

The Overland Post

Overland Trail Museum Current Events Newsletter

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April Showers...

April 2, 2022



For a splashing good time, come soak up the history in the Overland Trail Museum on Saturday, April 2, 2022, for FAMILY FUN SATURDAY, anytime between 9am-5pm! Discover items in the museum's collection while learning Fun Spring Facts! The theme for this month is "April Showers . . .". Spring activity sheets and an umbrella mobile craft will be taking place out in the classroom of the High Plains Education Center. Family Fun Saturday is FREE for kids 12 and under with a paying adult. We hope to see you there!

Family Fun Saturday occurs on the first Saturday of every month and consists of self-led activities, which family members can enjoy together. Children 12 and under are always free on Family Fun Saturday. Reservations are not required, simply show up anytime between 9am and 5pm.

Upcoming Activities & Events



China & Glassware From Days Gone By

We hope you can join us on Wednesday, April 27, at 10:30 am for History Café at the Overland Trail Museum. Our topic for the month of April will be a fun look at some of the beautiful china, pottery and glassware that is on display at the museum. We'll learn about names such as Goofus glass, Belleek, Wedgewood, Fiesta, and more, as we take a look at an era where, along with your dinner plate, your dining table could hold a finger bowl, a salt cellar, a crumb catcher, a soup tureen and more!

If you have a special piece of china, pottery or glassware that you would like to share with us, please feel free to bring it along! We would love to see and hear about some special objects that live in your home!

History Café takes place on the last Wednesday of the month in the High Plains Education Center at the Overland Trail Museum. Admission is \$3.00 and includes coffee, tea, muffins and history! Please call (970) 522-3895 to reserve your spot!

Prairie School Registration

Saturday, May 7 · 9am · High Plains Education Center



The Prairie School sessions are tentative at this point

May 31 - June 3

June 6 - 9

June 20 - 24

July 11 - 14

Prairie School runs from 9am-1pm

NO EARLY SIGN-UPS

Western Art from the Great Plains



Items in this exhibit belong to the permanent collection at the Overland Trail Museum. Some pieces are currently a part of other exhibits and some pieces have never before been seen at the Museum.

Art that will be displayed includes five bronze sculptures by the late June Thompson and newly acquired western paintings by Brigitte Shafer. Other pieces on exhibit will include a large tanned hide with Native American pictograph, a unique "horn chair" from a historic ranch house, a silver-studded western saddle that belonged to a Logan County cowboy and much more.

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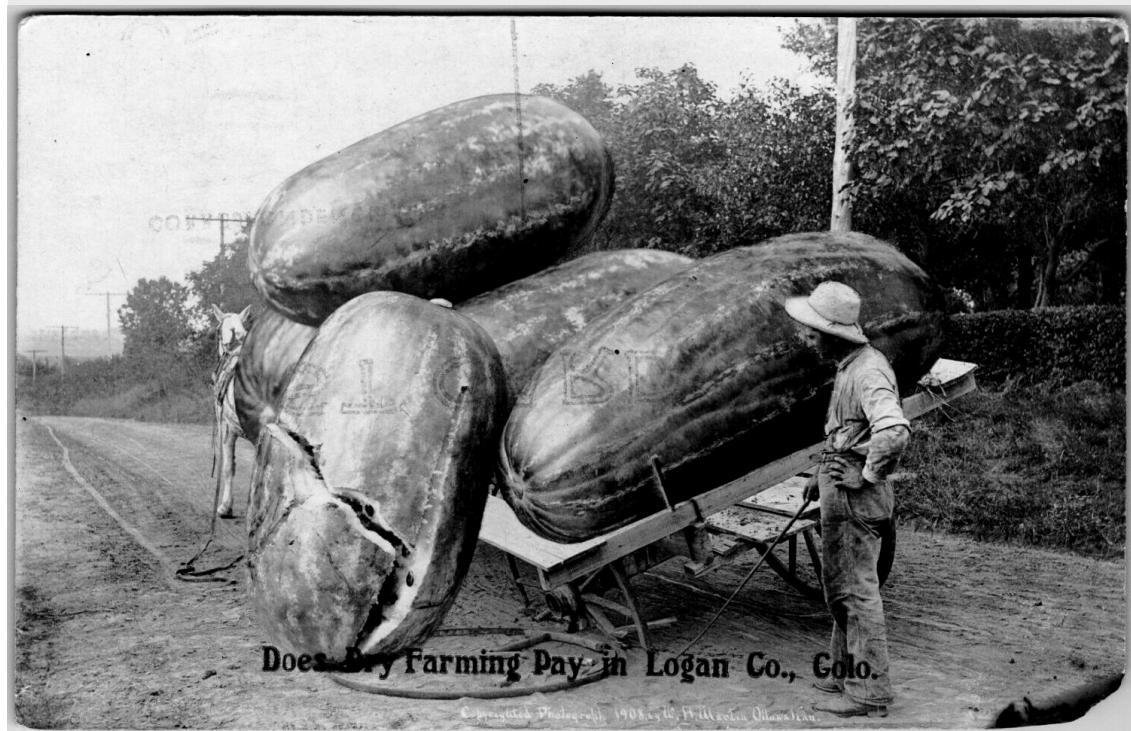
visions, and they came true."

