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MONDAY, MARCH 14TH, 2022


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“GOV” E.M. POLLINGER

Elijah Miller Pollinger was born near Mechanicburg, Pa., in 1836. He was the third of nine children born to George and Matilda Pollinger, both natives of Pennsylvania. His father was one of the staunch pioneers of that period and served with honors in the war of 1812.

At 18 years old Mr. Pollinger helped build the Columbia turnpike, one of the first in Pennsylvania. Most importantly he was employed in the staging business, which was the means of transportation across the vast stretches of our country west of the Mississippi before the railroads and highways were known in that territory. In 1857 he moved to Lawrence Kansas, where he was identified with various staging outfits. He was a witness to many stirring events which gained the state the title of “Bleeding Kansas”. In 1860 Elijah was employed by a firm of Russell, Majors and Wattles which operated the Central Overland Express. This was exciting times for Mr. Pollinger who was then in charge of stages traveling through Pikes Peak.

He arrived in Virginia City Montana in 1863 with a stock of merchandise which he had brought across the plains in four wagons hauled by ox teams. Not an easy trip for anyone involved. He unloaded some of the merchandise to various shop owners in Virginia City and then went on to open his own store in Bannack. Not long after he sold everything and it was said he made a large profit. In 1865 he cultivated and cut 250 tons of hay where the city of Dillon now stands and then hauled it to Virginia City where he made a very nice profit at \$100 a ton. In 1865 he discovered the quartz mines at Argenta and then sold those claims shortly thereafter for a very nice price.

He then started the first real Stage Line trade war in Montana with the exception of the early day fur companies, this took place in 1866. Ben Holladay, whose mighty Overland line spanned the western half of the continent from St. Louis to California, was given the first mail contract into Montana from Salt Lake to Virginia City in 1865, and

as soon as that line was working in good shape, he put on a daily stage service between the then capital of Montana, Virginia City, and Helena. At about the same time two other stage companies were organized for carrying passengers and express between Virginia City and Helena.

At that time Virginia and Helena were booming mining camps. Gold excitement was at fever heat, and as new camps were being established frequently with succeeding fresh strikes of placer gold, there appeared to be an opportunity for building up a stage system of considerable proportions in the territory between the various camps. Competition between the three stage lines immediately became extremely high, and the Overland company had no sooner put its stages in operation between Helena and Virginia at a rate of \$25 in gold dust than one of the other lines cut the rate to \$20 and the other at once would follow suit. The superintendent of the Overland of course was “Gov” E. M. Pollinger. He had been successively messenger, stage driver and agent for Holladay at various times on the transcontinental line, and by this time knew every angle of staging. Seeing that he was in for a rate war, he cut the rate at once to \$10. His competitors countered by making the rate \$5, Pollinger went them one better and cut their rate \$3. Then for months the three lines were carrying passengers 125 miles between the two camps at the ridiculous price of \$2.50, and freight rates proportionately. Every morning three fully equipped six-horse stages would pull out from Helena for Virginia City, and three from Virginia City for Helena. The stages were crowded and the road from Helena to Virginia City was a new one and a rough one for most of its 125 miles. Normally It took 16 hours to make the distance, allowing for stops and meals and changes of stock every 18 or 20 miles. Pollinger saw that he would have to make the competition still stiffer if he wished to get rid of his competition, so he cut the time from 16 to 14 hours, then to 12 and finally to 10 hours, including stops. This made an average of 12 1/2 miles per hour the entire distance of 125 miles. The competing companies followed his pace. It resulted in a three-cornered race for all seven days between the three stages from Helena to Virginia City, and another from Virginia to Helena. More frequent changes of horses were arranged for and the stages were driven at a fast gallop the entire distance. Some days one line would win the race and then another line. As a rule the Overland, having the best stock, made the best time. It made lots of excitement for the passengers and there was much betting on the results. It was not an uncommon thing for as much as \$500 to be bet between passengers on the different stages, the winner invariably giving the drivers a generous cut of the stakes to encourage them to the greatest efforts. The struggle was long and bitter, but finally the Overland won out and the two competing lines went out of business. It is said that more than 100 horses were killed in keeping up the terrific pace. As soon as competition ceased Pollinger restored the old rate of \$25 gold or \$37.60 in greenbacks, or, as they were often contemptuously called, “Lincoln Skins.”

“Gov” Pollinger, as he was known to most of the Montana pioneers of the '60s, and to many thousands of later comers afterward, was very popular among all classes, and he was one of the characters of the staging days in Montana who stood out. Pollinger was always in those days said to be immaculately dressed — in fact the Beau Brummel of Montana in the '60s and '70s. He was a very fine horseman and always drove a fast, well-matched and spirited team and a fancy buckboard, with which he made much better time on the road than the fastest of all the stages as it was told.

