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Copper Corridor ...**

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Self Defense

'The Mats Don't Lie'

By Steve Weber

Special to the Nugget

The practice of Aikido does not require a commitment to "blind repetition" and stunted training methods. On

the contrary, the practice of Aikido is a creative process that demands a focused mind, emotional maturity, and constant physical review so that the quality of training meets

the goal of exceeding personal expectations. Isn't that what one would want? So, what do we mean when we say that the "mats don't lie"?

It is not uncommon for people to embellish their strengths and diminish their weaknesses. In fact, this can be a positive feature in certain aspects of self-defense. However, training in a martial arts setting may be compared to working under a

magnifying glass – the "mats" being the glass! They have no feelings; they can't be reasoned with or deceived. They are a tool and only exist to offer some measure of protection. But they magnify any flaw in one's training and the beauty of that is "that a flaw is only corrected by being revealed". The "mats" allow for no self-deception. Mistakes are obvious and can't be denied. One

can avoid a hard look at oneself for just so long, and then the reality of your character shows its true self. Self-examination may not "be mandatory, but it will be unavoidable". It will require you to ask yourself the following questions: When will I stop doubting myself? Why do I allow fear to govern my emotions? Why do I resist change? When will I take an active part in correcting my negative thinking? How can I use my mind to control my body? How can I develop positive visualization techniques? When will I no longer make excuses for failing to achieve my goals? When will I accept responsibility for my own success or failure? When will I cease putting up self-destructive barriers that hinder my progress? When will I embrace the challenges placed before me? "The Mats Don't Lie"!



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Self Healing

Shining Light on the Flu

By John Huntington
Special to the Nugget

The Flu ‘season’ is upon us - as well as non-stop ads for flu shots and over-the-counter cold remedies.

Evidence of the effectiveness of the flu shot has been less than hoped for. During the 2012-2013 flu season, for instance, US flu vaccines were only nine percent effective against Type A (H3N2) influenza strain in people 65 and over.

The potential for side-effects of the flu vaccine are a great concern for many. These include life-threatening allergies to various ingredients as well as Guillain-Barre Syndrome and other neurological disorders, among others.

These findings show why many people are looking for safe ways to improve our in-born immunity naturally.

In the early 80’s, a medical flu researcher studying the seasonal tie to flu outbreaks, proposed there must be a link to solar radiation and the human immune response.

That idea has now been well-documented, and Vitamin D – generated by sun on skin – has been dubbed the “Antibiotic Vitamin” as it produces ‘anti-microbial peptides’ that fight infection.

When the winter sun lowers in the southern sky, we receive less intense light. We also dress heavier and are inside

more during the cold months, all which reduce our sun exposure and subsequently our immune strength.

In tropical climates, flu outbreaks are not near as common, and occur more during the rainy season when clouds reduce sunlight.

If you choose to take Vitamin D3 by mouth, it is important to know researcher show 5000 to 8000 iu per day is needed to raise D levels adequately – however, if you take these amounts it is important to get a blood

test to monitor levels, as well as adequate Vitamin K2 (especially if you do not eat organic pastured meat and eggs and hard cheeses – natural sources of this vitamin).

So the data is in – Mother Nature is on the job,

we just need to join her **OUTSIDE.**

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Superior Massacre Part 4: Would Justice Prevail?

By John Hernandez

Nugget

"Behind every great fortune there is a crime." *Honore de Balzac*

The second trial of Bob Stewart and Ed Fondren was held in Oct. 1908 in Florence. It again resulted in a hung jury. A third trial for both was set for Dec. 7. It would be delayed until the following year. In Globe, mid October, Willis Woods was indicted on a criminal libel charge. The complaint had been filed by J.B. Newman. Woods had apparently gotten drunk and told some bystanders that he had been hired by Newman and Sheriff Henry Thompson to murder George Palmer a local miner that was involved in litigation with Newman over a mining claim. Woods had allegedly gone and warned Palmer also. Woods said he was to be paid \$5,000 for the job.

