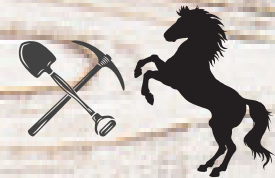


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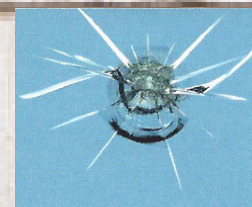


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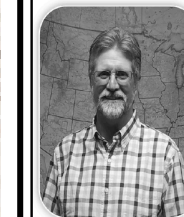
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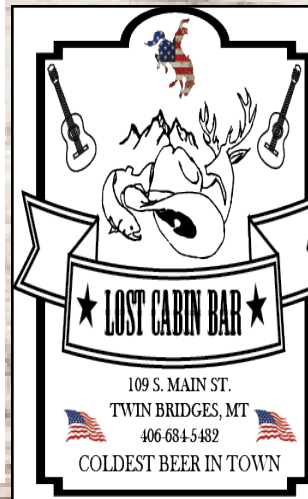
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The arrest and execution of Ives galvanized the men who had a growing desire to punish those thought to be responsible for various robberies and assaults that had taken place in the Bannack-Alder Gulch region. In the week following the Ives hanging, Sanders remained in Virginia City accompanied by an ever-present bodyguard, was a principal in establishing a Vigilante committee for the town. Almost simultaneously, a vigilante group was also being established in Nevada City. These groups were soon merged, and Wilbur Sanders was elected as “Official Prosecutor” of the Alder Gulch Vigilance Committee.

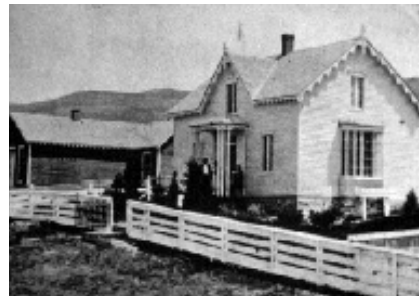
A few days following Sanders’ return to Bannack, a small party of the Alder Gulch Vigilantes paid him a visit with some rather astonishing news—Sheriff Henry Plummer and his deputies Ned Ray and Buck Stinson had been identified (by a man whom they had arrested) as part of an elaborately organized gang of road agents. With some difficulty the Vigilante posse and Sanders were able to recruit a few Bannack men to help them take Plummer and his deputies into custody and, without benefit of a trial, the accused road agents were hanged. This appears to have been the only vigilante execution in which Sanders participated, but he would proudly acknowledge his membership in the vigilante organization throughout his remaining years.

The Sanders family moved to Virginia City in early 1864, (where they would later build one of the city’s most elegant homes) and formed a law partnership with Jerry Cook. Soon thereafter, the Territory of Montana was created and was in the throes of its first election. Sanders would serve as the president of the Montana Historical Society (which first met in Virginia City) from 1865 to 1891, was a founding member of the Society of Montana Pioneers, a founding member of the Masonic Lodge in Montana, its first Grand Secretary (1866-68), and the Grand Master (1868-69). He was also a founding member and President of the Montana Bar Association, a charter member and Commander of the Montana chapter of the Grand Army of the Republic, and President of Montana Wesleyan University in Helena. Most significantly, he was a tireless advocate of the Republican Party—many times to the frustration and embarrassment of the party itself. As the Dillon Tribune eulogized, July 14, 1905: “[Sanders] was loud, always to his own worldly detriment, in his condemnation of political dishonesty or fraud, and within his own party, he oftentimes stood alone upon a separate platform.”

In the fall of 1868, Sanders joined the exodus from Virginia City to Helena—and earn the ever-lasting enmity of its residents and proponents by taking a leading role in the effort to relocate the territorial capital. Over the years, Sanders’ strident rhetoric and political machinations would offend many Montanans, including Governor Benjamin Potts (himself a Republican) who opined that Sanders was “the most unscrupulous man who ever disgraced the legal profession.” And although Sanders was consistently defeated in his bids for election as Territorial Delegate, he was elected to serve in the Territorial House of Representatives from 1872-80. His political endurance was ultimately rewarded in 1890, predictably amidst great controversy.

