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## THE DEMAND FOR HUMOR

The death of Robert J. Burdette will be regretted by many people who have an eye for newspaper humor. Mr. Burdette did not enjoy the wide reputation of a Mark Twain, Josh Billings, or Petroleum V. Nasby. But he turned out for years a regular column that maintained a consistent sparkle of wit and feeling for the incongruous phases of daily life.

Such a contribution makes no impression on literature, and does not ordinarily give one a place in "Who's Who." Yet it may take more originality than to write a Six Best Seller of love and mystery.

Jerome K. Jerome once pathetically remarked that humor is the salt of life, but that even salt should not be eaten by the spoonful. Critics may rail at the flatness of modern newspaper humor, but the editors have a pretty keen sense of what the public wants to buy. The average humorist may need a vacation badly, but if he is gone, the readers miss him.

From early childhood, the American temperament demands a joke. If you watch boys in a reading room you will see them drop the magazine with the stories of adventure to rush for Life, Puck and Judge.

The grown-ups show their preferences when they visit the moving picture show. The instructive travel film, giving scenes from far lands one can never visit, is viewed with faint applause or even hisses. Meanwhile a runaway automobile tipping over a fruit stand, the repitition of a subject seen on the screen a thousand times, sets the audience into roars, though it may lack any element of legitimate humor.

The press humorists, if they turn out an average number of smiles, have a rather secure job. They may not be Twains or Nasbys or Burdettes. But they may get more readers than high hatted Washington correspondents who hobnob with senators and ambassadors.

Every fall, as the hunters come back from their jaunts, their bag seems to be a little smaller. Yet sportsman's clubs are working all over the country for closer legal regulations. More game wardens are being employed to enforce the laws. But every few years sees some species extinct that the older people remember as abundant.

As population grows, the game area narrows down. Sportsmen take more frequent and longer vacations. The hunting grounds acquire a larger human population.

There is a constantly increasing number of alien residents who speak no English and do not understand the game laws, nor good sportsmanship. To their minds, song birds that are useful in destroying insect pests make just as good pot pie as the scarcer game birds.

Luxury loving people are not contented with ordinary fowls and meats. Some escape titbit from the woods is needed, something inaccessible to thinner purses, with which they can give an air of distinction and originality to their feasts. The price is immaterial, so long as the dish is "different."

Thus in every region where gamebirds abound, a tribe of pot hunters has grown up. They turn the birds that save the crops into millionaire hotel dinners. Also they are making game birds so scarce that a man has to travel hundreds of miles for a day's sport, whereas formerly, he could get it on a single day's nearby excursion.

The wholesale hunting of game has become a form of monopoly that should be stopped. What wild life remains is the property of the common people. The hunting of varieties that save crops should cease, and the killing of other kinds should be equally shared.

A feminist paper published in Paris recently asked its readers of the gender sex what man they would rather have been had they not been born women, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The almost unanimous reply was, Napoleon. The verdict is an interesting aspect of the controversy as to whether this is to be the war that will end war or give it a greater stimulus than ever. Many believe that it has revived the military spirit. Paul Bourget, the distinguished French author, speaks of a France made more militant by what he regards as her magnificent victories. Before the war, he argues, France was really half afraid that she was the semi-decadent nation so often described by her enemies. Now, she is so convinced of her might the future policy will be to make her even more prepared. If this spirit be common to the belligerents, the outlook for universal and permanent peace is not so very hopeful.

What a difference! Here in Elko Thanksgiving was observed in peace and harmony, under a clear blue sky with a bright sun giving warmth and gladness, and the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God were generally manifest. Over in Europe general hatred prevailed and nearly every mind was filled with death dealing thought, while the elements too seemed to conspire with the battling hosts in dealing out misery. It is probable that another ten thousand lives were sacrificed and all for what? Truly should we give thanks that we are at peace with the world.

The attention of the Draper Club and other woman organizations is directed to the fact that Elko has a well equipped Y. M. C. A. building whose doors are tightly closed, and our boys and young men are denied its benefits. If you want to keep boys out of such places as do not tend to make for cleaner and better manhood, some place should be provided for them to spend their evenings. Our men have tried to keep the Y. M. C. A. open and have failed but that need not discourage the ladies. The efforts of one of them along that line would be more than half a dozen men.