The attorneys in the case announced that they wanted to have the trial end before the elections which were coming up in November. Sheriff

Thompson was running for re-election. On Oct. 30, criminal libel charges were dropped against Woods. He had testified that George Palmer with an attorney had approached him and asked him to sign an affidavit saying that Newman and Thompson had tried to get him to murder Palmer. Palmer allegedly told Woods that if he won the lawsuit against Newman, he would pay him a good sum of money. The Lawyers went behind closed doors and when they returned they said they had come to an agreement, and charges were to be dismissed. Thompson would easily be re-elected sheriff of Gila County.

Willis Woods was from Douglas, Ariz. He had been in prison for cattle rustling and perjury. He was a member of the Alvord-Stiles gang. The gang was notorious for cattle rustling, armed robberies and train robberies in southeastern Arizona. Burt Alvord and Billy Stiles were former lawmen who had become outlaws. Woods would be sent to prison for life

for a murder committed in 1918 on the Black Canyon Highway. He killed a man to steal his automobile. He would escape from Florence prison in 1921 but would be captured at the Mexican border.

On Dec. 23 Fondren and Stewart were released on a bond of \$3,000 each. It was not disclosed who paid it. On Christmas Day, Stewart was celebrating in a saloon in Florence. He got drunk and was overheard by a number of people making threats against his enemies. He was arrested and returned to the jail in Florence.

The trials were held in March 1909. The third trial for the murder of A.J. Daggs ended in a guilty verdict for Bob Stewart. He was convicted of second-degree murder and sentenced to 25 years. This was considered a death sentence as Stewart was 45 years old at the time. The undoing of Stewart's case was his arrest for threatenings made in the saloon in Florence. The arresting officer that evening was Deputy Sheriff

Roy Troxell. He would testify in court that the evening of the arrest, Stewart admitted to him that he killed A.J. Daggs. Troxell said that Stewart told him, "I killed Jack Daggs and am damned proud of it." A few minutes later Stewart said, "I saw the ___ take his last kick," testified Troxell. After the verdict Judge Kent admonished the witnesses for the defense saying he believed they had perjured themselves. Ed Fondren was acquitted of the murder of A.J. Daggs. Judge Kent then set a trial for Fondren for the murder of George Ditmore.

In April of 1910, a court date was set for Fondren. Newspapers reported that Bob Stewart would be the main witness against him. It was said that Stewart had made a confession at the prison and said that Ed Fondren was involved in the killings. Fondren was found guilty of Manslaughter. It seems that after the acquittal in the Dagg's case, feeling confident that his troubles were



(Above map may be found online at <http://bit.ly/18VuDtD>)

behind him he had admitted to Gila County Deputy Sheriff Bob McMurray that he had participated in the killings. McMurray testified in court to that fact. Bob Stewart was not called as a prosecution witness as they believed some of his confession to be false. They did not specify what part of the confession was untrue. On May 5 Fondren was sentenced to 10 years in the penitentiary.

In June 1911, the confession

of Bob Stewart that was made at a release hearing to the Board of Control (early version of the parole board) was made public. The story made front page news and excited the residents of Arizona. The Board of Control had been sitting on the story for six weeks and since then affidavits were received to support the story according to the *Arizona Republican*. The shocking part of the confession

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The story of 'White Boots' ghost

By John Hernandez
Nugget

When we were children most of us if not all of us were afraid of the dark. As little ones, we would only go to sleep with a night light on or after one of our parents checked the closet and underneath the bed for those imaginary phantoms that may be hiding there. It probably did not help when our parents reminded us of the "Boogeyman" or the Mexican version El Cucuy. Our grandmothers or mother uttering the words, "The Cucuy is going to get you," kept most of us in line. There are versions of El Cucuy or the Boogeyman in nearly every culture with the legends going back centuries.

As adults we grow out of our fear of the darkness and no longer believe in the Boogeyman although we continue to remind our kids and grandchildren when they won't go to

sleep or get out of line that the Boogeyman is going to get them. I never could understand how kids could be expected to sleep after you have told them something unearthly is going to take them away. Even as adults there are times when being alone in the dark can make our minds wander to that state of fear, where we bring up bad or scary memories or imagine something that is not there or is something there we only feel and cannot see, perhaps a ghost.

Recent surveys have shown that 45 percent of Americans believe in ghosts or that the spirits of the deceased can come back in certain locations and situations. There has been a growing number of television shows about hauntings and paranormal research groups such as Ghost Hunters, A Haunting, Most Haunted USA, and Ghost Adventures. There

is even a show about a paranormal research group that looks for ghosts in old mines that premiered this year, Ghost Mine.

There is a local ghost story that comes out of the San Manuel Magma Copper Mine that has been around since the early days of the mine and probably longer. It is the tale or legend of White Boots. I have a faded childhood memory of my father mentioning something about White Boots wandering underground at the San Manuel mine. It was when I first went to work underground for Magma Copper that I began to hear more about this mythical spirit.

The version that I heard was that a miner while working was involved in a bad accident where he was cut in half. The upper half of his body was found but his legs were never recovered. Shortly after this, it was said that a pair of white boots had been seen walking (some said floating) along the tracks and drifts on all the levels of what was then the largest underground mine in the United States. White Boots was said to be searching for his body.

When I first heard the story, I thought nothing of it. As a new employee working as a chute tapper on the 2015 level, I believed it was a story told by the older mine workers and supervisors to instill some fear in us to make us work safer and adhere to safety regulations. When you are over 2,000 feet below the surface of the earth it is a scary place to begin with. Add to that the possibilities of being run over by a train or ore cars, crushed by falling rock, blown up by dynamite, falling down

a shaft, electrocuted, or poisoned by carbon monoxide from underground fires and you can understand the concern for safety.

Underground mines are a dangerous place to work. The San Manuel mine had its share of tragic accidents. According to the Miners Memorial in Mammoth, 55 men were killed in mining accidents in the St. Anthony, Tiger, and San Manuel Copper mine, mill, smelter, and refinery. One of these accidents even involved a man being cut in half by three runaway loaded ore cars in 1956. There was no shortage of the spirits of dead miners to give rise to a tale of ghosts. With Halloween coming soon and the Mexican holiday Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead), I decided to research and write a story about White Boots and how the legend came to be.

A few years ago, I happened upon a painting of a dark foreboding figure with glowing eyes and wearing a pair of white boots in the lobby of Huntington Chiropractic in Oracle. The painting was titled "White Boots" and the artist was James G. Davis of Rancho Linda Vista in Oracle. I had wondered if by some chance it was a rendering about the ghost of the San Manuel mine. I decided to start my search there.

At Dr. John Huntington's office, the receptionist told me that the picture used to hang in the lobby but it was scaring the children so they moved it into one of the other rooms. I was allowed to take photographs of the White Boots painting. Dr. Huntington told me that his dad Jim had experienced an eerie feeling while underground one day that he attributed to a spirit of some



Artist James G. Davis's rendition of White Boots, the ghost of San Manuel.

kind. John also told me about a poem that had been written entitled "White Boots" by William Pitt Root, a well known poet who had worked underground at the Magma mine.

William Pitt Root is a freelance writer living in the San Juan Mountains of Colorado. While living in Arizona he commuted between Tucson and Manhattan where he taught at Hunter College for nearly a decade. He was the poet laureate in Tucson from 1997 to 2001. He is a friend of James Davis whom he knew from the University of Arizona and the Tucson art scene. William also has spent time at Rancho Linda Vista in Oracle. Root went to work underground in the San Manuel Magma mine as a chute tapper in 1972 where he stayed just long enough to save some mon-

ey to move to California.

He says that he did not hear much about the ghost while working underground but learned about the legend from James Davis, not so much in words but in images. After working in San Manuel, William could not find a way to write about his time spent in the mine. It was not until he saw a black and white painting of White Boots by Jim that he was able to get a foothold on the whole experience that was needed.

William believes that, "various kinds of people or events can serve as messages or messengers if you are open to it." He refers to them as "strange angels" and said that Jim Davis and White Boots served as his strange and liberating angels allowing him to write White Boots and several other poems about his mine

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experiences. His newest collection of poems is entitled "Strange Angels" and is about those messengers and messages that have touched him. His poem "White Boots: Ghost of the San Manuel Mine" is in his book *WHITE BOOTS: New and Selected Poems of the West*. The cover of the book is a painting of White Boots by James G. Davis. William says he has learned over the years that many mines in the United States have their own ghost known as White Boots.

It seems that ghost stories are common in mines in the United States as well as other parts of the world. Mining is an ancient profession dating back to prehistoric times. The oldest mine on archaeological record was found in Africa and believed to be 43,000 years old. It was the Romans that developed large scale mining methods and used them in the countries throughout Europe that they conquered. In England the Romans mined gold, silver, tin and lead often using underground mining techniques. It is in England that a legend of spirits or mythical creatures living underground known as "Knockers" grew and would spread to America.

The county of Cornwall in England has a long history of mining. The Cornish people had a legend about the Knockers who were small gnome-like men similar to Ireland's leprechauns. They were small impish creatures who lived underground and committed random acts of mischief like stealing a miner's food or tools. They were also known to warn miners of cave-ins by making knocking sounds. The knockers were also

known in Welsh folklore. In the 1820s Welsh miners brought their stories about the Knockers to the coal mines of Pennsylvania. During the California gold rush in the 1840s the miners of Cornwall known as "Cousin Jacks" brought their legends and culture to the goldfields. After the gold rush they were sought after by mines all over the United States including Arizona. In Arizona many of the silver, gold and copper mines were owned by British investors.

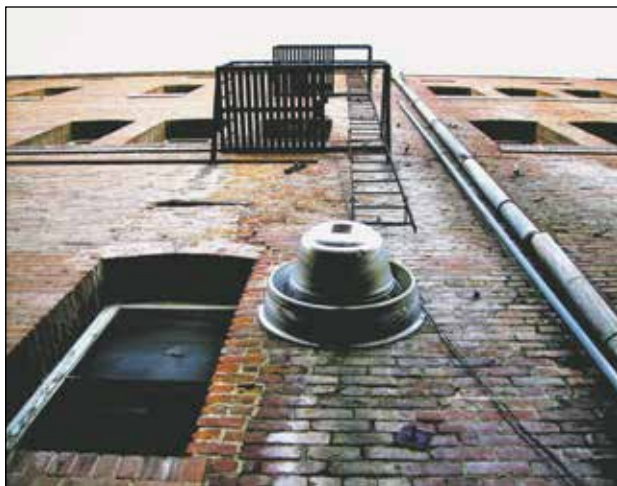
According to some Cornish folklore the Knockers were helpful spirits of miners that had died in previous accidents in the many tin mines in Cornwall. They

would warn the miners of pending disasters. The superstitious miners would cast the last bite of their lunch onto the ground for the Knockers as a sign of gratitude. They were also known to be bad and miners that doubted their power or mocked them often met with illness, an accident or even death. Another tale in England was that they were the souls of the Jews that killed Jesus and were enslaved by the Romans and forced to work in the mines of Britain. They were known never to knock on Saturday or during Jewish holidays.

They would be known as Tommyknockers in the

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Getting lost in the Copper Corridor ...



Can you guess where in the Copper Corridor this photo was taken? If you guessed Globe, then you would be right. This is the Old Elks Building in downtown Globe and is described as the 'tallest three story building in the world.' Over the next couple of months, the Nugget will take our readers on a journey through our coverage area, helping you to 'Get Lost.' (Andrea Justice photo)

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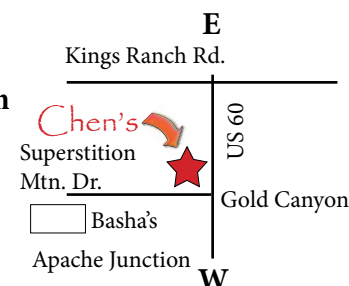
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western United States. The "Tommy" was probably added as a reference to a person from Britain.

Tommy was a common nickname for a British soldier. Belief in the Tommyknockers lasted well into the 20th century. There is a story of a mine in California that closed down and the company sealed the

mine entrance in 1956. So strong was their belief that fifth and sixth generations of the descendants of the Cousin Jacks that worked there took up a petition to have the entrance reopened to let the Tommyknockers out so they could travel to other mines. The mine management is said to have actually agreed to do it.

The Cousin Jacks were not the only immigrants to come and work in the mines in Arizona. Mexicans, Slavs (mostly Croats and Serbs), Italians, Irish and other ethnic groups were found in the copper mines of Bisbee, Clifton-Morenci, Ray,

Globe-Miami, Superior and Jerome. They brought their customs, superstitions, legends and ghost stories with them. Perhaps one of their tales was about White Boots or maybe he was a blend of all their spirits and legends.

Author Sam Negri in his article "White Boots and Other Mine Shaft Ghosts" says the ghost started out in the Miami mine and then traveled to Superior and San Manuel. In the 1950s when the San Manuel mine first opened, many of the miners that ended up there had worked in Arizona mines such as Miami, Superior, Bisbee,

Jerome, Clifton-Morenci as well as other mines around the country and Mexico. Negri first heard of White Boots after seeing the Davis painting in the lodge at Linda Vista Ranch. After inquiring about the painting, Marilyn Nelson, a resident of the ranch told him it was some kind of ghost that wanders underground.

Mike Herndon a long time miner says he heard the story in Bisbee and is currently writing a book about his mine experiences. One of his mining stories talks about White Boots and involves a cruel joke a miner was going to play on an old miner that believed

in White Boots. The story involved the jokester putting on a skeleton mask and hands, turning off his head lamp and hiding in an unexpected place. It's a good story with a twist. You will have to read the book to find out what happened.

Hector Lovemore worked at the mine from 1970 to 1999. His recollections about White Boots were that the miners and bosses seemed to blame old White Boots whenever something went wrong such as equipment failing to operate or breaking down.

A few paranormal websites have told of some

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ghost stories reported in the Magma mine. One story talks about a worker being helped by a man who worked with him for about half an hour. Later the worker found out he was the only one that was working in that area. He never saw the man that had worked with him again. Another story reported that miners had spotted lights and heard sounds in the distance from the area they were working at only to find out that they were the only crew assigned to that level.

There is supposedly a ghost called "White Boots" in the Climax molybdenum mine near Leadville, Colo. Someone even wrote a song about him.

A story which took place in 1985 says a worker in England at the Goldthorpe Yorkshire - Colliery (a coal mine and the buildings next to it) fled the coal fields after seeing a pair of disembodied boots moving toward him as he was working deep underground. There they called the ghost "Walking Boots". The

miner never came back to work.

It appears that the legend of White Boots did not begin at the mine in San Manuel which did not come into existence until 1954. Throughout history mines around the world have had their own ghost stories and legends. Now that the San Manuel mine no longer exists, does that mean the legend of White Boots will fade away? I think as long as miners continue to labor deep within the bowels of the earth, digging for the precious metals that make our lives easier, the story will continue. Perhaps new legends of ghosts will emerge from the deaths of a miner's carelessness, a company's negligence or a simple thing as fate.

There is another legend of a ghost that wanders along the railroad tracks between the mine and the area where once two tall smokestacks greeted travelers from miles away as they headed home. It is a benevolent female spirit that is known to sometimes wander the streets of San Manuel. Her legend has grown over the years. She was known to take care

of her children and help the sick and those in need although she called for a sacrifice of blood now and then. They say she has been seen sitting by the Kalamazoo ore body yelling down to old White Boots through the earth into the drifts now

flooded and caved in, lifeless in the deep darkness. "Don't worry Bootsy," she says, "they will be back one day and maybe we can live again, maybe it will be like it used to be, or never was." They call this old ghost "Mother Magma".



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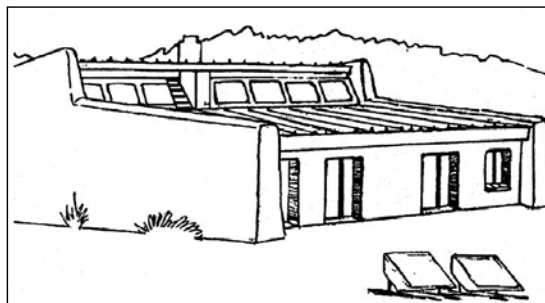
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was that Bob Stewart said that the murder of Daggs and Ditmore was incited and planned by Sheriff Henry Thompson of Gila County and J.B. Newman.

Stewart claimed that he, Ed Fondren, Sheriff Thompson and J.B. Newman were the owners or claimants of some valuable mining properties near Superior. They had been involved in litigation with Daggs over the properties for some

time. A plan was developed to kill Daggs. Ed Fondren had backed out and Deputy Sheriff Bob McMurray took his place. McMurray was Thompson's brother in law and cousin.

McMurray and Stewart concealed themselves along the trail they knew that Daggs and Ditmore would be taking on their way back from the Dagg's claim. When Daggs and Ditmore approached the place where Stewart and McMurray were concealed, Stewart rose from behind a rock and shot Ditmore in the head with his

shotgun. Daggs was on horseback and jumped to the ground, pulling his pistol and approaching Stewart. He was shot by McMurray from behind cover. Ditmore had drawn his pistol and fired twice at Stewart but missed. Stewart shot Ditmore again with the shotgun inflicting a mortal wound. McMurray apparently was not seen by Ditmore or Daggs as he had remained hidden behind some rocks. After disposing of the bodies they walked to Stewart's cabin and finished off a bottle of whisky they had drunk from

before the shooting to calm their nerves.

Stewart said that Ed Fondren was convicted at the insistence of Thompson and Newman. They have been attempting to patent some valuable property owned by Fondren. He also said that it is a matter of record that Newman and Thompson have partnered with Hugh Daggs, the son of the murdered Daggs to obtain all the property that was involved in the bloody dispute. Fondren's mining claims were being managed by his niece who had come from Texas to help him.

Sheriff Thompson said the charges were groundless, that it was a plot by Stewart to blackmail him and Newman. He believed that they were selected because of their antagonism towards A.J. Daggs and interest in the mining claims. Hugh Daggs said,

"He has taken no stock in the story, believing the prisoners are willing to do almost anything to gain their liberty." Daggs made no statement concerning the allegations that he had partnered with Newman and Thompson. The *Arizona Republican* defended Henry Thompson saying his record as sheriff was a long and honorable one although because of the serious nature of the allegations, a "most rigid and impartial investigation must be made." It is not known if an investigation was ever initiated or completed.

On Dec. 22, 1911 Sheriff Thompson shot and killed Mike Jurasco, a bartender, allegedly for resisting arrest. Newspapers said that Thompson had gone to the bar to arrest Jurasco for selling liquor to Indians, a minor charge. Thompson said Jurasco fired first. Thompson was arrested by Deputy Haynes. Mike Jurascovich known as Jurasco was from Montenegro. The *Cocino Sun* newspaper reported the story that Thompson shot Jurasco after Jurasco struck him with a club.

The *Weekly Journal-Miner* newspaper in Prescott reported on Jan. 5, 1912 that Sheriff Henry Thompson had been

exonerated by the Coroner's jury on Dec. 26. A statement issued through Thompson's attorney said that the "killing of the bartender was in self defense, necessary and entirely justifiable." The attorney went on to give Thompson's version of the story.

