Sheep men forced to get permits for sheep grazing on the forest - 1904        |
| 23 First Frontier Day celebration in Cheyenne - 1897                                   | 24<br>Letting the cat out of the bag is a lot easier than putting it back in.  | 25<br>Bishop E. Francis Winters chosen as new Star Valley Stake President - 1947    | 26<br>A government survey began to extend a new highway from Forest Dell to Snake River - 1924 | 27<br>Cornerstone of University of Wyoming's Old Main laid - 1886     | 28<br>Afton Electric Company building new 27 foot high dam on Swift Creek - 1928 | 29<br>The new Metcalf School in Etna opened - 1956                                  |
| 30 When someone hugs you let them be the first one to let go.                          |  |   |  |   |  |   |

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*Montpelier Canyon Falls used as a lunch rest stop on freight road*



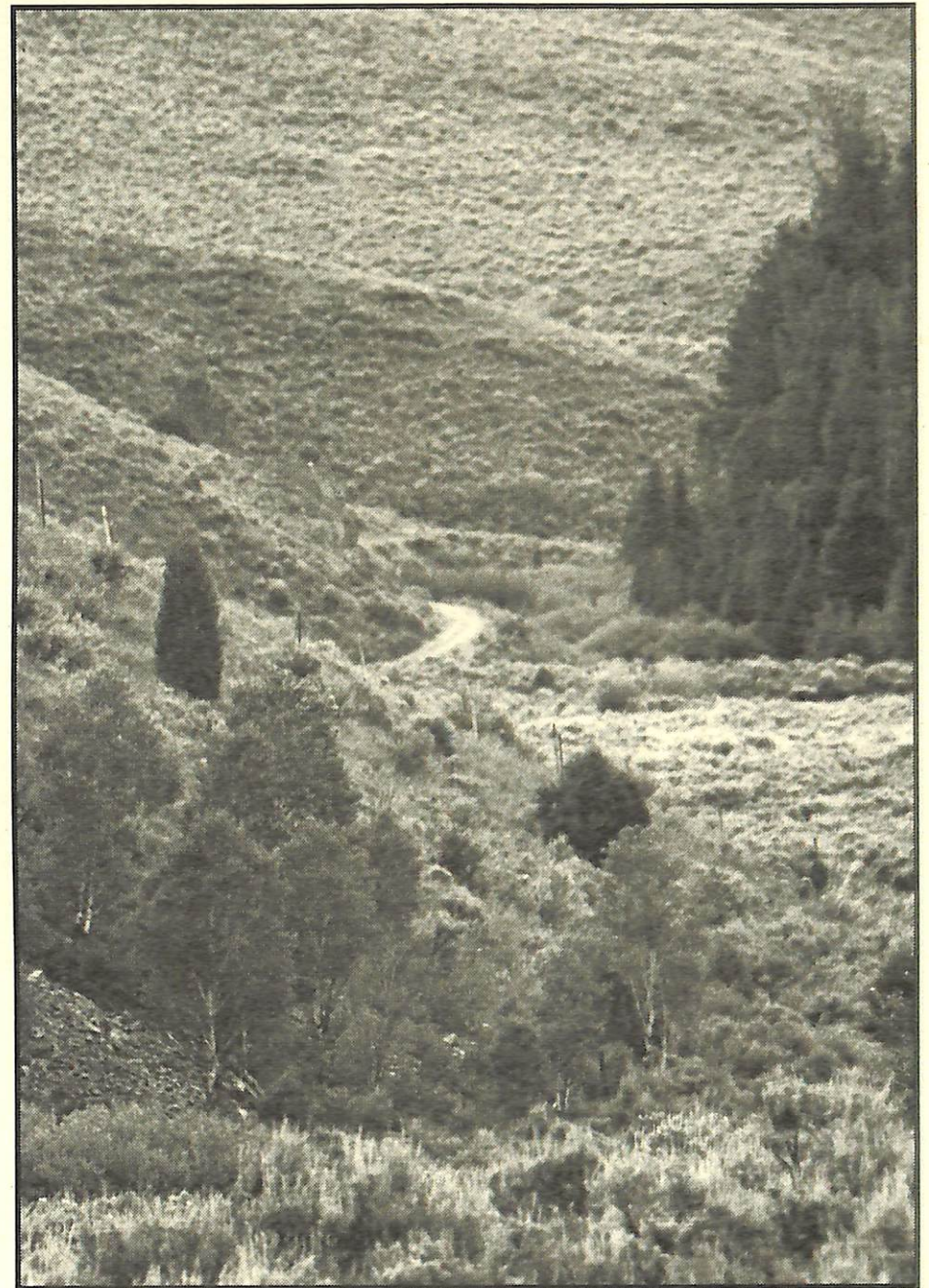
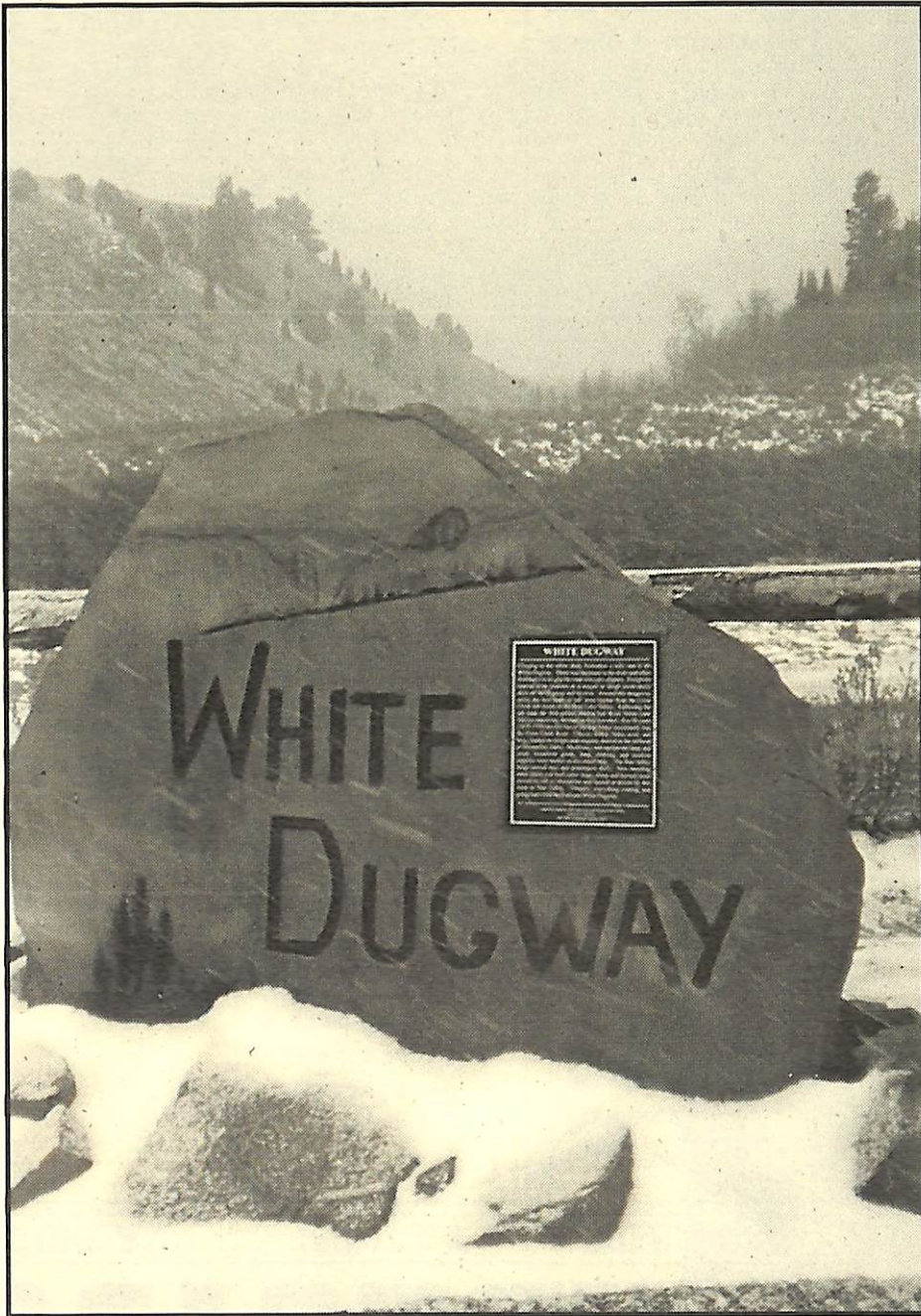
*1910 Star Valley Montpelier Stage*

