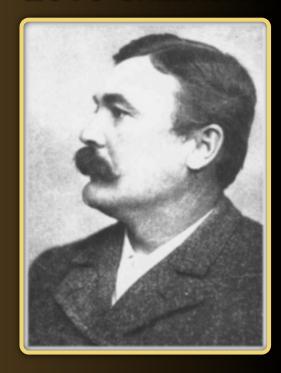
MAIDEN, MONTANA TERRITORY

2016 CALENDAR



William H. Culver, Photographer

A COLLECTION OF 12 HISTORICAL PHOTOGRAPHS DEPICTING SCENES IN AND AROUND MAIDEN, THEN OF THE MONTANA TERRITORY, LOCATED IN THE JUDITH MOUNTAINS OF CENTRAL MONTANA.

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William H. Culver (1853-1937)

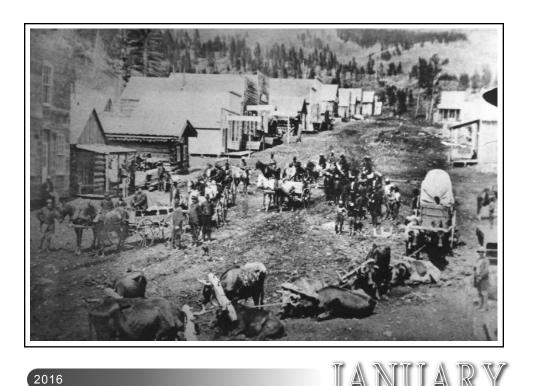
Born in Brerien Woods, Michigan, Bill arrived at Butte, Montana in 1879. He and a partner named Anderson pitched a tent for a photography studio the following year in Fort Benton. That winter he moved to Maiden and opened a studio there in 1883. Three years later he moved to Lewistown. The present studio building was erected in 1899 and the first winter the upper floor served as a classroom for Lewistown's first high school. In 1888 Bill Culver was married to May Doty in Lewistown. A daughter, Sibyl, with her husband, Lute Musson, operated the studio for forty one years.

Bill Culver's photographic activities were many. He and his partner, Anderson, built a darkroom on a buckboard and traveled along the Missouri taking some of the first pictures of the falls. From Lewistown he ranged into the rural districts and spent a few days each month in the Utica area. He took pictures of the Judith Roundup at Utica in 1884 in which Charley Russell took part and also of the Yogo sapphire mine.

A dedicated public servant Bill was elected to the council when Lewistown was organized as a city. He organized a band and taught others to play musical instruments. He helped build the first opera house and managed it for many tears.

