

# The Overland Post

Overland Trail Museum Current Events Newsletter

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## Hours of Operation

Monday—Saturday  
9am—5pm  
Closed Sunday

## Admission

Adults (19+) - \$5.00  
Seniors/Youth (60+/12-18) - \$4.00  
Children (4-11) - \$1.50  
3 and Under - FREE

Howdy partners! Saturday, June 4, at the Overland Trail Museum is sure to be a rootin'-tootin' good time! Mosey on out for Family Fun Saturday, where kids 12 and under get in free! Family Fun Saturday's "The Cowboy Life" is full of steer roping, fun facts, bison target practice, awesome artifacts, and cowboy crafts! Get a wiggle on anytime between 9am—5pm. Family Fun Saturday is a self-guided activity where kids and parents can discover and learn new things, as well as play together at the museum. For any questions, please call the museum at 970.522.3895.

## *“THE COWBOY LIFE”*

SATURDAY,  
JUNE 4



**HISTORY**  
*CAFÉ*

THERE WILL BE NO  
HISTORY CAFÉ  
IN JUNE!

LOOKS LIKE THERE  
IS A LOT OF NEW  
STUFF AT THE  
MUSEUM!



AND THEY HAVE MORE  
NEW AND EXCITING  
THINGS HAPPENING  
SOON!



## NEW SIDEWALKS

to the  
Caboose,  
Train  
Depot &  
the new Print Shop & Media  
Center have been put in!!



## COMING SOON...

### Summit Springs Exhibit

the largest single collection of  
Summit Springs artifacts will become  
a permanent exhibit at the Overland  
Trail Museum.

### Print Shop

### & Media Center

The grand opening for the Print Shop  
& Media Center will be happening  
this summer. More information to  
come.



Talking Trail is up and ready  
to experience!!

# HERITAGE ON THE PLAINS

4 Days of Music, Fun, History & Fireworks

## FRIDAY, JULY 1

Logan County Courthouse Square  
BEER GARDEN JULY JAMZ BACKYARD  
PRESENTING: RUSTY 44 BARBECUE  
COMPETITION

## SATURDAY, JULY 2

Historic Downtown Sterling  
The Art of  
BARBECUE COMPETITION Heritage on the Plains  
Beer & Wine Fest LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT

## SUNDAY, JULY 3

Overland Trail Museum's  
★ HERITAGE ★  
★ FESTIVAL ★  
at Pioneer Park

- 10:00 Church in the Park  
hosted by Sterling Foursquare
- 11:00 Opening Ceremony
- 12:00 Colorado Vintage Baseball  
Association Game

\* Live Entertainment \* Flatlanders Car Club \* Parts & Labor's Root Beer \*  
★ \* Food \* Blacksmith Sam Demonstrations \* Kids Activities & Games \*

## MONDAY, JULY 4

Pioneer Park

# FIREWORKS!!

Start at Dusk



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# A Portal To The Past

## THE EVENING ADVOCATE

Sterling, Colorado, Wednesday, June 28, 1922

STREETS GLEAM IN COLORS AS DELEGATES TO REUNION COME

GATHERING OF RAIN CLOUDS CAUSE NO GLOOM  
IN BUSINESS DISTRICT OF STERLING

As clouds gathered over Sterling this afternoon with the promise of needed rain, there was no trace of gloom in the business district of Sterling. Buildings throughout the district gleamed in the colors of purple and white and red and blue in anticipation of the opening of the annual convention of the Colorado Elks' state reunion association this evening. The advance guard of the convention was arriving, and everywhere on the streets were to be seen groups of men, badge-bedecked and dressed jauntily in summer attire.

At noon forty-seven delegates to the convention had registered at the Elks' home, where a tent has been raised for a registration booth. At 2 o'clock the number had grown to more than a hundred. A rapid increase in the registration is anticipated this evening as incoming trains bring scores and other scores come by automobile



from near-by cities, just in time for the opening session of the convention. It has been expected that only a few Elks, aside from the Greeley Delegation who stage the initiation of candidates this evening, would arrive today. Some Denver men were here soon after noon, however, and it was reported that delegations from Leadville and Fort Morgan probably would arrive by evening, in order to see the convention from its beginning.