Many pioneers relate that it was well worth while to see “Gov” Pollinger pull his pair of trotters up with a flourish at a hotel or stage station, toss the reins to a waiting hostler and methodically remove his driving gloves before he alighted from his buggy. He possessed a keen sense of humor and had a reputation as well as wit. In later years he had charge of a stage lines in the Jefferson Valley with headquarters at Twin Bridges, near his ranch.

Elijah purchased some ranch land seven miles east of Twin Bridges and called it the “Alaska Ranch”. He hauled the lumber to build his house from Helena, sadly this house had burned down some years ago, but the Alaska Ranch is still around to this day. His ranch holdings totaled two thousand acres in the two ranches which were five miles apart. He married Helen Cook who was born in Michigan, on May 29, 1870. They had the following children: George H. who was a miner in Bear Gulch, Maggie Lee, Lillian, Arthur M., Warren E., Ruth, Alice, Clyde, Lowell & Roland. He sold the ranch in 1900 and lived in Twin Bridges staying active with community events, keeping history alive by re-telling stories from his past and entertaining his neighbors with a vibrant green, porch sitting, talking parrot.

Elijah moved to Pasadena, California in 1911 with his son Lowell due to health issues and passed away April 19, 1913.

He was never the Governor, but he gained the name for running down “lawbreakers” in the early days of Montana territory.

He was a beloved pioneer that saw the west when the west was wild, moved fast when needed and slowed down when it was time.

Researched and Written By Joetta Wetzsteon

RUBY VALLEY HAPPENINGS

CALCUTTA: March 14 at the Blue Anchor Bar - Doors Open at 5:30 pm - See Ad

LEPRECHAUN DASH: Saturday March 19 - Start time at 1 pm - See Ad

CASINO NIGHT: March 26th - Start time at 6 pm at the Blue Anchor Bar- See Ad

JORDAN ALLHANDS BENEFIT : April 9th at 2pm at the Ruby Valley Brew/Jensen Building 111 S. Main Street in Sheridan, MT Live Auction at 4pm - Silent Auction from 2-5pm- Free BBQ Meal starting at 2pm (Donations Appreciated)

Crafters: Are you having Cabin Fever? Would you like a chance to show your work? We would like to invite you to the Sheridan Senior Centers’ “Craft & Odd and Ends Sale!” It will be held at the **Sheridan Senior Center on Saturday, April 2nd from 9 am to 3 pm.** Set up time will be Friday afternoon, April 1st from 1:30 to 5 or Saturday morning from 7-9. It is \$5 for a card table, \$10 for a long table or \$2 for a quilt display or chair. Tables will be provided, but space is limited so sign up will be on first come, first serve basis. If you have any questions call 406-207-0334 and ask for Mary Baughn.

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CAKEWALK: April 9th at 6pm at the Virginia City Elks Lodge- See Ad

25TH ANNUAL VIGILANTE ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION BIG GAME BANQUET: April 30th at the historic round barn in Twin Bridges. Doors open at 4 PM. Fun evening of friends and family, with a chance to win premium firearms, top notch outdoor gear and art. A good time for a great cause! For tickets, contact Leesa at (310) 780-0319 or leesabingham@gmail.com

GARAGE-A-RAMA: Saturday April 30th from 9 am to 2 pm - See Ad

FIREMANS BALL : May 7th at 3 pm - Derby starts at 4:50pm - BBQ Dinner at ;30 pm Dancing to Follow - Event to be held at the Round Barn on Bayers Lane -- Twin Bridges, MT - Tickets Sold at Opportunity Bank in Sheridan ant Twin Bridges.

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ZUMBA: Every Monday & Wednesday Nights from 6:30 to 7:30 pm at the Twin Bridges Town Hall/Fire Hall. \$20 a month.

