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The Mayor's Anvil:

Forging Understanding

By Mayor Fordyce Beals

Billy Dixon "Shot of the Century"

Last month I introduced an account of the 2nd battle of Adobe Walls from one secondary source. In the interim I found a close to primary source:

A Biography of Billy Dixon detailing his life on the Texas frontier and his part in the fight at Adobe Walls (1874), based on his personal narratives.

His wife, Mrs. Olive Dixon, states in the introduction, "At our home on our claim in Cimarron County, I took down from his dictation the greater and essential part of the present narrative." Only one short paragraph details the shot:

On the third day a party of about fifteen Indians appeared on the side of the bluff, east of Adobe Walls creek, and some of the boys suggested that I try my big "50" on them. The distance was not far from three-fourths of a mile. A number of exaggerated accounts have been written about this incident. I took careful aim and pulled the trigger. We saw an Indian fall from his horse. The others dashed out

of sight behind a clump of timber. A few moments later two Indians ran quickly on foot to where the dead Indian lay, seized his body and scurried to cover. They had risked their life, as we had frequently observed, to rescue a comrade who might be not only wounded but dead. I was admittedly a good marksman, yet this was what might be called a “scratch” shot.

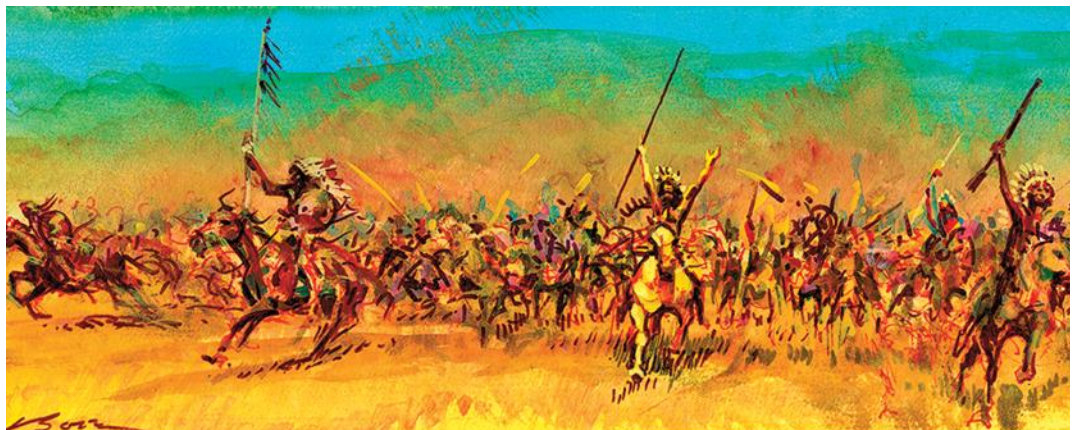
More secondary source information:

One account stated that at the Adobe Walls trading post and saloon the buffalo hunters had access to unlimited ammunition and played a betting shooting game, aiming at the rock bluff next to where the Indians were assembled. Thus, the sight setting for that distance was known. (see 2nd picture below)

Was the disputed shot possible? In 1992 Mike Venturino (working as Shooting Times’s shooting editor) used a Sharps Model 1874 in .50-90 to recreate the shot and proved that the rifle would need to be elevated just 4.5 to 5 degrees. A five-degree muzzle elevation can easily be achieved with only the rear barrel sight on a Shiloh Sharps.

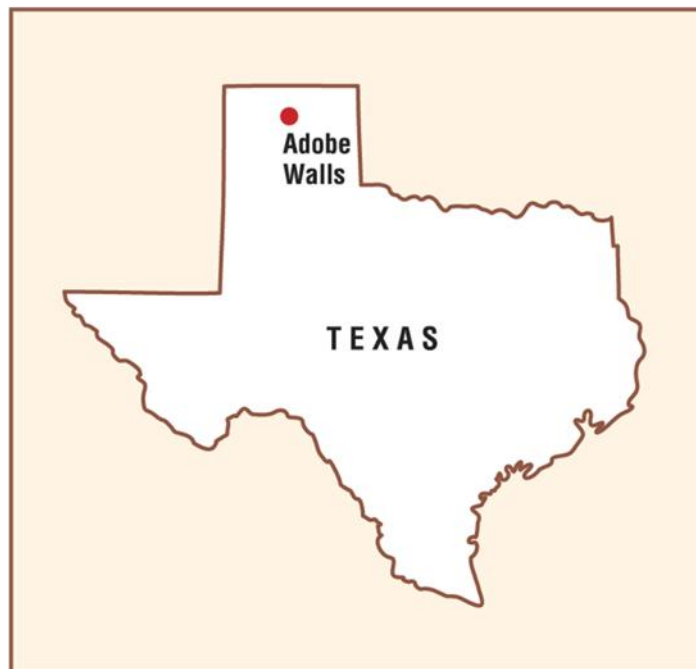
The Shot of the Century sent the war party into a retreat, and the siege on Adobe Walls was lifted. Medicine Man White Eagle had earned the hatred and derision of his fellow warriors. They changed his name to Isatai’I, which meant “Wolf’s Vulva” or “Coyote Vagina,” the type of insult common among the rough Comanche warriors.