Among the Greeley Elks were Exalted Ruler J. H. Redman, Past Exalted Ruler R.E. Hanna and Loyal Knight Dr. Haefeli. R. B Kendall, exalted ruler of the Grand Junction lodge, also arrived this afternoon. George Shranksy, celebrated golfer reached Sterling this afternoon with a following of Fort Morgan Elks.

### Thursday To Be Big Day

Indications are that Thursday

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will be a much larger day in the matter of attendance than has been expected.

The trapshooting, tennis and golf tournaments open simultaneously tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Sterling merchants have prepared well for the visitors. Stores have been decorated throughout with much thought and striking effects in the Elks colors have been attained. Windows contain displays of the most striking beauty. Floats for the illuminated parade of tomorrow evening, which combine ingenuity and graceful lines with the elks' colors have been prepared and the parade undoubtedly will be the most novel thing of its kind ever seen in Northeastern Colorado.

### Public Concert This Evening

While the principal event of interest to Elks today is the session at the home at which a class of candidates will be initiated, a program for the public beginning at 10:30 o'clock will be held. This will be preceded, at 8 o'clock, by the weekly concert of the Sterling Municipal band.

Tomorrow's program will include, besides the tournaments, an Elks'

carnival at the fair grounds, baseball games between Canon City Elks and the combined forces of the Cripple Creek and Victor, informal dancing at the home, meetings of exalted rulers and secretaries, an evening garden party for Elks and their ladies at the courthouse lawn, the illuminated parade, dancing at the Elks home, band concerts at the courthouse park, and midnight follies for Elks.

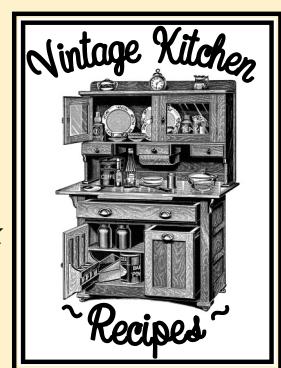
The aeroplane from the Denver field of the Curtis-Humphreys company, the arrival of which was scheduled to mark the opening of the convention, reached Sterling ahead of time, about 11:30 o'clock. Accompanying the aviator Bert Cole is a parachute jumper, James Cochran, who is expected to give exhibitions during the convention. This feature of the convention is one provided by the Denver lodge.

### A RECIPE FROM MARY BLAKE—FAVORITE RECIPES

#### CARNATION SUMMER SALAD

(MAKES 6 SERVINGS)

2 Packages (3 ounces each)  
lemon flavored gelatin dessert  
1 cup hot water  
1 cup undiluted Carnation Evaporated Milk  
1/4 cup lemon juice  
1 cup chopped cooked ham  
(or canned luncheon meat)  
1/2 cup chopped celery  
1/4 cup chopped green onions  
2 tablespoons chopped green pepper  
2 tablespoons chopped green olives  
2 tablespoons chopped pimiento  
1 tablespoon steak sauce  
1/2 teaspoon salt



This recipe card is made perfectly to fit inside of a recipe card box. ♥

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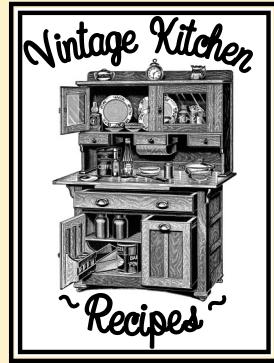
## Colorful Colorado: The Great Wall of China Hoax

On a hot summer's day in June, 1899, four Denver newspapermen had a problem: they were low on news. The four men represented some of Denver's most popular papers of the time: *Post*, *Republican*, *Times*, and the *Rocky Mountain News*. Depending on who you read, they were either all independently assigned to the 'downtown beat' or were waiting at the train station to see if someone interesting arrived to write about. No one had. The group retires to a local watering hole to commiserate about their ill fortune.