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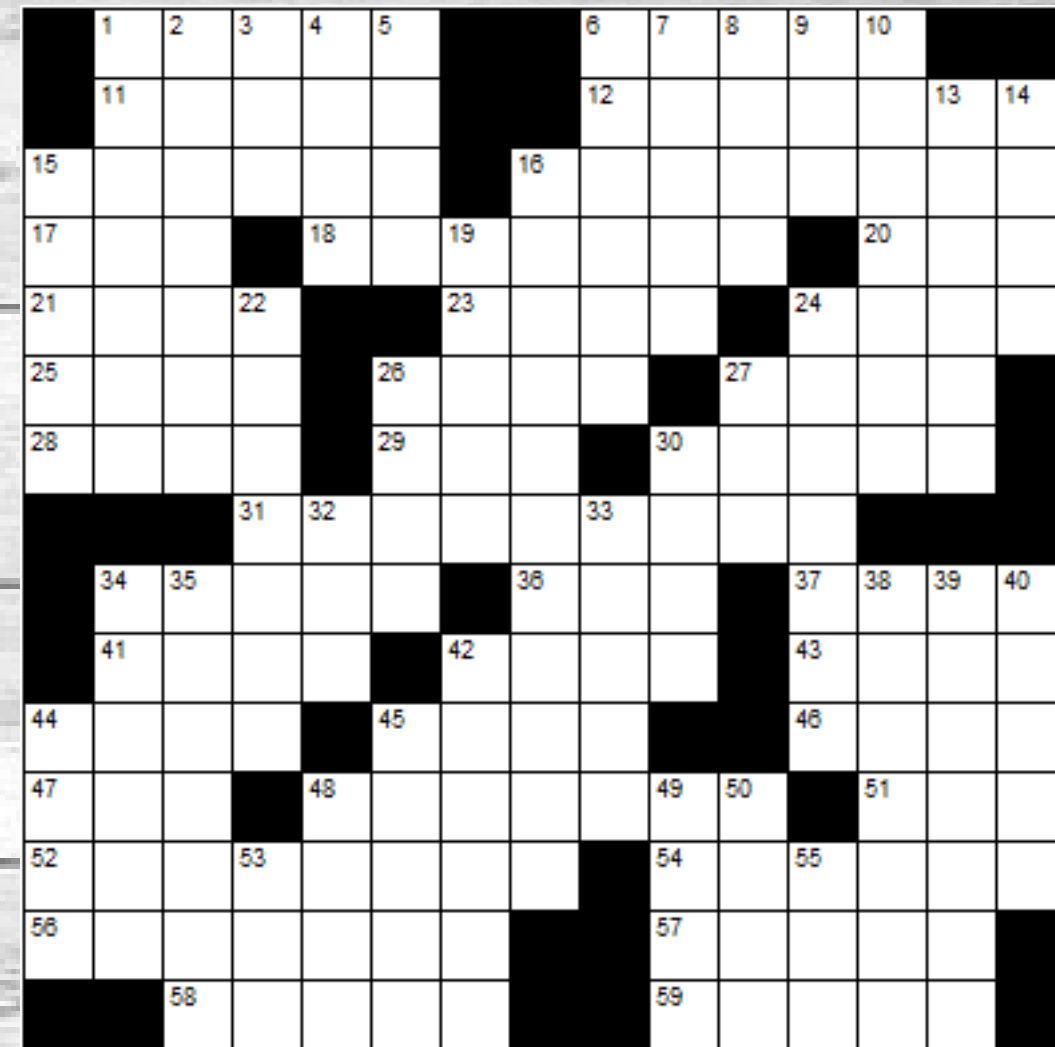
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15. Putting surfaces
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20. And so forth
21. Fastens
23. Prima donna problems
24. Journey
25. Check
26. Not cool
27. Historical periods
28. Backside
29. "___ Maria"
30. Supporting column
31. Demoted
34. Motionless
36. Era
37. Sea eagle
41. Low, flat land
42. Put away
43. A noble gas
44. Not false
45. Blend
46. Docile
47. Hairpiece
48. Popeye's favorite food
51. Not brilliant
52. Breathing in
54. Hulled corn
56. Swarming
57. Express a thought
58. Rituals
59. A kind of golf club

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| 5. To be, in old Rome | 32. Shade tree | |
| 6. Funny television show | 33. Ancient Greek marketplace | |
| 7. Intertwines | 34. Place of worship | |
| 8. Anagram of "Silo" | 35. More difficult | |
| 9. Consumed food | 38. Interpreting written material | |
| 10. Genuine | 39. Candidate | |
| 13. Certify | 40. Foe | |
| 14. A door fastener | 42. Insect wounds | |
| 15. Minim | 44. Blockhead | |
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		6pm Booster Club mtg (MT rm)	1	2	7pm Astronomy club mtg, K-6 (MT rm)	4 State Robotics (Belgrade) Wrestling tournament (TB)
	6	7pm Reg Board Mtg (MT rm)	8	9	10 State Basketball Tournament	11 (Great Falls) 8am Vendor Event (MT rm)
13 State BPA	14 Conference (Billings) HS Track practice starts	15	16 HS Academic Olympics (MSU Bozeman) REACH (RV hospital)	17 St. Patrick's Day	18 10am First Aid training (MT rm)	19
20 Close-Up leaves for Washington D.C.	21	22	23 End 3rd qtr	24 MS Band Festival (Whitehall)	25 No School - Spring Day! 7pm Astronomy club mtg, 7-12 (MT rm)	26
27 Close-Up returns from Wash. D.C.	28	29	30 ACT testing	31	25-26 25 Madison County Madness Basket-	

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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	Closeup Carnival 5:00	FFA Conrad Crops & Mechanics	FFA Conrad Crops & Mechanics
		1 Board Meeting 7:00	2 Sheridan Spelling Bee Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 HS Academic Olympics Spring Picture Day Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	10	11	12 Prom @ Fair Grounds
13	14	15 MS Academic Olympics HS Track Starts	16 HS Academic Olympics Spring Picture Day Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	17	18	19
20 FFA CDE Days Miles City	21 FFA CDE Days Miles City	22 FFA CDE Days Miles City	23 Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	24 End of Quarter 3 MS Band Festival	25	26
27	28 UM State Science Fair	29	30 FFA State Convention Bozeman Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	31		



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