The Newsletter and Advertiser published at Reno contains the following:

Allen McBride, assemblyman-elect from Elko county, has announced his candidacy for speaker of the lower house of the legislature. McBride is one of the three Republican members elected from Elko county and will be one of the few in the next assembly who have had experience in prior sessions. He is a young man of good address. In his home community he stands well in business life, being prominently connected with the light and power company of Elko county.

The Carson News says: The News force is thankful that during the year which has passed the editor has not been whipped; the force has been paid weekly; the paper and ink houses have not attached us; the gas company has not shut off its gas nor has the electric company failed to supply its power; we have not been bilked out of more than the usual number of bills; we have not been scooped of any important story nor have we been sued for libel.

Elko is to have another season of dancing, and private dancing parties will have an inning this winter the same as last. Public dances will likewise receive a stimulus. With one of the best instructors in the art of terpsichore here, a splendid opportunity is given Elko dance lovers to learn all the new dances and there is no doubt that they will take advantage of it.

The Twentieth Century Club at Reno is to take an interest in seeing that the curfew law is enforced in that city. This is an example worthy of the emulation of women's clubs in every town and city.

## UNCALLED FOR LETTERS

The following letters remain uncalled for in the Elko Post Office for the week ending November 23, 1914.

Miss Dolly Downen, Miss Nora Mason, Miss Lillian West, Ardans, John, Chick, Dan, Cormie, Tom, Green, H. P. Jones, H. P. Reed, Robt. Shaw, Bob.

When calling for the above please mention advertised and pay one cent for advertising.

POSTMASTER.

## K. OF P. BALL AN ELEGANT SOCIAL AFFAIR

AFFAIR LAST NIGHT WAS CROWDING EVENT OF THE YEAR IN ELKO—THE SOCIETY OF THIS CITY BEAUTIFUL DECORATIONS AND LOVELY GOWNS AND A GREAT SPIRIT OF GAYETY CYNOSURES OF ALL EYES

The annual ball of the Knights of Pythias given at the Bradley Opera House last night was an unprecedented social success. Due to the hard work of Grand Chancellor Chas. Gardner and his able corps of assistants, the ball was in perfect shape for the affair and was beautifully decorated in the colors and regalia of the lodge, presenting a beautiful and harmonious aspect. This affair has been always recognized as the crowning social affair of the year in this city and if the many words of enthusiastic praise for last night's affair are a barometer to the feelings of the guests present, it has never been surpassed in the social history of Elko.

About one hundred and fifty couples were on the floor when the grand march started. The latter was led by Grand Chancellor Gardner and Mrs. L. D. Wintermantel.

It was, to use an old and trite expression, a sight for sore eyes to see the costumes which bedecked the forms of the flower of Elko's society who were on the floor. It is probable that there has never been seen in this state a more beautiful lot of gowns than those which were worn by the ladies present. In fact the whole affair was a beautiful scene laid to a beautiful setting and the local lodge of the Knights of Pythias, and especially Mr. Gardner, are to be congratulated on the success they have made out of the affair. Grand Chancellor Gardner is the first man who holds that high office who has lived in this city in the last twenty-five years and last night's ball only served to carry out the fact that the lodge could not have selected a more worthy man for the position. He was the ruling spirit before, during and after the affair and it is largely due to his splendid efforts that a success was made out of it.

Dancing continued from the time the grand march was inaugurated until 2 a. m., punch being served in the intermissions.

People in this city have many things to give thanks for, but as one young man said this morning if the K. of P. gave a ball every day in the year, every day would be Thanksgiving day for him. He only voiced the sentiments of all who attended.

## CRAZY MAN CREATES DISTURBANCE

Sheriff Harris and District Attorney Carville left this morning by automobile for Charleston to investigate the doings of a man supposed to be crazy, who has been raising disturbances at that place. Complaints have been coming to this office about the actions of a man and the two officers will determine whether the reports of the man's mental condition are true or not. They will return tomorrow.

## STAR THEATRE PLEAS

The new Star Theatre continues to put on high class attractions and are being rewarded by full houses each night. Mr. Knudson has made many friends since he has been in this city and his house is growing more popular daily.

