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Thomsen writes about the West's forgotten places with the intrepidity of an explorer and the curiosity of a historian -- all in a voice as seasoned as an old Dutch oven. There are no 'ghosts' in these towns, only people from the past made real by his magic. Jeff Barrus, *Tooele Transcript Bulletin* About the Author Clint Thomsen is a freelance writer based in northern Utah. Most of his work appears in various publications of the Transcript Bulletin Publishing Company. Thomsen pens a weekly outdoor column for the *Tooele Transcript Bulletin*, which was named best column in a daily newspaper for 2008 by the Utah Press Association. Clint took second place in UPA's 2009 contest, where he also won an award for best feature story (*The Heart of Vernon*). In addition, his work and comments have been featured in *The Associated Press*, *U.S. Outdoors Today*, and the *Dallas Morning News*.