# OCTOBER

# 2012

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY   | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|--|--|---|--|---|--|
|   | <b>1</b><br>The 2nd annual county fair took place as scheduled in Afton - 1915             | <b>2</b><br>Game Warden Fielding Peterson planted 30,000 rainbow trout in Hamm's Fork - 1942 | <b>3</b><br>When one is out of touch with oneself one cannot touch others.                    | <b>4</b><br>Space Age began - Soviets launches Sputnik - 1957                  | <b>5</b><br>The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back in your pocket. | <b>6</b><br>L.C. Jensen bought the 3rd automobile in Grover - 1914   |
| <b>7</b><br>The new hospital, started by Dr. Worthen sold to Star Valley Stake, now used by Dr. Treloar & Dr. Papworth - 1943 | <b>8</b><br>McCarty Gang robbed a bank in Walla Walla, Wash. - 1891<br><b>Columbus Day</b> | <b>9</b><br>Afton Thrifty Print opened for business in Afton by Johnny VanScoyk - 1981       | <b>10</b><br>Call Air celebrated production of the 100th airplane built here - 1957           | <b>11</b><br>When the horse is dead, get off.                                  | <b>12</b><br>Orson Tolman died of diphtheria, second to be buried in Fairview cemetery - 1891   | <b>13</b><br>Joe Welch, handcart pioneer, died at the age of 96 - 1919   |
| <b>14</b><br>A sturdy new building houses the power plant up Swift Creek - 1937   | <b>15</b><br>Spanish Flu hit Star Valley strict quarantine in all towns - 1918             | <b>16</b><br>Wyoming Fish & Game bought ground for Elk Refuge at mouth of Greys River - 1941 | <b>17</b><br>First Mountain Star published by Star Valley High School - 1929                  | <b>18</b><br>Thomas A. Edison died at age of 84 - 1931                         | <b>19</b><br>As a cure for worrying, work is better than whiskey - Thomas A. Edison             | <b>20</b><br>The Vee Line of original clothes for children began in Afton - 1969                                     |
| <b>21</b><br>First baby born in Fairview - 1885 / Simple solutions seldom are.  | <b>22</b><br>Flying Saddle Lodge at Alpine was destroyed by fire - 1976                    | <b>23</b><br>J.D. Livingston was gored to death by a ferocious bull - 1925                   | <b>24</b><br>Afton State Bank robbed of \$1,450 - 1924  | <b>25</b><br>Life is like a 10 speed bike - most of us have gears we never use | <b>26</b><br>A halo has to slip only a few inches to become a noose.                            | <b>27</b><br>Forest Service adopts standard for Forest Service buildings - green roof, brown body, white trim - 1916 |
| <b>28</b><br>Dr. West ordered all public meetings, dances, etc. cancelled because of the flu - 1918                           | <b>29</b><br>Star Valley Stake divided into Afton Stake and Thayne Stake - 1978            | <b>30</b><br>Do not waste five dollars time on a five cent job                               | <b>31</b><br>Vail Coal Mine opened on Deadman Creek on Greys River - 1935<br><b>Halloween</b> |  |   |  |

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*WHITE DUGWAY - New Monument 2010 (Ron Anderson photo)  
Cal Price Monument - funded by Budd M. Rich and Lora Jean Walton Rich Family*