"Mr. Thompson and Mr. Temple entered the Globe Saloon and while in there saw the bartender filling a beer bottle with whisky, which they say afterwards, saw the bartender pass to an Indian at the rear door of the saloon. Mr. Thompson then said to Mr. Temple: 'You take the bartender and I will get the Indian.' Thompson then started for the Indian but the Indian closed the door behind him. While Thompson was in the act of opening the door, he heard a scuffle and, looking around, saw that the bartender had Temple on the floor between the front and back bars. Thompson ran to about the center of the front bar and the bartender stooped and picked up something from the back bar and then struck Thompson over the head with it. Thompson was sinking behind the front bar and the bartender then fired two shots. The bartender started around to the front of the bar where Thompson was, but Thompson met him at the end of the bar and they were out in the open when two shots were fired. One shot was fired by the deceased, and one from Thompson's gun which killed the deceased."

"Mr. Thompson was looking for another party for whom he had a warrant and asked Mr. Temple to accompany him through that end of the town. Neither of the officers knew the bartender and entered the saloon looking for the man for whom they had the warrant."

There were others in Globe that believed the killing of Jurasco was unjustifiable. On Jan. 4, 1912 Sheriff Thompson resigned his position at the request of the County Board of Supervisors. Earlier in the day a grand jury had indicted Thompson and Harry Temple for the murder of Mike Jurasco. Deputy Frank Haynes was

appointed to take Thompson's place as Sheriff. Haynes would later become Thompson's son in law. Sheriff Haynes would be appointed as a U.S. Marshal in 1917. He would participate in the Power Shootout in the Galiuro Mountains in 1918. He was the only surviving law man of this famous gun battle. Thompson had been sheriff for seven terms.

On Feb. 14, 1912 the Territory of Arizona became a state. Thompson and Temple would be tried in Globe in May. On May 21, 1912, former Sheriff Henry Thompson and Special Deputy Harry Temple were acquitted. The May 24 edition of the *Graham Guardian* reported that the case was submitted to the jury at 4:45 p.m. and the verdict returned at 5 p.m. In the book "Sheriff Thompson's Day" by Jess G. Hayes, Hayes says that Sheriff Thompson and Harry Temple, a railroad watchman had gone to the Globe Saloon to celebrate the coming holiday. They had exchanged drinks with many of the saloon's patrons. During the wee hours of the evening after most of the patrons had left, Mike Jurascovich was killed by a single shot fired by Sheriff Thompson. Just what happened that night may never be known.

This incident ended Thompson's political and law enforcement career at age 51. He would however be a successful businessman with holdings in cattle ranching, real estate and mining. He would also work for the Highway Department. Thompson is said to have had more arrests and convictions and served longer than any other territorial sheriff in Arizona.

During the first week of Aug. 1912, it was reported that the Calumet and Arizona Copper Company of Bisbee had purchased 81 claims from four mining groups in Superior. The largest group of claims, the Cobre-Verde property was owned by Hugh Daggs and Attorney P.H. Hayes of Phoenix and Henry Thompson and Jack Newman of Globe. The four owners of this group of

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mining claims were to receive \$500,000. One month later, Ed Fondren was recommended for parole by the Board of Control. Governor G.W.P. Hunt approved his release. The same day it was reported that he received another shock as he received a letter from his niece informing him that an offer of \$100,000 was made for his mining claims in Superior. One newspaper said, "Every law abiding citizen in Arizona is or will be suffering from a shock," referring to the release of Fondren. It was also reported that his claims were in the group recently taken over by the Calumet and Arizona Copper Company.

Bob Stewart entered the Territorial prison on April 7, 1909 under a 25 year sentence. It was reported that in 1913, he was working on a ranch in Florence as a trustee. He was paroled by Governor Hunt on Dec. 12, 1914 having served five years in prison. He was arrested for disorderly conduct and sent back to the prison for a short while. On Dec. 6, 1916 he was granted a full pardon by Governor Hunt. The *Coconino Sun* reported that Stewart was living in the Superior area in a cabin on one of the Daggs mining claims "from which he refuses to be ejected by the son of the man he killed." There was some irony in the releases of both men convicted of the murders of A. J. Daggs and George Ditmore by Governor Hunt. Hunt was known to be sympathetic to the Graham cause during the Pleasant Valley War. He had lived with his wife on the Middleton ranch for a while. This ranch was where some of the Graham faction were killed. Hunt also had ties to Jack Newman and Sheriff Thompson having lived in Globe for many years. Hunt also ran on the same Gila County Democratic ticket for recorder at the same time Ed Tewksbury ran for Globe constable and Henry Thompson for sheriff.