Elmer Keith used to correspond with Billy's wife Olive in later years. Billy Dixon was awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery during the subsequent Buffalo Wallow Fight and later served as a sheriff and postmaster in Hutchinson County, Texas.





In 2015, members of the Wild West History Association re-staged Billy Dixon's shot and put two riders on the actual bluff above Adobe Walls in approximately the same position as the Indians who believed they were beyond the range of the Sharps rifles.





Quanah Parker's Version of the Fight

"We at once surrounded the place and began to fire on it," recalled Quanah Parker, shown above, at right. "The hunters got in the houses and shot through the cracks and holes in the wall. Fight lasted about two hours. We tried to storm the place several times, but the hunters shot so well we would have to retreat. At one time I picked up five braves and we crawled along a little ravine to their corral, which was only a few yards from the house. Then we picked our chance and made a run for the house before they could shoot us, and we tried to break the door in, but it was too strong and being afraid to stay long, we went back the way we had come."



THE SHERIFF'S LOG

Howdy All,

The dog days of summer will soon be here, but we had a great July match! The weather wasn't too warm, Sam Ootie wrote some really great scenarios, and we shot the 'shady' bays. It was a great turnout and there were even three RVs out there!

If you're looking for a place to shoot in August, come join us at 5 Dogs Creek. Sam Ootie is writing the stages again and will make them fast, fun, and in the shade. Plus, it is our 'Paniolo' shoot, we're honoring our fellow cowboys and cowgirls in Hawaii. So put on your favorite tropical attire (closed toe shoes are a must) and join us.

If you missed it, Dirty Hands was officially made a 'gun boy' in a ceremony officiated by Utah Blaine in July. Congratulations to Dirty Hands and Sam Ootie, the newest members of the 'gun boy' club! A big congratulations to Utah Blaine for the 2025 Top Hand award. He has spent many years in service to the range, both on the Town Council and with his physical labor!

We had elections for Town Council members. Your Town Council members are Mayor -Fordyce Beals, Sheriff - Lap Dog, Banker - Leia Tombstone, Newsletter Editor - Dominio Blaze, Territorial Governor - Professor Cubby Bear, Telegraph Operator - Montego and assisted by WTF Bottles, and Range Wrangler - Brandin' Iron and assisted by Utah Blaine and BD Hawk. A big thank you to the Town Council members!

I am sad to report that **Burly Bear** passed away on July 18. He was a club member for many, many years. He was one of the really good cowboys, always ready to lend a helping hand, had a smile on his face, and a good word to say about everyone He will be missed.

See you at the range,
Lap Dog



Celebrating Another Official Induction to “Fraternal Order of Gun-Boy”



CONGRATULATIONS DIRTY HANDS!



*THE LOVELY CHICK MA & THE GUN BOY CLUB MEMBERS:
SAM OOTIE, DIRTY HANDS, MAD TRAPPER OF RAT RIVER, UTAH BLAINE*

CELEBRATING THE 2025 TOP HAND



UTAH BLAINE



PREVIOUS TOP HAND AWARD WINNERS:

MISS BARAH LEE MISDITT, SAM OOTIE & LEIA TOMBSTONE

CELEBRATING THE PANIOLO

PANIOLO HAWAIIAN COWBOY

THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS HAVE A RICH RANCHING PAST THAT PREDATES THE AMERICAN WEST'S BY DECADES.

IN 1793, GEORGE VANCOUVER—AN ESTEEMED OFFICER WITH THE BRITISH ROYAL NAVY—GIFTED KING KAMEHAMEHA I WITH A FLOCK OF SHEEP, ONE BULL, AND FIVE LONGHORNS.

KAMEHAMEHA PROMPTLY PLACED A KAPU ON THE CATTLE. THAT CUSTOMARY RESTRICTION BANNED HUNTING OF THE CATTLE FOR A DECADE.