One of the men – sources differ on who – proposed a solution: make something up. They needed column inches filled after all! The group settled on a fake but rather harmless article about the Great Wall of China. The story concocted was as follows: Henry Lewis, an engineer from Chicago, was on his way to China because the Chinese government was planning to demolish the Great Wall and wanted bids for the process. Several Denver papers printed the story as a small column, though the Denver Public Library notes that *Rocky Mountain News* never did

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*Dissolve lemon gelatin in hot water. Chill to a thick syrup. Chill Carnation in refrigerator tray until soft ice crystals form around edges of tray (15 to 20 minutes). Whip until stiff (about 1 minute). Add lemon juice and whip very stiff (about 2 minutes longer). Combine ham and vegetables with steak sauce and salt in bowl. Fold in whipped Carnation and chilled gelatin. Blend thoroughly and place in 1 1/2 - quart mold. Chill until firm (about 2 hours). Unmold by dipping in hot water for a few seconds, and serve on platter lined with salad greens.*



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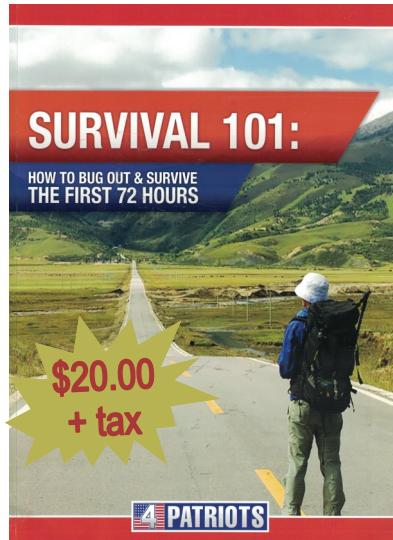
By Brian Jesteadt

for an unknown reason. From there, it spreads the next few days in small articles as far as Chicago and Washington D.C as papers reprint and occasionally add their own comment.

The hoax is basically forgotten until 1939, when Harry Lee Wilber writes an account of it for the *North American Review*. Wilber leans in and adds plenty of salacious details, like debates among the four men and strident headlines that didn't exist. As the Denver Public Library notes in its account – Wilber almost perpetuated a hoax of his own! Notably, Wilber states that the Chinese populace heard about the supposed plan to tear the Great Wall down and it kicked off the Boxer Rebellion. Suffice to say, this is patently untrue. The Denver Public Library traces Wilber's source material to a sermon from Bishop Henry Warren, one of those 'be careful what you say' tales.

Wilber's elaboration on the hoax spreads, and his accounting is republished in books about hoaxes in the 1950's and 1970's. The story lives on today, with a play by Lloyd Suh, an article from the Denver Public Library, and even its own Wikipedia page. Not too bad for a tall tale concocted in a bar!

# Logan County Historical Society Gift Shop

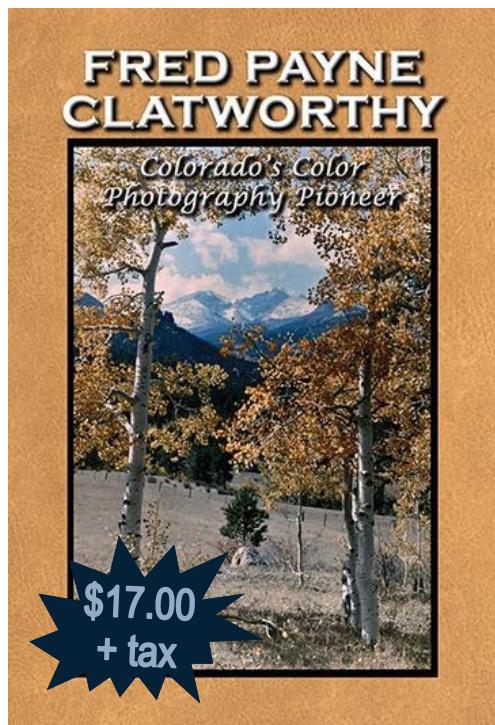


THIS IS THE CRITICAL, NO-HOLD-BARRED SURVIVAL MANUAL YOU NEED TO KEEP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE NO MATTER WHAT CRISIS YOU MAY FACE.