Sheriff Harris has returned from Charleston where he went last week in company with District Attorney Carville to investigate the mental condition of an alleged insane man. The Sheriff hasn't much to say of his trip further than it was a bad one. Just this side of Charleston while running along at a moderate rate of speed he hit a chuck hole and to use his own expression he broke every part of his machine that was breakable, including the frame. He is about town today trying to buy a mule to make his trip to the desert after sheep licenses. Most any kind of an old mule will do, just so as it has a self starter, two good lamps, a radiator that doesn't leak, a big gas tank, and spark plugs that will not become foul.

## MARGARET FOLEY SLAMS NEVADA

"It was a wonderful adventure and had a splendid result, but I absolutely wouldn't go through it again for \$1,000,000, as bad as the 'cause' wants funds, is the way Margaret Foley today the suffrage agitator, sums up the campaign that turned Nevada into a full "votes for women" state at the last election, according to the Boston Record, a reporter from which interviewed her.

Miss Foley was not content to campaign the western state as it had always been done before, and she accomplished the almost unbelievable feat of visiting every mining camp in the state where even a half dozen voters could be reached after traveling 90 to 100 miles over the roughest of trails, sometimes where horseback riding was out of the question.

To do this which no man campaigner, not even a state candidate, had ever attempted, she had to travel over the roughest roads and in the toughest company. Of course she was inevitable the only woman on these journeys, and many times she rode all night in a rough wagon or motor truck.

"It seems like a dream, a dime novel, a moving picture," Miss Foley declared in telling of her experiences. "They all laughed at me when I landed out in Nevada and enthusiastically declared that I was going to visit every mining camp in the state where a voter was to be found. It was unheard of, even for a man to undertake. The men politicians out there never pretend to visit any place where there are not at least 100 voters."

"United States Senator Pittman, one of the hardest campaigners, told me I was crazy, and if I attempted to carry out my itinerary I would find myself in some of the worst mining camps of the country, and that my schedule would keep me without decent food and sleeping quarters for 10 days at a time. He was right."

"Well, I left him behind early. He was worn out, bleary-eyed and exhausted, voice gone, and he couldn't even reach Austin."

"I slept in sheds, without any bed-clothing, no locks on the doors and nothing but canvas partitions in the hotels, when there was a hotel at all, and when there was, they were always full of drunken miners. Yes, indeed, believe me, I have seen the very farthest corner of the most wild and woolly west."

A. C. Jacobs, proprietor of the Chile Parlor near the Western Pacific depot, and Miss May Laffan, of Wyoming, were married by Judge H. U. Castle, at the courthouse Wednesday night. The wedding was very quiet, only the Justice and three witnesses being present. Mr. Jacobs is well known in the city and the Independent wishes him and his wife much happiness in the years to come.

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## A CASE FOR HELP

The European war is causing untold misery and suffering to hundreds of thousands of innocent and helpless men, women and children in the war stricken district. This is especially true of the people of Belgium—innocent victims of the demon militarism.

The condition of these people appeals strongly to the charitable people of America and in nearly every city and hamlet throughout this country funds are being raised to feed and clothe these helpless people until they can return to their homes and start anew the battle for existence.

Nevada so far has neglected its duty in this matter. This is not due to the lack of charity on the part of its people, but to the failure of someone to take the initiative. Elko has always responded liberally to every call for help and we believe it will maintain its record for charity and add many dollars to the Belgium relief fund if some of our prominent citizens will but set the ball in motion. Who will respond to the call?

## ICE FLOES ON GREAT SALT LAKE

The Lucin cutoff of the Southern Pacific railroad, which separates the northern portion of the great salt lake from the main body, has produced so great a change in the character of the north end of the lake that ice floes exist there this year for the first time in history, although the weather has been unusually mild. The Bear river discharges into the portion north of the cutoff and the water has become steadily fresher ever since the cutoff was built. Hundreds of water fowl, accustomed to live on the lake, have perished through being frozen in the ice.

## NEVADA TEAM DEFEATED

The California University Rutgers defeated the football team from the University of Nevada at Reno Thanksgiving day by a score of 38 to 3.