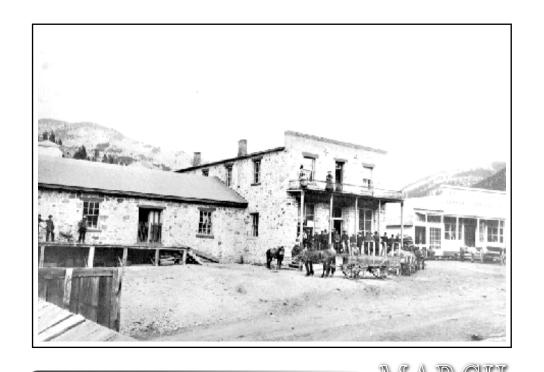
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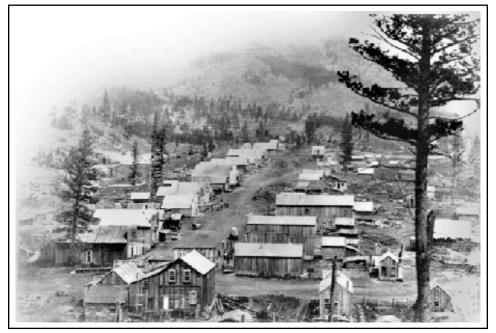
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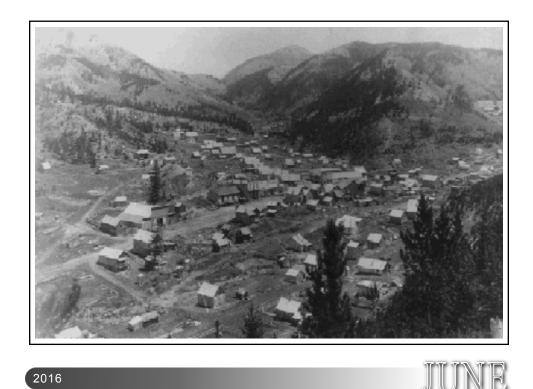
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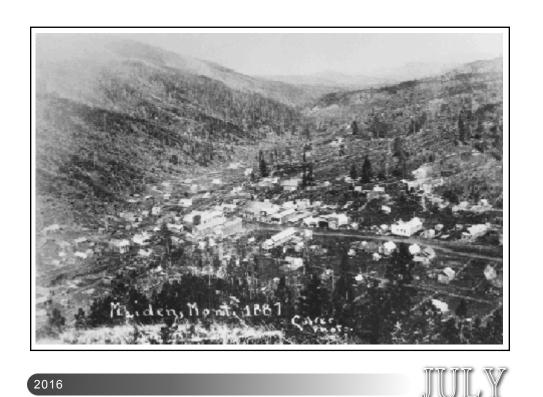
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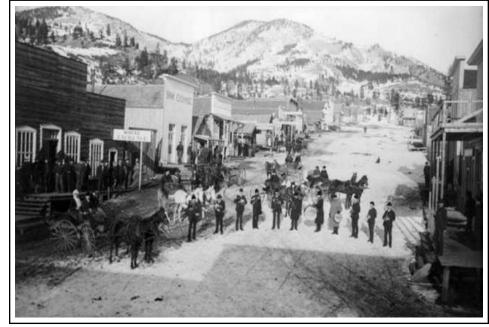




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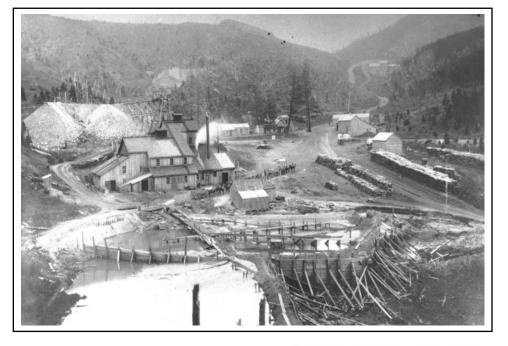


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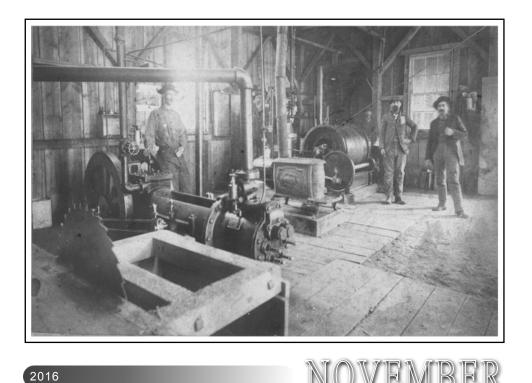


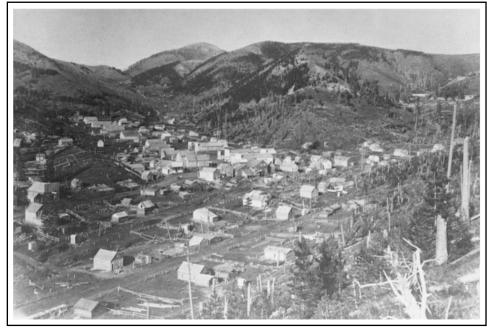


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