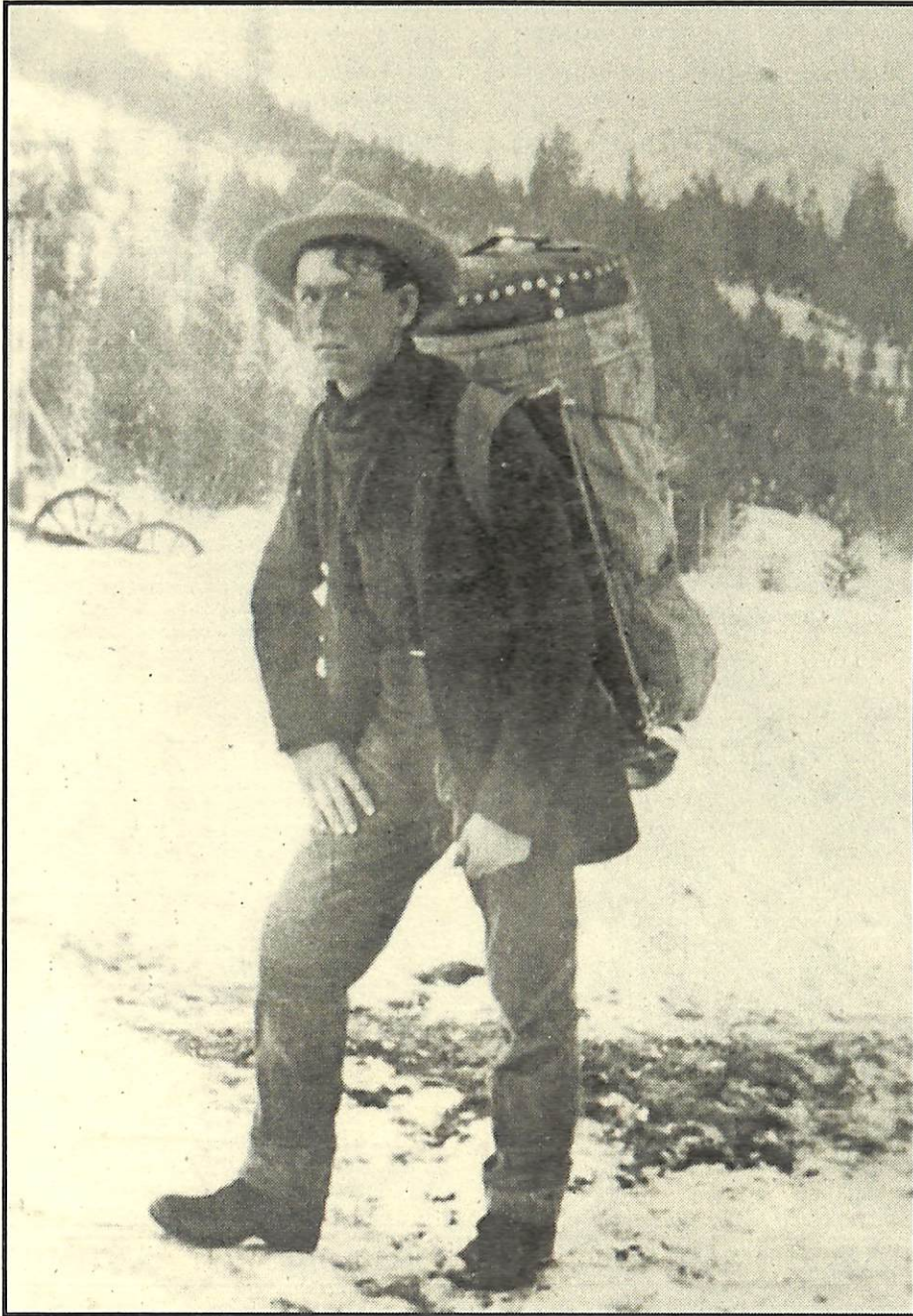
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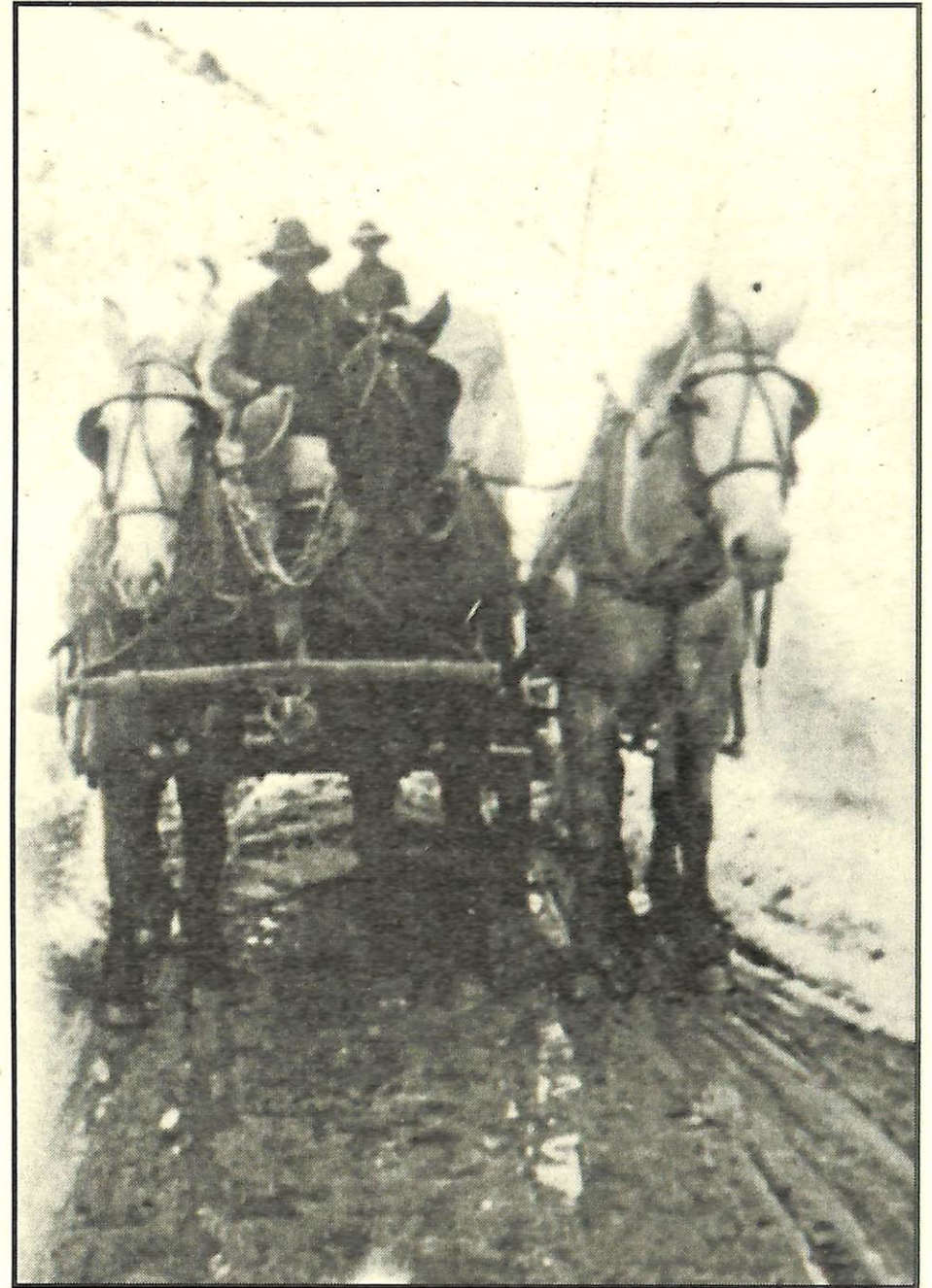
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|---|---|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | 1<br>Man loves company even if it is only that of a small burning candle               | 2<br>Two died of typhoid fever in Fairview – traced to well at creamery – 1933         | 3<br>Wyoming ranked 5th in United States in Swiss Cheese production – 1938     |
| 4<br>An acre of performance is worth a whole world of promise             | 5<br>Wyoming found her first oil near Fort Bridger – 1867                         | 6<br>Will Ross's coal mine in Salt Canyon produced 5 tons of coal per day – 1918   | 7<br>Lewis and Clark first saw the Pacific Ocean – 1805 / There is no such thing as a non-working mother. | 8<br>Anger is only one letter short of danger  | 9<br>Abraham Lincoln gave his Gettysburg Address – 1863                                | 10<br>Strawberry Canal in lower valley is incorporated – 1936                  |
| 11<br>Armistice Day – armistice is signed – 1918                          | 12<br>The plant and lines of the Lower Valley Power & Light was energized – 1938  | 13<br>The first train on the Union Pacific Railroad arrived at Cheyenne – 1867     | 14<br>To belittle is to be little, to be grateful is to be great  | 15<br>Congress created Jackson Hole Elk Refuge – 1912                                  | 16<br>Dr. West honored at special birthday party at the Stake House – 1946             | 17<br>Electric lights were turned on all over the valley, thanks to REA – 1938 |
| 18<br>Germany surrendered, ending World War I – 1938                      | 19<br>First hot lunches to start in the valley – 1936 / Love, honor and negotiate | 20<br>New power plant installed in Swift Creek Canyon by Afton Electric Co. – 1926 | 21<br>Boot legging whiskey is still raided up Swift Creek Canyon – 1921                                   | 22<br>The same fence that shuts others out shuts you in.<br><b>Thanksgiving</b>        | 23<br>The more often you win an argument, the fewer are your friends                   | 24<br>The Afton telephone office was made a toll station – 1960                |
| 25<br>Wyoming purchased ten million dollars worth of Liberty Bonds – 1918 | 26<br>The first Fireman's Country Store was held at the Wray Theatre – 1936       | 27<br>The first mail came through the South End instead of Crow Creek – 1930       | 28<br>The first step in making a dream come true is to wake up  | 29<br>It takes a lot of thought and effort and downright determination to be agreeable | 30<br>First document in Wyoming acted upon to guarantee full equality for women – 1869 |  |