C. Gallo returned recently from Eureka where he went to dispose of his property at that place. Mr. Gallo was the owner of two bakeries at Eureka, one of which he disposed of on the last trip to Angelo Barolo. The other he retains. He says that Eureka is absolutely dead and that the town shows no sign of industry.

## MOVEMENT ON FOOT TO START BELGIAN FUND

MOVEMENT STARTED BY THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH TO SEND TO THE PEOPLE OF BELGIUM

IT IS A MATTER WHICH SHOULD APPEAL TO EVERY PERSON WITH THE LOVE OF COUNTRY WITHIN HIM

A movement has been put on foot locally to take up a contribution for the relief of the Belgians who are at most in a state of starvation as a result of the recent German invasion of their country. The first step was taken by the Episcopal church yesterday at their Thanksgiving services, when \$18.35 was contributed for that purpose. Other churches and societies are expected to take this matter up and it is probable that in a short while a nice fund will be gotten together for the relief of these people who defended their land so bravely. There has never been a race of people who have shown more bravery and love of country than these Belgians. It was the same people who Julius Caesar, in his Commentaries, classed as the bravest of all Gauls. They have always been a peaceable, home-loving people, who had rather stay at home and attend to their own business than to fight with anyone. They are always ready, however, to defend their homes with their life blood. This is the attitude they have taken in the present war. They defended their homes for weeks against the greatest odds any country had to contend with and although defeated in the end and put under brutal German yoke, they have the respect and sympathy of the whole world.

It is time that Elko takes the matter up as all our neighbors are doing and sending a fund to these brave people. The Episcopal church has made the first step in a great movement and all other organizations and societies should follow. All the churches in this city should take the matter up at the Sunday services. We of Elko, are in the lap of luxury, scarcely feeling the stringency of the present time and our Belgian cousins are striving, all because they chose to defend their homes. Think the matter over and let all churches, lodges, societies, firms and individuals take the matter up and send relief to the Belgians.

## DANCE AT LAMOILLE WAS WELL ATTENDED

The Thanksgiving Ball at Lamoille last night was well attended according to the local people who attended the affair. While not very many people from this city attended, owing to the Knights of Pythias ball here, there was a large crowd on hand and everyone seemed to have an enjoyable evening. Hale's orchestra, of this city, furnished the music for the occasion and several people from Elko attended. The people of Lamoille are ideal hosts and hostesses and whenever there is an occasion of this kind there, everyone is assured of the most pleasant of times.

## SHERIFF TELEPHONES THAT HE HAS MAN

Sheriff Harris and District Attorney Carville, who went to Charleston yesterday to investigate the actions of a man who has been reported as crazy in that vicinity, telephoned today that he had arrested the man wanted and would arrive in the city some time today.

H. P. Hale, attorney, is moving his office from the Pioneer building to the brick cottage owned by Mrs. McDowell next to the court house.

## WITH OUR NEIGHBORS

LAMOILLE At 8 o'clock Thursday November 19th at the home of Judge H. U. Castle in Elko, a very quiet wedding took place which united in marriage Mr. E. A. Martin and Miss Sylvia Bower of this place. The impressive ring ceremony was used, in the presence of a few intimate friends, of the contracting parties. After the ceremony a delightful wedding supper was served and enjoyed by all present. The bride is one of Lamoille's sweet and charming daughters, and the groom is a popular and successful young business man. The happy couple will reside in Lamoille and we extend to them the best wishes of the community.

Mrs. Anna Kennedy of Elko is visiting at the home of her son, George Kennedy.

Mrs. Northrup who has been spending some time with the Misses Hansel has returned to her home in Elko. She has made many friends while here and will be very much missed.

Miss Norma J. Davis gave two very instructive lectures and demonstrations in cooking at the school house on Monday and Tuesday of this week. We are very fortunate in having such a capable instructor in culinary art and should not miss any of these meetings.

George Ames of Salt Lake City is from Friday's daily.

Henry Kenyon, of Hylton, spent Thanksgiving day in the city.

J. A. Small, of Wells, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Clint Bolton, of Hylton, was in the city yesterday.

C. H. Mayer, of Warm Creek, is registered at the Hotel Mayer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Hays, of Ruby Valley, are among the out-of-town visitors in the city today.

William Chase, of North Fork, is registered at the Hotel Mayer.

Mrs. W. T. Job, of Gold Creek, is a visitor in the city today.

S. H. Arthur, forest supervisor, of Gold Creek, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

B. A. Taylor came down from his home at Gold Creek yesterday and spent the day in the city.

Mrs. Malt, of Gold Creek, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

F. W. Carter, of Deeth, is a visitor in the city.

Pete Scott came in from Starr Valley yesterday to spend Thanksgiving in Elko. He says that the valley is in fine shape and everybody is prosperous.

The law firm of Klein and Hale who have been in business here for the last six months, has dissolved and in the future the gentlemen who have comprised the firm, will assume the practice of law individually.

Ruth Davis brought suit yesterday in the district court for a divorce from her husband Joseph O. Davis. The couple were married at Wells last February and have lived together since that time until recently when the petitioner alleges that her husband left her and has refused to be with her except for a short time.

Mrs. Davis was before her marriage Miss Ruth Wiseman, her family being prominent people of Clover Valley. She is well remembered here for her riding as she participated in contests at the recent Rodeo here and made a reputation as one of the best riders ever seen in Elko. She says that her husband has beaten her and threatened her life on several occasions and asks that a decree of absolute divorce be given her and also that her maiden name be restored.

CARSON CITY GOSSIP

It was reported on the streets yesterday that Lieutenant Governor Gilbert C. Ross will be the next bank examiner.

Every day sees one or two more convicts added to the number at the prison. They are coming faster than they go.

There is a scurrying around about the city by those who are looking for houses to rent. Good houses with modern conveniences are at a premium at this time.

Former Congressman George Bartlett is slated for the position now held by Judge Bartine when the place becomes vacant in about a year from now.

GOOD SHOW AT BRADLEY The Standard Quartette which sang at the Bradley last night and the night before made quite a hit and proved more conclusively that the management of the Bradley are endeavoring to give the people of this city the best to be had in that line.

INDIAN GOES TO PRISON

Albert McGill an Indian has been sentenced to serve a term of from one to five years in the state prison White Pine county for placing an obstruction in the nature of ties upon the tracks of the Nevada Northern with the intention of wrecking the train.

The funeral services of Charles Doherty who died Friday took place from Keyser's Undertaking Parlor this afternoon. Interment took place at the city cemetery.

What might have been a very serious accident occurred here Monday. A horse on which Miss Mary Bower was riding became unmanageable and as it jumped a wire fence caught its foot throwing itself and rider to the ground. It was thought at first that she was very seriously injured, but is now very much improved.

Communion services will be held in our church, Sunday, November 29th, at 10 a. m.

SOUL FORK Miss Lella Ogilvie who has been attending high school in Elko, is visiting her parents.

Robert D. Bailey, engineer, operating the Hylton & Clayton traction engine and thresher has finished work in Mound and Huntington Valleys, and begins threshing on the Homestead ranch, today.

G. T. Suttle and family of Independence Valley visited P. J. Ogilvie's home a few days since.

Women under the new dispensation in Nevada need not vote unless they so desire, but serving on juries, that is another matter entirely. On this point Mrs. R. L. Fulton yesterday received the shock of her life when she got a paper bearing the sheriff's signature commanding her to appear for jury duty before Judge Salisbury's court next Monday morning at 10 o'clock.

"Here is a subpoena," said Mr. Fulton, handing the paper to his wife. "It commands you to serve on the jury."

"But I do not wish to serve on the jury," said Mrs. Fulton.

"Well you ladies have the vote now and all that goes with it," said Fulton, "and I don't see any way out of it."

"Oh, dear!" exclaimed Mrs. Fulton. "I just knew there would be a lot of trouble over this voting."

But it was only a joke. Mr. Fulton received the subpoena, directed to himself. He prefixed the title "Mrs." before his own name on the subpoena and delivered it to his wife.

The time will come, however, when women will be called on to serve on juries in Nevada. The names of talliesmen and women for juries are taken from the list of registered voters. There are none registered yet.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Pennock motored out to Lamoille last night to attend the Thanksgiving ball at that place.

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