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Those Were the Days: A Daily Encyclopedia of the Old West

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A historian who digs beneath the surface, L'Aloge has brought to light many previously unpublished tidbits that created the Old West as we learn more about the truth today. Reports generated from old journals, historical accounts and family histories make up the main part of this book along with a search engine that enables readers to locate facts quickly and easily.
Each event is divided by month, day and year beginning in May 1804, covering over a century of happenings that affected the growing western half of the United States. These events include highlights of never-before published work which makes Those Were the Days a wonderful addition to the historian's virtual library of facts and figures.

Exciting tales of "The American Valley War" or "The Lynching of Dennis Dilda" show the roughness of the West while at the same time "The Cowboy's Ten Commandments" may force a chuckle as each reminds readers to be kind to others while the burning questions are found in the question and answer section ranging from Judge Roy Bean to famous namesakes and their legends to obscure facts previously unpublished. The reference wouldn't be complete without the listing of "Forts, Camps, Agencies, and Reservations," which coincides with the well-research details.

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