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*Lee Corsi, Mail Carrier on Crow Creek Road  
(note: wagon wheels and telephone line)*



*Three Horses-up Hitch - Seth Nield, used by most  
freighters to provide horse power over the steep grades*



# DECEMBER

# 2012

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY   | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |   |   |   |  | <b>1</b> Unita County established including all of the present counties of Unita, Lincoln, and Yellowstone National Park – 1869 |
| <b>2</b><br>Beginning of Artificial Breeding Program for dairy cows – 1948           | <b>3</b><br>First human heart transplant – 1967                              | <b>4</b><br>Railroad connections between Cheyenne & Denver established – 1877   | <b>5</b><br>Sock Shuffle at the Valleon sponsored by Star Valley High School – 1947           | <b>6</b><br>Charles D. Cazier voted in as Presiding Elder in Star Valley – 1885 | <b>7</b><br>Japan attacked Pearl Harbor, World War II began – 1941                                 | <b>8</b><br>Johnson and Crook Counties were created – 1875  |
| <b>9</b><br>Vego Miller, first white child born in LaBarge, Wyoming – 1884           | <b>10</b><br>Governor Campbell gave women the right to vote – 1869           | <b>11</b><br>Forest Service & Bear Lake County go 50-50 to construct a new road – 1917  | <b>12</b><br>If we could sell our experiences for what they cost us, we'd all be millionaires | <b>13</b><br>Charles Brown installed first bathroom in Fairview – 1934          | <b>14</b><br>Ad in Independent: buy a Ford V-8 for \$510, Haderlie Motor Co. in Thayne – 1935      | <b>15</b><br>People are lonely because they build walls instead of bridges  |
| <b>16</b><br>Grandma Edgren of Thayne celebrated her 94th birthday – 1951            | <b>17</b><br>Blessed are the flexible for they will not be bent out of shape | <b>18</b><br>The only way to keep your health is to eat what you don't want, drink what you don't like and do what you'd rather not | <b>19</b><br>Hannah LaBelle Sibbett was first white girl born in Auburn – 1879                | <b>20</b><br>Scientists Pierre and Marie Curie discovered radium – 1898         | <b>21</b><br>John Colter wearing snow shoes entered Jackson Hole for the first time – 1807         | <b>22</b><br>Ad in Independent: Rubber Betsy Wetsy dolls for \$1.49 – Brog and Hemmert – 1938                                   |
| <b>23</b> The Night Before Christmas was published – 1823                            | <b>24</b> Cheyenne incorporated by an act of Dakota legislature – 1867       | <b>25</b><br>What soap is for the body, tears are for the soul<br><b>Christmas Day</b>  | <b>26</b><br>Burton Store in Afton installed high pressure gas lights – 1902                  | <b>27</b><br>Carter, later Sweetwater County was created – 1867                 | <b>28</b><br>How busy is not so important as why busy. The bee is praised, the mosquito is swatted | <b>29</b><br>John W. Stoner surveyed and plotted the town of Cokeville – 1890   |
| <b>30</b> In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life; It goes on | <b>31</b> 58 degrees below zero recorded at Auburn – 1978                    |   |   |   |  |   |

## CROW CREEK MONUMENT PROJECT – Ron Anderson & Lane Allred

**HALFWAY HOUSE** – The Crow Creek Road was the link between the Mormon settlements of Bear Lake and Star Valley for 50 years. The 100 mile round trip between Afton and the railhead at Montpelier would take a team of horses from 3 to 7 days depending on the conditions along the way. Road Ranches were set up to help provide for the needs of the freighters and their draft animals no matter what the weather. Nield Ranch to the north, Camp Giveout and Henggi's Dairy to the south, Halfway House in the middle became the biggest and best of all the stations along Crow Creek Road.