THE HAWAIIAN MONARCHY LATER STARTED HIRING FOREIGNERS TO CAPTURE & KILL CATTLE FOR THE BEEF TRADE THAT WAS BECOMING HAWAII'S BIGGEST EXPORT.

PARKER RANCH PRECEDES MANY TEXAS & SOUTHWESTERN RANCHES BY MORE THAN 3 DECADES.

FOR 51 YEARS, MAKAWAO HAS PRESENTED THE MAKAWAO RODEO AND PANIOLO PARADE, HOSTING NEARLY 350 COWBOYS.

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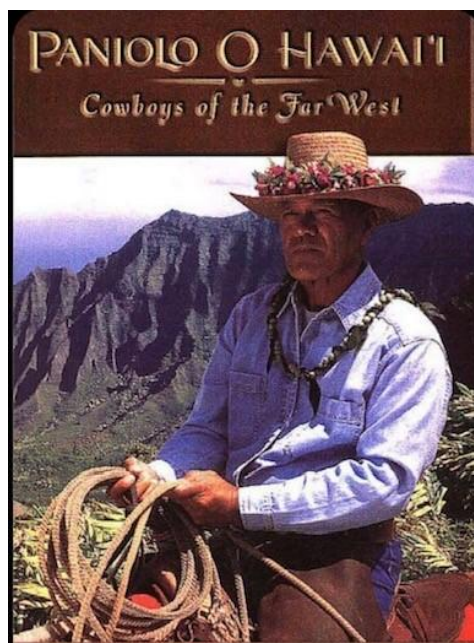
AUGUST **Shooting Schedule:**

8/2, SATURDAY

Office opens 8:00
Shooter's Mtg. 8:30
Match Starts: 9:00

8/3, SUNDAY

Office opens 8:00
Shooter's mtg. 8:30
Match Starts: 9:00



2025 MATCH **CALENDAR**

AUG 2-3

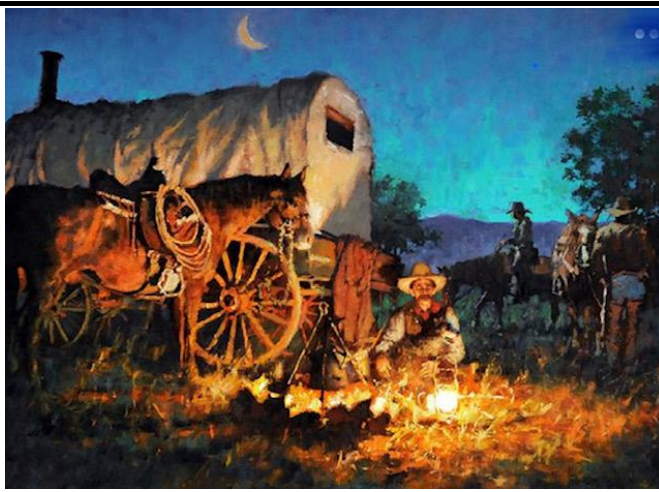
SEPT 6-7

OCT 4-5

NOV 1-2

DEC 6-7

COME JOIN US FOR SOME CAMPING FUN!



Friday Evening (5:00-ish)

Appetizers (Hot or cold)

Saturday Evening, (6:00-ish)

Bring your favorite potluck grub to share.

Plates & utensils provided

SATURDAY CLEAN SHOOTERS



*(7/5/25) BUDDY LOVE, CHICK MA, DIRTY HANDS, FANNIE OAKLEY,
SAM OOTIE, SHATTERHAND, UTAH BLAINE, WHISKEY TF BOTTLES*



SUNDAY CLEAN SHOOTERS



*(7/6/25) BIG BAD BLAINE, DUSTBOWL DEBBIE, MAD TRAPPER OF RAT RIVER,
PROFESSOR CUBBY BEAR, SHATTERHAND*



Territorial Governor's News:

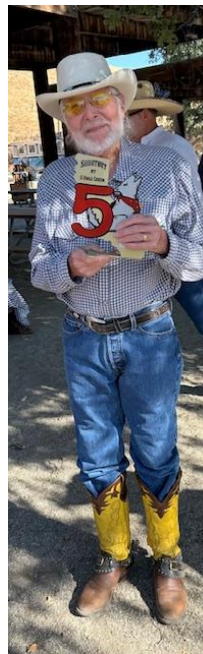
(Watch for the Professor's wise words of wisdom here again soon.)



Professor Cubby Bear
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WANDERIN' AROUND with Utah Blaine

(Watch for the "Top Hand's" return here soon)



Range Wranglers' Notes:

(Brandin Iron's News here soon.)