In Aug. 1919 newspapers

reported that one of the largest mining deals in copper property in Arizona was recently consummated. Thirty-two claims owned by the Consolidated Holding Company were sold to the Grand Pacific Group. "These claims, popularly known as the Dagg's group, were located in 1899 by A.J. Daggs. They are located adjacent to the Grand Pacific Group already owned by the purchasing syndicate, are about one mile from the Superior mine, and near the famous Magma Mine."

"The purchasers were represented by J.C. Denton, General Manager of the Grand Pacific Copper Company, and the local interests by Hugh Daggs and P.H. Hayes, president and secretary of the holding company. The four original claims were long worked as silver mines without regard to the copper possibilities. At one time the Monte Carlo and the Touchnot claims were extensively worked for silver, which was hauled to Tempe, the town of Superior not being in existence."

"The property just sold has an interesting and, in places a tragic history. Worked in part as a silver property for years, sold and resold, titles contested in court, and murders on account of the value of the claims all enter into its history." The Daggs group of claims would eventually become part of Magma Copper and are now owned by Resolution Copper.

An interesting side note is that J.C. Denton the wealthy mine promoter was murdered in Los Angeles in 1920. His body was found buried inside of a house he was renting. A woman that had been staying at the house and some co-conspirators were arrested for the murder. The motive was robbery. P.H. Hayes, Hugh Daggs partner and the defense attorney for Bob Stewart and Ed Fondren represented Denton's daughter in the estate hearing.

Author's note:

When I started this story, I assumed it would be a short simple story about a murder over a mining claim with a

quick arrest and the perpetrators brought to justice. As I read more newspaper articles from the times and researched more about the characters involved, it became more of a mystery story. I wondered if there was a conspiracy involving some of the most powerful men in the area behind the killings. Surely there were many unanswered questions which if one had more time to research would make for an even more interesting story or book. It would be interesting to read the court transcripts about the Daggs and Ditmore killings. Was there ever an investigation conducted on the allegations made by Bob Stewart about Sheriff Thompson, Deputy McMurray and J.B. Newman? Did Bob Stewart retract his statements? Who were the prominent men and jurors in Globe that signed a petition to have Newman released after serving one year in prison for attempted murder and why? What happened to Newman's victim J.C. Evans? When did Hugh Daggs become partners with Newman and Thompson and why? Did he do it to have financial support against his powerful uncles when contesting his father's estate? Why select P.H. Hayes, the defense attorney of the two men that murdered his father as a partner?

The court transcripts and police reports of the killing of Mike Jurasco could maybe shed some light on what really happened in the Globe Saloon that December morning. Why was Bob Stewart after his release from prison, allowed to live on Daggs' property? Was he working there? Was this part of some deal he made to get released? The timing of Fondren's prison release and the sale of his mining property is suspect. None of the characters involved were angels by any means, including the murder victims. It is clear that some men got rich from obtaining the property and the mining claims continued to produce over 100 years, making money for the owners. What wasn't clear was who were the villains and were there any good guys?

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At that meeting we

welcome nonperishable food items suitable for our Thanksgiving food baskets that are distributed in the Tri Community area of Oracle, San Manuel and Mammoth. Items like canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, and stuffing mixes will help us prepare more than 30

baskets.

Willie Reich, director of membership would appreciate an RSVP by Nov. 5 in order to have sufficient refreshments for everyone. She can be reached at 825-0117, or email joewil@wbhsi.net.

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When: Saturday, Nov. 16, 2013, noon to 3 p.m.

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