

COMEDY AND TRAGEDY

All Mixed up Together in Such a Manner That Shakespeare Turns in His Grave.

Scene in Alturas Court Room:

ENTER CAESAR:

Act 2. Danny Miller, the gun-fighter, strides to the Judge's bench and whispers in the ear of Judge Harrington, during the examination of witness J. R. Myers by Mr. Raker. The Court immediately beckoned to the sheriff and told him to remove Mrs. R. L. Nichols from the court room. Mrs. Nichols was taking notes of the evidence for three local newspapers of Modoc county. Mr. Spencer then said, "it is a strange thing that a lady can't remain in the court room and listen to the testimony when her husband's life is at stake, and to take notes if she wants to. It is a shame and disgrace on civilization." Court: "Mrs. Nichols, I have no objection to your staying here if you do not take notes."

Raker: "There are others here taking notes. There's that detective back there (pointing to a man in back of room) he is here taking notes every day, and we can take notes, Danny Miller and his gun to the contrary notwithstanding."

Court: "I'll tell the sheriff to take you and Dan Miller out of court so you can settle it."

Raker: "Mr. Sheriff, you have a right to disarm that man, in spite of ruling of the court."

Court: "Every ruling of the court makes you violate it. Proceed with this witness."

Raker: "I take exceptions to the remarks of the court, and to the court allowing that armed bully to sit there in the court room."

Miller: "You are a liar, I'm not a bully. You s-----; you dirty, lying s-----, I'm not a bully." (Hand on gun).

The scene became extremely exciting, as the spectators rose from their seats, and many of them rushed from the court room. The jury became very excited, as they were in direct range of Miller's gun if he should commence shooting at Mr. Raker. Some of the jurors shouted "Take him out!" "Take him out!" "Disarm him." Miller was seized by attorneys Sturtevant and Boyd, and others, who by great effort overpowered him and forced him into the corner back of the stove, Miller continuing to give vent to profane and insulting expressions. Miller was then directed to leave the court room and did so unattended.

Mr. Raker then said to the court, "Are we to stand here and be threatened by that man?"

To this the court replied: "You and Mr. