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## ***DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS***

(Ed.)

Ok shooters it's that time again! Sunday Morning March 13<sup>th</sup> 2:00 AM (the day of our March shoot), you need to have set your clocks ahead one hour the night before, or you might be late for our shooters meeting!! Let's hope the weather goes back to the February temps we saw at the last shoot!!!

## ***SHERIFF'S BLOTTER***

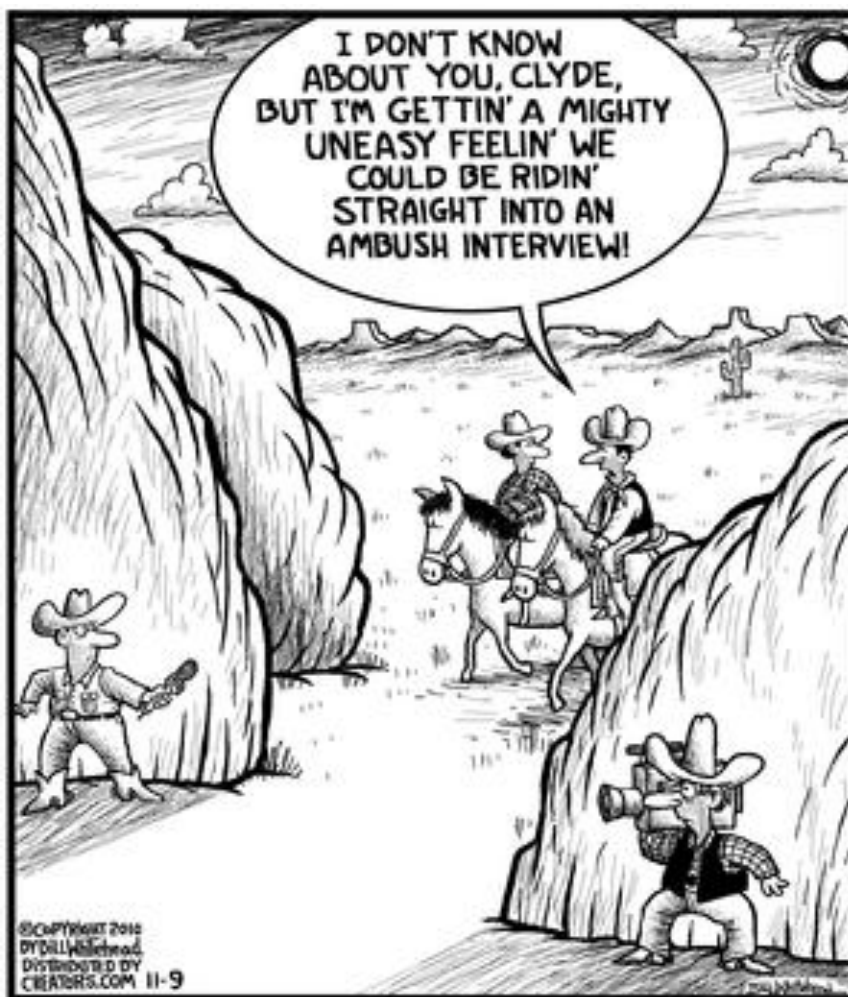
By Jasper Agate

Howdy all,  
As I am writing this its 30°s and the snow is flying once more. I'm sure glad we had such wonderful weather for our Feb Match. We had 38 smiling faces join us and all seemed to have a great time. Thanks to Southpaw for writing and setting up six fast and fun stages. I really liked the HEART sweep, perfect for our Valentines match. Our Social Wrangler, Fanny Seabride, had a special award for the fastest couple. It was won by Vicious Vicci with the help of Reno Slim. We had the cutest couple on our posse until one of them missed a few shots and then the fur began to fly! Deadeye Dick told Irish Ike that he was going to find a new partner. I think Fanner Fifty was about to fill Ike's shoes! I asked Tumbleweed Ed to be my partner, but I think he was holding out for a faster shooter. Southpaw set up two bays with three stages on each and I think it worked out very well. Long Arm had a blind card shot for a \$1.00 a run with the high card center shot taking home a bottle of whiskey, congrats to El Dorado! We had a few new shooters and at least one that we haven't seen in a very long time. It was great to see Smitty among us again. We also had the President of the Silver State Shootists, Shotgun Marshal come out and enjoy the sun. Our old friend, who I introduced as a new shooter, Nevada Joe Crow came back to shoot with us again. The guy was transferred to Elko and finally made

it back to our range, we've missed you Joe! Russian River Ranger made it out after a long absence and brought out his oldest son, Wildcat Kid, welcome Kid and keep bringing Pops back out!

I've heard a few members speak of plans in the works for when the shooting season rolls around this spring. CC Dollar is putting on the April match and

have get-togethers like we use to. She volunteered her place and thought we should do it sometime between July and September.( I hope she told Slim about this!) I gave the time frame to BeeBad so she could schedule herself off, more info on this soon. It sounds like we are going to have a great summer Washoe Zephyr wanted me to let you



is hoping to bring his trailer out for the weekend, COUNT ME IN!! Denio thinks we should have a few club camping trips and Reno Slim has already got the ball rolling on our very first Steak and Bake to be held during our Fourth of July celebration. Vicious Vicci was telling me that we just don't

know that he is now making a small gun cart the breaks down without tools and fits in the trunk of a compact car. I've been to his cabinet shop and he knows what he is doing. If you are interested see him at the next match or get a hold of me and I will put you in contact with him.

Fanny Fifty had two hats blocked by Virginia City Hat Makers and was quite pleased with the results. I recently blocked one of my rattier hats and I'm pleased that there is someone close who can do a better job than I did! We are putting their card into the back of our newsletter.

That it for now, see you on the range!

## ***THE SLIM PRINCESS***

Next in a series from Harold's Club  
Pioneer Nevada

Railroads were a booming business in Nevada during the eighties. Short lines such as the Virginia and Truckee, made fabulous fortunes for their owners. The great Central Pacific was doing a thriving transcontinental business, and little feeder lines which hauled Nevada ores and bullion to the main line railroad, were repaying owners' investments at an amazing rate. It was a crazy decade of speculation in railroad building when investors could visualize fortunes through the medium of transportation.

A child of this great desire for expansion was the Carson, Colorado Railroad, fondly called the Slim Princess. Organization of the company was completed in 1880 with Henry Yerington as the builder and Darius O. Mills as the financial "angel" who supplied the money from his New York office. By late spring of 1881 a hundred miles of trackage had been completed through the desert regions from Mound House, just east of Carson City, to Hawthorne on Walker Lake. The road was pointed for the Colorado river to tap the great potential mineral resources of half the State of Nevada, but for some reason revenues on this first one hundred miles failed to meet expectations. Instead of pursuing the original course the roadbed took off toward the mining country surrounding Candelaria. It wound up and over the White Mountains, finally coming to a halt at Keeler, California, on the shores of Owens Lake, three hundred miles from its starting point.

Wisecres insisted Yerington had lost his compass and that the Carson, Colorado should change its name to the C and O since the letter O symbolized its destination—nothing.

Upon its completion, D. O. Mills came out from New York to ride his Bonanza line. After traversing the entire route

Mills told Yerington "either this line was built three hundred miles too long or three hundred years too soon!"

And so it proved to be, at least financially. A few sporadic shipments of ore from Esmeralda County, bolstered now and then by rich rock of the Darwin area, kept the railroad running. When Tonopah was discovered and Sodaville became a freighting center, the Carson, Colorado was quite busy, but as mining dwindled and highway transportation took over most of the traffic, the Slim Princess became more of a sentimental connection with the mauve decade than an actual transportation arterial.

Many are the Nevadan's who remember riding the route to Keeler when the fireman would get out to put ashes on the icy track so the little engine could gain traction over Montgomery summit, and just as vivid are the memories of times when passengers and crew would ride in the open door box car taking pot-shots at jackrabbits along the right-of-way; when the engineer would stop the train if someone's hat blew off, or pause for an hour or two while the conductor, later a governor of Nevada, drove by buggy to his sweetheart's ranch for dinner.

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## ***TREASURE CITY***

From NEVADA GHOST TOWNS &  
MINING CAMPS

By Paher

Treasure Hill! The very name suggests a rich strike in romantic surroundings. Near the top of that eminence, on its western slope, the first cabins were built in November 1867, and early the next year Treasure City town site was laid out with the White Pine district's first business center. The Hidden Treasure and Eberhardt mines, both multimillion-dollar silver producers, began large-scale development and a swarm of adventurers arrived that summer. Within a year, after additional rushes, this "city above the clouds" contained about 6000 souls, second only to Hamilton in the district. White Pine was considered much faster than the Comstock; more men made and lost fortunes in its first year than in the early days of Virginia City. Every White Piner was on the sell and the district was filled with self-proclaimed millionaires. In less than two years' time, over 13,000 claims were located on Treasure Hill; most of them were never worked. "Feet" changed hands at enormous prices, and buying and selling of real estate took place at a furious pace. Claim-jumping was such a common occurrence that on a certain night sixty lots were jumped in Treasure City. Personal occupation and a well-oiled revolver often constituted clear title.

The town grew on a sloping surface amid several hundred claims, and shallow shafts and pits crowded streets and alleys. Many two-story structures and fireproof buildings extended along Main Street for over half a mile; stores and saloons occupied the lower side while the upper side had lawyers' offices and stores.

Treasure City was said to have altitude, silver, population and whiskey — everything except an agreeable climate.

Situated on the exposed side of a mountain, the town took the brunt of bleak, fitful blasts of icy winds that howled through the district most months of the year. Its citizens were often plagued by the horrid pogonip — a merciless lung-stinging fog which hung over the city in the wintertime. Deep snowdrifts not only destroyed buildings but also blocked roads and hampered mining development. But the people on Treasure Hill were caught up in an incessant whirl of excitement and endured the grim discomforts because of the rich ore.

At its height in the spring of 1869, Treasure City had the daily White Pine News, post office, stock exchange with seats worth \$300 each, theater, Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges and other amenities of an incorporated city. The business district had at least 42 stores, a bank, Wells Fargo office and several saloons. Prices were outrageously high for most goods.

In August 1869 a bitter labor dispute hit the mines, marked by parades and beatings of nonunion workers. Order was finally restored when several union officials were arrested for inciting riots. The union had to disband as a result of the strike.

Later in the year shallow veins and excessive litigation brought the district into decline. By the end of 1870 most of the population had left for greener fields. In the spring of 1874 Treasure City's business district succumbed to flames and little if any of it was rebuilt. The 1880 census showed only 14 voters left in the town where 11 years earlier the mines were allegedly so rich that they threatened to glut the world money market. Probably as much as \$20 million in silver had been recovered by 1880. Remnants of buildings, tunnels, and caved-in shafts extend for over a mile. The only digging on Treasure Hill is now done by squirrels and foxes.



***MATCH DATES***

**AREA MATCHES**

**HIGH PLAINS DRIFTERS:**

First Sunday of each month, Fernley, NV. Contact Irish Ike at (775) 424-2336.

**SILVER STATE SHOOTISTS:**

Matches are the third Sunday of the month at the Carson Rifle and Pistol Range. Shooters meeting is at 9 AM spring and summer hours and 10 AM fall and winter hours.

**UPDATE**

**BRIDGEPORT VIGILANTES  
COWBOY SHOOT DATES  
2010**

**3RD SATURDAY OF THE  
MONTH**

**May 15th** we will have a bar-b-que after the Shoot

**July 19th**

**July 24th**

**August 20th** Robbers Roost Vigilantes will join us. After the shoot there will be a bar-bq hosted by Bridgeport Vigilantes

**September 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th** 3 day Bridgeport Vigilantes Eastern High Sierra shoot out

**October 23rd**

**November 13th** Last shoot of the year

**November 18th, 19th, 20th, and 21st** Defend the Robbers Roost, Ridgecrest, Ca.

**December 18th** Bridgeport Vigilantes Christmas Party

**Directions to new range** — off hwy 395 true on hwy 182 go 3.6 miles to cowboy shot sign. Fernley come hwy

***MATCH DATES***

338 to hwy 182 at state line go 8.6 miles to cowboy shoot sign.

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