

de Stolfe Journal *Candid*

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Happy Thanksgiving!



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Once again, we are upon the fall and early winter holidays!

If you can believe this, I left Lubbock almost 6 months ago! It's been an interesting time. No doubt that Colorado Springs has a rather nice climate with mountains, pine trees, and thinner, cleaner air. However, I don't really know anyone here and haven't been able to work very much in this time. But besides the circumstances, I still have to stand and believe that I am blessed beyond measure when you figure what I do have and what worse issues I could be facing but amn't! (And yes, I said "amn't"!)

I have made this issue a little smaller and might do so with the December issue as well.

One thing I do look forward to is decorating for Christmas with lights outside and a real Christmas tree inside! (Of course, I suppose I could go into the woods and cut one, but I think that might be illegal here!) Christmas is one holiday that you can't help but to be happy! Doesn't matter what is going on in your life—good or bad—Christmas, and generally the time between Thanksgiving and New Year's, is a time to be happy and joyful, not based on how you feel, but because of what the holiday means, the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah!!

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A Merry Heart Doeth Good Like a Medicine

Proverbs 17:22

A company called Murdoch's [www.murdochs.com], which specializes in agricultural products in Colorado, Wyoming, Montana, and Nebraska, has a section on their website just for farm humor! Here's a bunch of funny stuff to do good like a medicine!

Q: What did the horse say when he fell?
A: I can't giddy up!

Q: What did the farmer say when he found out his tractor was missing?
A: He said, "Where's my tractor?"

No matter how hungry a horse gets, it still can't eat a bit.

Three cowboys are in a regular cab pickup. Which one is the smartest?
The one in the middle. He doesn't have to drive nor open gates.

A redneck cowboy was asked if his boots were Tony Lamas. He replied, "Heck no, they're mine."

Q: What do you get when a pig and a chicken bump into each other?
A: Ham and eggs

A man tells the psychiatrist, "Somedays I feel like a tee-pee, some days I feel like a wig-wam. Tee-pee, wig-wam, tee-pee, wig-wam, doc, you gotta help me!" The shrink says, "You need to relax, you're just two tents."

You show me a cow in rags and I will show you a bum steer.

Q: Why do cows have bells?
A: Because their horns don't work.

Always drink upstream from the herd.

News Flash!!! News Flash!!

Seems they just found signs of life on the moon. Just hours ago they found some bones. Honest. Yea, it seems the cow never really made it over.

Q: What did the three legged dog say when he walked into the bar?

A: I'm lookin' for the man who shot my paw.

Q: How does a farmer sing bow-chica- bow-wow?

A: "brown-chicken-brown-cow!"

Q: What do you call the chicken who walked across the road?

A: Poultry in Motion

Q: What did the lovesick bull say to the cow?

A: "When I fall in love it will be for heifer!"

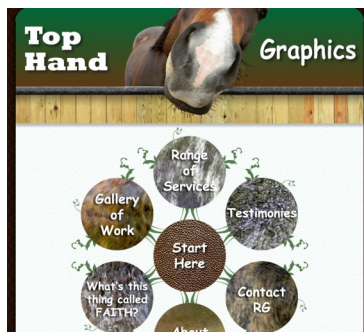
Q: Why did the chicken cross the road, roll around in the dirt, and cross the road again?

A: He wanted to be a dirty double crosser!

Deja Moo: The feeling that you've heard this bull before!



Can't have Thanksgiving without pumpkin pie!! And yes, it's all homemade, and yes even the crust.



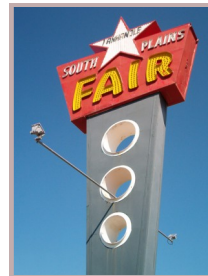
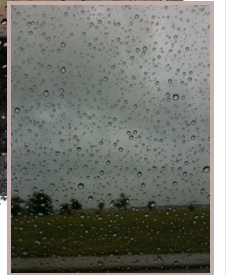
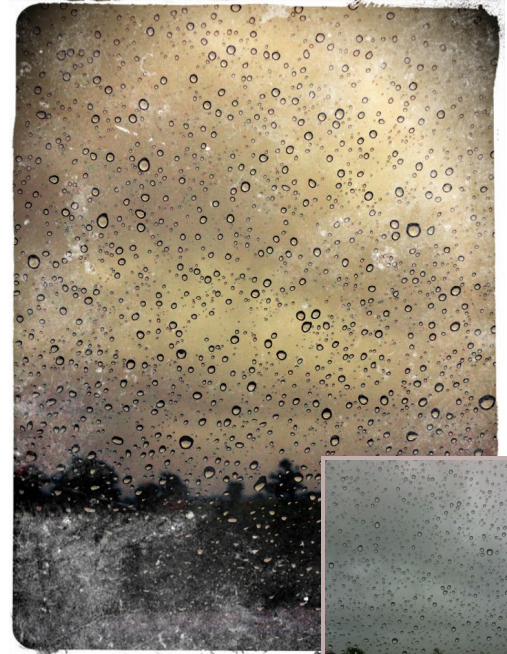
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Photos of the Month—Photographic Art

The following group of photos is a new concept I'm doing where I take relatively ordinary images and make them into extraordinary photos! I'm calling them Photographic Art. I make them using a free app called Pixlr-o-matic. Very cool, huh? (The originals are the small ones.)