A Portal To The Past

Exaggeration Postcards

By Brian Jesteadt

Postcards flourished in the early 20th century, with changing postal rules allowing for picture postcards to be sent for a penny and free rural delivery of mail. According to the New York State Library, over 900 million were sent in 1913! That's a little over nine cards per person in the United States at the time. Logan County was in on the trend, with locals both sending and producing postcards of a variety of styles. Perhaps my personal favorite is the 'exaggeration postcard,' one made as a pictorial tall-tale. These often featured oversized or undersized people, animals, or objects. Photographers would labor for hours physically printing and manipulating layers of images to make the exaggerated design. One particular flavor is the agricultural exaggeration – with oversized fruits or vegetable yields and boastful messages. One such example by William H. Martin from 1908 is below: "Does Dry Farming Pay in Logan CO., Colo."



While boastful, featuring immense watermelons, the image has a wry twist to it with the broken wheel. The dry land farmer as a victim of his own success. The postcard was created by William H. Martin in Owalla, Kansas. Martin was a photographer and major producer of exaggeration postcards in the early 1900's. He even had distribution deals for other printers to print and sell his handiwork, with

millions sold. As such, one can find this same postcard with other locales printed on it: Nebraska, Colorado, and Washington examples are known. Martin sold his postcard business after only a few years and used the money to found a signage company.

In the end, postcard mania faded as World War I started. Germany was a major printing source for a variety of postcards and German exports to the US became hampered by war production, blockades, and bans on trade. Postcards never went away, but they never quite reached that height of eight or more postcards a person per year.

A Portal To The Past

THE EVENING ADVOCATE

Sterling, Colorado, April 7, 1922

RUSSIAN WOMAN FINED FOR ATTACK ON CITY POLICEMAN

Mrs. Martin Distel a Russian woman living at 514 Phelps Street, was fined \$100 and costs in police court this afternoon on a charge of fighting on the street. It was alleged in evidence introduced at the hearing that the woman attacked Patrolman Henry Taylor when he attempted to arrest her husband Thursday evening. The fine was remitted, however.

The Officer responded to a call about 8 o'clock, stating that a disturbance was being raised at the Distel place. There he attempted to arrest Martin Distel. The Russian, it is said, gave fight, and his wife began to hurl stones and cans at the officer from the rear, cutting the back of his neck and injuring his left eye. A crowd gathered at the scene and in the confusion Distel made his escape. Taylor

pursued him, and overtaking him a block away, overpowered him. A blow sent the Russian prostrate to the ground, and the officer fearing that he had injured him, went into a house to call for the police car. When he returned the Russian had escaped.

Warrants charging disturbance of the peace

were sworn to in justice court this morning against Distel and his brother, neither of whom could be found today. The woman, when taken to the police station, pleaded that she had six children to care for and her fine was remitted during her good behavior. The place has been one of frequent annoyance to the city.

*A RECIPE FROM
FLOWER CIRCLE COOKBOOK - 1928*

Chocolate Robins - Mrs. Roy E. Smith

1½ squares unsweetened chocolate
½ cup butter
3 eggs
¾ cup flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
¾ cup nut meats
¼ cup chopped dates or raisins
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon salt

Melt the chocolate over hot water with butter.

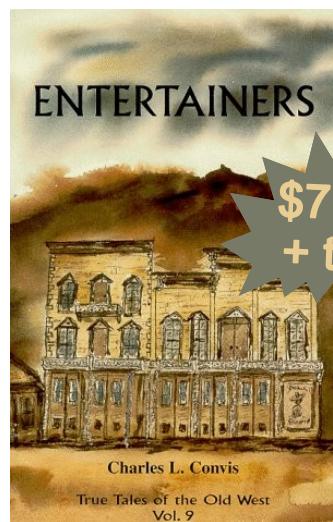
Beat the eggs with the sugar; add the butter and chocolate.

