



# ALBERT MILES STEVENS

- **Alderman, Public Administrator, Mayor**
- **Born.** May 16, 1856 in Honesdale, Pennsylvania.
- **Married.** Myrta Wright. They had three children: Marguerite, Lucille, and Lyman.
- **Died.** March 7, 1917 in Missoula, Montana.
- **Education.** Albert attended public schools in Pennsylvania.
- Albert worked on the oil drilling fields in Bradford, Pennsylvania.
- **1882.** Albert headed west with the railroad. He stopped in Minnesota and stayed for six years.
- **1888.** Albert continued westward to the train depot in

Missoula, Montana. His original intention had been to reach Victor, Montana which was located 35 miles south of Missoula. He was disappointed to find the railway did not extend to Victor. At that point, he decided to 'check out' Missoula. He never left.

- **Employed.** Andrew was employed as a machinist by the Northern Pacific Railroad for the first few years in Missoula.
- **1891.** Andrew was a horticulture pioneer in Montana. He was deeply vested in the fruit business. He pushed local growers in the development of horticultural products.
- **1894.** Andrew was elected City Council Alderman of the Second Ward.
- **1895-1905.** Andrew partnered with U. D. Richards to form A. M. Stevens & Co. This business became a leading job house and the largest fruit shipper in the state of Montana. Due to Andrew's tireless effort and influence, the Northern Pacific Railway Company furnished fruit trains.
- **1896.** Andrew served as Public Administrator.
- **1901.** Elected as Missoula's 15<sup>th</sup> Mayor. He served two terms.
- Andrew was a staunch Republican. At one point, he was nominated but declined the nomination for State Legislature.
- **1905.** Andrew turned his attention to real estate and mining brokerage transactions. During this time, he secured some valuable mining property.
- **1909.** Andrew started the Windfall Placer Mining Company at Windfall Gulch, Montana. This fit perfectly into his personal studies of geology and mineralogy over the past twenty-five years.



*Photo from: Historic and Scenic Missoula and Ravalli Counties*



*Location Grave 8, Lot 3, Block 22*

*Missoula Camera Club from the Montana Historical Society*



*Myrta Stevens was very well known. She was a member of the Missoula Photography Club and her collection is currently in the Montana Historical Museum in Helena, Montana.*