In 1912 Benomi (Noen) and Mary (Maime) Wilkes homesteaded 322 acres where cabins had been built by Hale-Tolman with the mail contract. Mr. & Mrs. Wilkes built Halfway House and a large barn that could house 32 teams and their drivers. This was a Haven for freighters, the mail wagon between Afton & Montpelier, and the daily stage coach where travelers could stop for dinner and a change of horses. Maime telephoned Afton daily to find how many guests were on their way so she could provide a family style meal on her wood-burning range. The bunkhouse had a cook stove for those who wished to cook their own meals. A stop at Halfway was a social event that provided a welcome relief from the hard work of a freighters life. Life at the Halfway House for the Wilkes family ended in 1925 when the state Highway (convict road) pulled the traffic over Salt Creek Pass further east.

**WHITE DUGWAY** – Clinging to the white shale formation a mile east of the new monument, is the White Dugway. There was moisture in the shale and when frost had it in its grip the road was very slippery. Freighters learned to be cautious as a wagon or sleigh could easily slide off the Dugway and tip over. Around this dangerous point, the first loads of salt were hauled from the Crow Creek salt mines to the Bear Lake Valley. Following the salt road, the first settlers entered Salt River Valley (Star Valley) improving the road as they traveled. For 50 years (1879-1929) the life line of the Star Valley Community was the Crow Creek Road. Cheese, butter, hides, wool, and hogs loaded on sleighs and wagons, moved to the railhead at Montpelier. Machinery and equipment large and small, household goods, food, clothing, and medical supplies were hauled on the return trip. The Star Valley Stage moved mail and passengers daily. New breeding stock (dairy & beef cattle, hogs, sheep & horses) were moved by rail to Montpelier and hauled or driven by this route to Star Valley. Virtually everything coming and going had a little thrill around the White Dugway.

**CAMP GIVEOUT** – Within 5 years after Apostle Charles C. Rich was called to establish a settlement in Bear Lake Valley, 1868, he looked at western Wyoming as a possible expansion of the Mormon community. By 1879 the Bear Lake Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints extended 90 miles to encompass the Salt River Valley, named Star Valley by visiting Apostle Moses Thatcher in 1878. The closest freight route to the railroad at Montpelier was 50 miles over Beaver Divide. Star Valley, a vast beautiful wilderness, clung to its existence by virtue of the supplies hauled by freighters over Crow Creek Road. By 1889 the population grew to more than 200 families who experienced the first severe winter since 1879. Starving animals were suffering the most but many families were in short supply of food. Men on snowshoes, hauling flour one sack at a time on their back, were not meeting the needs of the people. By March of 1890 the unprepared snowbound Saints sought help from their Stake President, William Budge in Paris, Id. Two experienced snowshoers who had left to seek help from family and friends in the Bear Lake Region, had not been heard from in more than two weeks. A road must be opened through deep & drifted snow in order that provisions and grain might be secured. On 17 March 1890, a company of 29 men with 11 teams of horses set out from Star Valley, wending their way up Crow Creek. The going was very slow. But they finally made it as far as what they named Camp Giveout. In the meantime, the 2 snowshoers had alerted the Bear Lakers who had set out with 18 men to open that end of the road. On the afternoon of 24 March the two parties met and camped below Snowslide Canyon. & traveled to Montpelier the next day. Early the next morning the Star Valley folks left to return to Star Valley with the much needed supplies. Though many animals starved to death, no human lives were lost because of the bad conditions. The station at Camp Giveout lasted only for a short length of time in 1908 a brush fire swept down from the east and burned the entire post to the ground.