Wilbur F. Sanders made many other contributions to the State of Montana during his lifetime. He was corresponding secretary to the Society of Montana Pioneers when it was formed December 11, 1864; was elected first chairman of the Montana Bar Association when it was organized in January 1865; and when the formation of the Montana Historical Society was authorized on February 25, 1865, he was elected president. He held that office until February 1, 1890, a period of twenty-five years. In his career as an attorney, Sanders gained a reputation for representing minority defendants, including Chinese and Native Americans. In a sensational 1881 trial, Sanders led the defense for Ah Wah and Ah Yen, Chinese miners on trial for murder. Sanders argued reasonable doubt and lack of evidence, and the Montana Territorial Supreme Court acquitted the defendants. In the 1890s, Sanders represented the Chinese community in Butte, Montana, against labor unions boycotting Chinese businesses. At that time senators were selected by the state legislature. In Montana, the Democrats and Republicans split into two groups that year, each selecting a set of senators, but the election of Sanders and his running mate, T. C. Power, was upheld by the U. S. Congress. After admission to statehood in 1889, Montana held its first election for the U.S. Senate which—true to course—ended in dispute. Unable to resolve the deadlock, the state legislature sent two Republicans (Sanders and Thomas Power) and two Democrats to Washington. The impasse was resolved by a vote of the Republican-controlled Senate that seated both Republicans. Lots were drawn between Powers and Sanders in order to stagger the terms of the newly appointed Senators, and Sanders, literally, drew the short straw, giving him only three years in office..

71 year old Colonel Sanders died on July 7, 1905 and was interred in Forestvale Cemetery in Sanders County, Montana which was named in his honor. In 1913, his memory was also honored with a memorial statue, largely financed by W.A. Clark. Currently located within the capitol building, the statue is inscribed with perhaps one of Sanders’ briefest, but most memorable statements: “Men, Do Your Duty.” As Wilbur Fisk Sanders said, when he headed the historical society in its infancy, “Here is a society of your own creation ... organized for your own uses, conducted in your own interest, to preserve your own story, and to keep in perpetual memory the manner of men (and women) you are.” The late Colonel Wilbur F. Sanders was considered a man of the highest honor, intelligence and integrity. Some loved him and some hated him—and there were plenty of those who were in each camp—one must admit that Wilbur Fisk Sanders was an influential force to be reckoned with in early Montana days.



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Colonel Wilbur Sanders in front of a store in Butte, MT.

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**SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS:** *Sheridan* - Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. - CB Murray Media Center, Zoom option provided on each agenda, found at [Sheridan.k12.mt.us](http://Sheridan.k12.mt.us) | *Twin Bridges* - Second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. - Conference Bridge Call-in number: 406-467-1555, Participant Code: 437988 - *Alder* - Second Thursday of each month at 5 p.m.