Sift flour, baking powder and salt, add to mixture, then the nuts, dates and cinnamon. Spread in a well-greased pan and bake 15 minutes in moderate oven. Cut in squares or strips; should be very soft when baked.



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

Logan County Historical Society Gift Shop

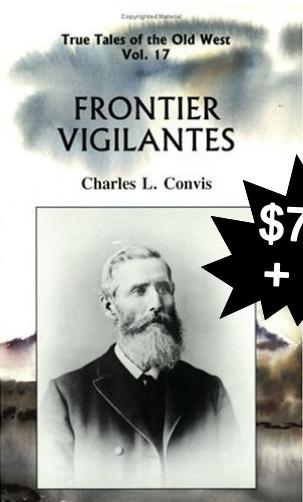


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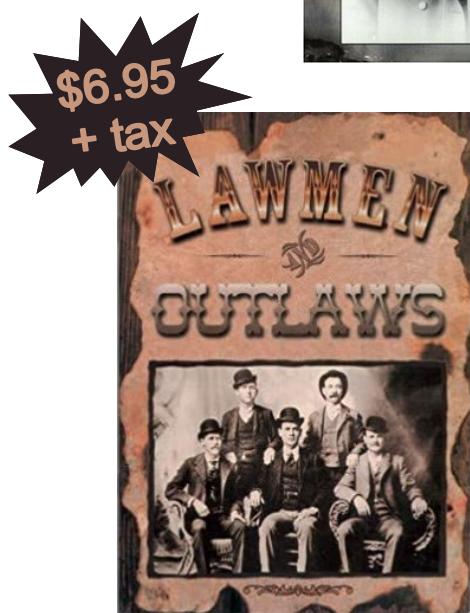


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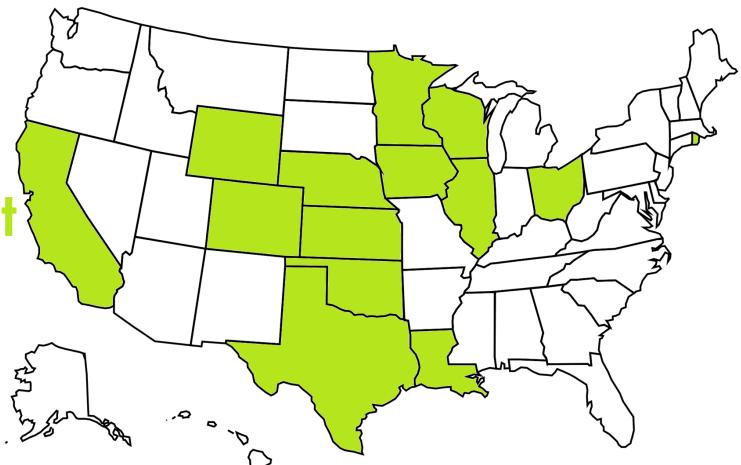
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Profiles and photographs of famous lawmen and outlaws from 1850-1900.

Profiles include: Butch Cassidy, Kid Curry, Laura Bullion, Tom Horn, Jack Davis, John Beidler, William Preston Longley, Joaquin Murietta, Cattle Kate, Cole Younger, John Wesley Hardin, Wild Bill Hickok, Isaac C. Parker, Belle Starr, Jesse James, "Black Jack" Ketchum, Billy the Kid, Pat Garrett, Black Bart, Tiburcio Vasquez, Wyatt Earp, Bob Dalton, Christian Madsen, Bill Doolin, Bill Tilghman, and "Heck" Thomas.

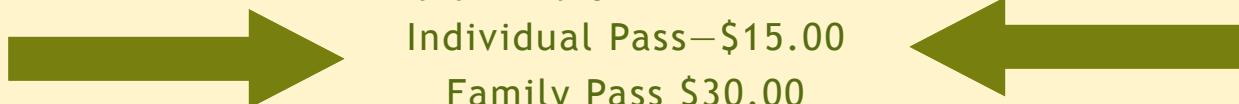
A Look Back At March

In the **month of March**, Overland Trail Museum welcomed visitors from all over the world! People from **13 different states & 1 country: Canada** came through the entrance door to explore and learn about Logan County's history!



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