## About the Author

Orrin Knutson is a retired cowboy, police officer, private investigator and firearms instructor. As an avid outdoors man, accomplished horseman, lawman and hunter, Orrin volunteered as a tracker for search-and-rescue teams across the Rocky Mountain states and participated in numerous captures and rescues. The most disappointing finds he made were people who had become lost and perished because they were poorly equipped and had no survival training. At the urging of his family and friends, he wrote this book to help others.

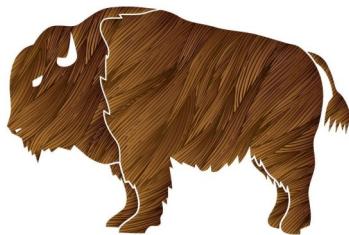
A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS FROM THIS BOOK GOES TO THE WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT.



## *"Always in Search of Pictures"*

In the early 1900s Fred Payne Clatworthy was one of the first Americans to use the autochrome, the first practical form of color photography, and to be commercially successful with it. A notable landscape photographer in both color and black and white, he traveled the equivalent of twenty-five times around the globe capturing scenes that he projected on a giant screen for audiences numbering in the thousands; *National Geographic* magazine published six series of his autochromes featuring images of Rocky Mountain National Park, Mesa Verde, the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, Zion, Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. During his sixty-five-year career, he operated a photography studio, gift shop and ice cream parlor in Estes Park, Colorado.

# A Look Back At May



EXPLORE

ENCOUNTER

DISCOVER

LEARN

## SCHOOL TOUR SEASON RECAP & STATS

### 9 SCHOOLS:

ARICKAREE, WRAY, COLUMBINE, JULESBURG,  
PEETZ, AYRES, LIBERTY, AKRON, GREEN ACRES

+

### 16 DAYS OF TOURS

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### 573 STUDENTS

142 TEACHERS & PARENT VOLUNTEERS

### 4 SCHOOLS:

CAMPBELL, CALICHI, FLEMING, MERINO

+

### 4 DAYS OF WAGONS WEST!

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### 174 STUDENTS

59 TEACHERS & PARENT VOLUNTEERS

## GRAND TOTALS:

13 SCHOOLS

747 STUDENTS

201 TEACHERS &

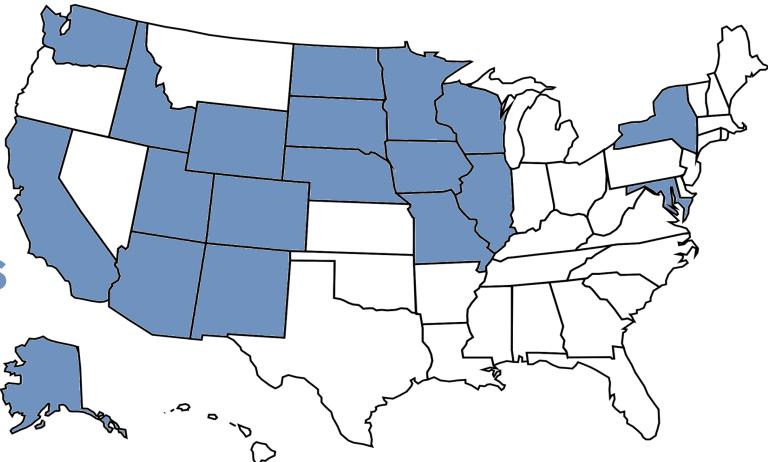
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In the **month of May**,  
the Overland Trail Museum  
welcomed visitors from all  
over the country!

People from **19 different states**  
came through the entrance door  
to explore and learn about  
Logan County's history!



## DID YOU KNOW...

You can buy yearly passes to the museum?

Individual Pass—\$15.00

Family Pass \$30.00

Passes are good for a year from the purchase date

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