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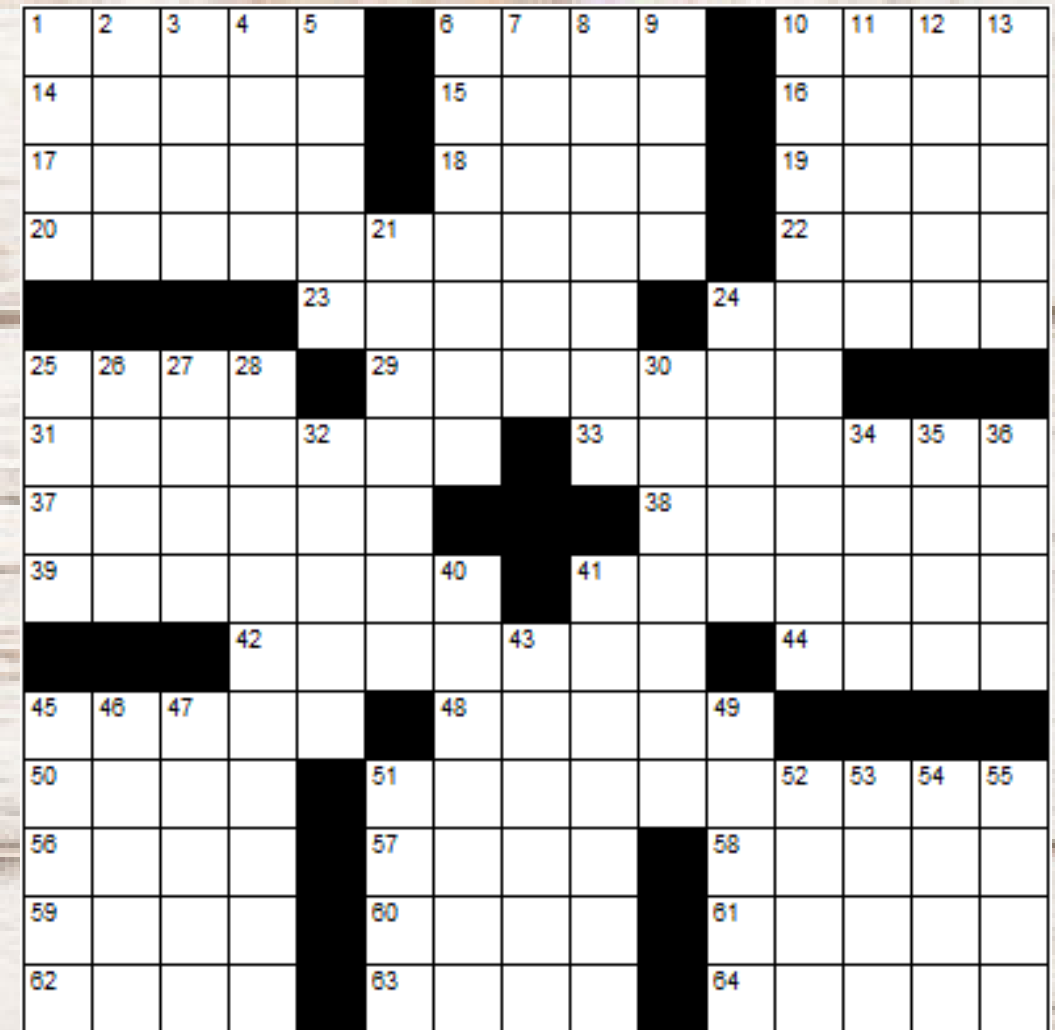
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| 9. One who colors cloth            | 36. A whitetail           | 40. Umpire                |
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May 4, 2021

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If you are interested in serving as a council person, please send a letter of interest to PO Box 78 Sheridan, MT 59749 stating your qualifications. Letters must be received by June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021 by 4:00 p.m. Interested parties must have resided within the Town City limits for at least 90 days prior to applying.

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**May 2021**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Close-Up for Seniors	MS Mad. Cou. Track @Dillon	Teacher Appreciation Day				HS/MS Track @Man.
				Band Trip		HS Track @Msla
					District Track Meet	
		Board Meeting				
		Senior Portfolios	K-8 Spring Concert @ 6:00 PM	K-11 Portfolios	Divisional Track Meet	
	Student Council Campaign Week					
	Academic Awards Assembly	Senior Finals		State Track Meet		
Class of 2021 Graduation @ 1:00 PM	No School					

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						HS track meet (Manhattan) 11am MS track meet (Manhattan)
	No School - Spring Day! 11am Madison County Track Meet, 5-8 gr, Dillon	6pm Booster Club mtg	Teacher Appreciation Week			HS track meet in Dillon MS track meet in Deer Lodge
Mother's Day		7pm REG BOARD MTG (MT room/conference call)			District Track Meet (Gallatin Gateway)	
		12:30pm Gr 5-8 Awards & Ice Cream from Veterans			Divisional Track Meet (Missoula)	
2pm HS Graduation (main gym)	K-4 Field Day	6pm 8th Grade Promotion			State Track Meet (End 4th qtr/2nd sem Last Day of School!)	
	Memorial Day					

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