Cows Chewin' Cud products announces that starting Thanksgiving day through Cyber Monday, November 26, 2012 (until midnight MST), purchase from my product line and your entire order* is 20% off! (*Not including shipping.) [See shop for all products.]

Also, on Small Business Saturday (11.24.12), support small business by shopping small! Likewise, purchasing my products for Christmas presents or even just cause you like them!



Barbed wire Cross, \$10



Barbed wire star, \$6.50



Barbed wire Texas star, \$10



Barbed wire heart, \$6



Barbed wire fish, \$6



Large Picket Cross, \$22



Stepped Picket Cross, \$12



Medium Picket Cross, \$10



Small Magnet Picket Cross, \$4



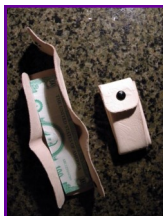
Cat toy, good yarn, \$3 each, 3 colors choices



Horse nail Cross ring, \$6 red, green, blue, purple, yellow, gold, or copper



Rein snap ring, \$4



Embossed leather wallets \$15 each
Left: Cowboy wallet, Right: card wallet



Leather saddle Cross, \$10



Mini saddle Cross, \$7



Assorted leather Cross ornaments, \$5.50 each

Top grain or hair-on, concho or plain, veg tan or other colors

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Back Page Literature

In 2007, I put together an exhibition at the National Ranching Heritage Center called Dining on the Santa Fe. This exhibition was in the smallest gallery but had a large impact even to gain attention from an established reporter of the local paper.

I received many comments about how people could relate to the content. I wrote all of the content in the exhibition as well as in an article in the Summer 2007 issue of the Ranch Record magazine.

I'll feature that article here in two parts, this issue and in the December issue. Enjoy!

Almost from the beginning, the railroads considered food service. The first known occasion of food service aboard a train was on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in 1853, when caterers served meals on planks inside the rail car prior to departure. Harper's Magazine described a later account of this experience as a "dining saloon with a table running the whole length of the car".

However, not all rail travel experiences in the early years of the railroad were as pleasant. Considered "a necessary evil" by travelers, train travel in the mid-19th century was dark, dirty, crowded, and uncomfortable. George Mortimer Pullman once traveled overnight by rail between

Buffalo and Westfield, New York. He apparently was so uncomfortable with his accommodations that he spent the entire evening developing a new railcar design.

Pullman's new luxury car *Pioneer* received national publicity when it was included in President Lincoln's funeral train. He then established the Pullman Palace Car Company in Chicago in 1867. The next year, Pullman created his first independent dining car, which he named *Delmonico* after the well known restaurant in New York.

Gaining popularity during the latter half of the 19th century, rail travel became a chief means of transportation across the West and was vital to tying the country together. In the process, railroads helped forge the United States into a distinctly American society. Also during this time, the dining car experience became more opulent with decoration of carved wood paneling, gold leaf, mirrors, stained glass, and later, electric lamps.

Passengers affording these luxuries remained on board for their meals. However, crews and most passengers ate their meals at stations having food vendors during scheduled stops. These meal stops were acutely short—around 10 to 15 minutes—and the food was probably not very healthy, similar to "fast food" of present day.

Fred Harvey found a solution that he proposed in 1876 to the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad to open his own restaurant at the Topeka Depot. After repainting the space and adding new furnishings, passengers and crews were able to eat in a clean, elegant space complete with tablecloths and silverware with excellent service and enough time to eat without being rushed.

Harvey later expanded into providing dining car services. As rail dining became more affordable for all passengers, the Santa Fe eliminated the stops for meals. At the time of Fred Harvey's death in 1901, he provided food services for more than a dozen Santa Fe dining cars.

In the next issue, this article will continue the history of dining cars into the 20th century.



Pullman parlour car in 1883.

<http://thedictionaryprojectblog.com/2010/11/28/con%C2%B7duct/>

Modern interior of Delmonico's Restaurant in New York. www.delmonicorestaurantgroup.com/restaurant/



Here's a once in a blue moon fistful of cash I had for a short time a few years ago.



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