**SNOWSLIDE CANYON** – by 1881, just 5 years following the opening of the Crow Creek Freight Road, freighters had started calling the canyon by that name. snowslides were frequent on snowy, windy days as drifts would build up on the shale ridge. Unable to hold the steep side hill, the snow would come crashing down on anything in the canyon below, damming off the creek. Over the years many loads were buried and several teams of horses were crippled or killed as they triggered a snowslide while pulling their loads along the road. It was truly a blessing that no man ever lost his life here as several had very close calls. Tommy Ritson was buried with his team while traveling with the Inez Campbell & Clifford Thornton wedding party on January 12, 1912. By holding his head up out of the rising water while digging him out, the party was able to save Tom's life. His team drowned in the water because they were unable to free them in time. In February 1914, 18 sleighs were caught in a blizzard in the canyon. Blocked by snowslides ahead and behind them, freighters managed to ride their horses out over the slide to Hanke's Ranch. They took turns by the fire to keep warm during the 4 days it took to dig out of Snowslide Canyon. Always hospitable with food and shelter for freighters, Jacob Henggi (Hanke) had a dairy & road ranch on Montpelier Creek located on what is now just above the head waters of Montpelier Reservoir. Hanke was a horse trader, a farrier, & a welcome sight to a weary freighter out on the Crow Creek Road.

# Star Valley Historical Society

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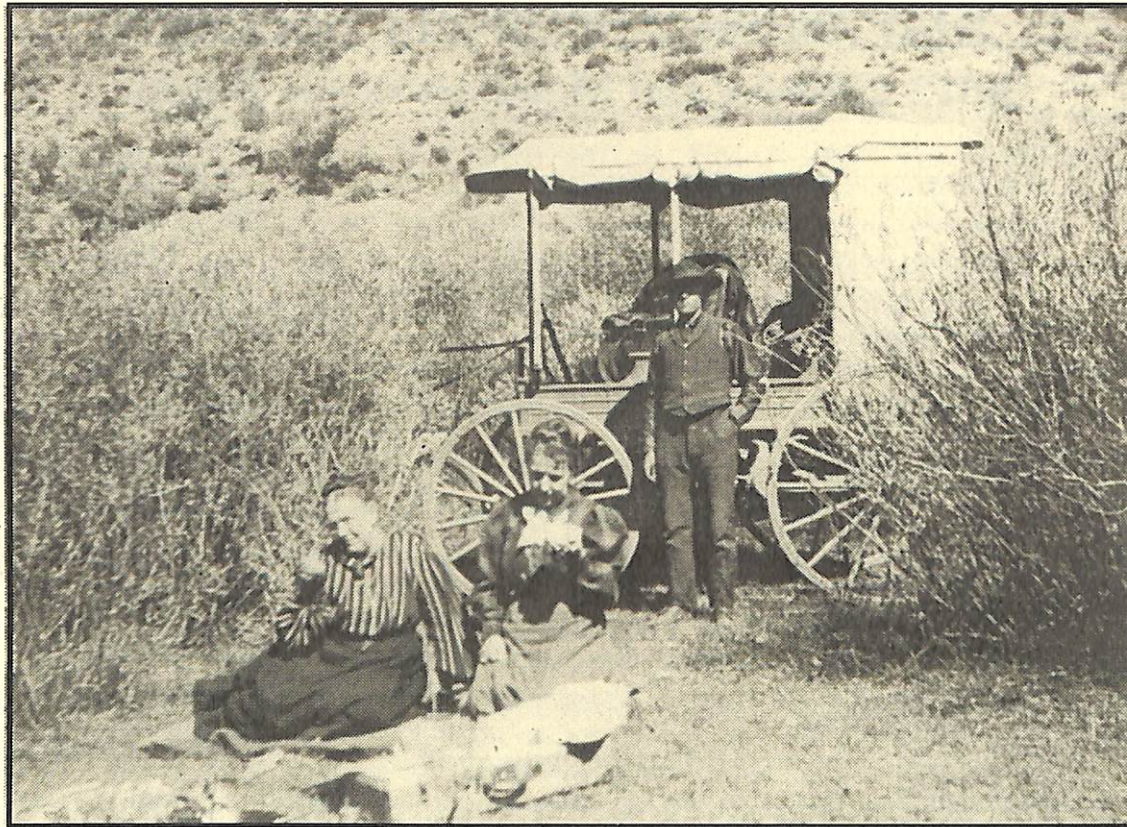
### Membership

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| Star Valley Chapter Dues..... | \$10.00 Single \$20.00 Couple   |
| Annual State Dues.....        | \$30.00 Single * \$40.00 Couple |

\*(Includes membership for the Wyoming Historical Society, Two issues of the "Wyoming Annual", and the state monthly newsletter.)

**Chapter Organized December, 1982**

A general meeting is held each month. The public is invited.



*Ben Nield Stage*

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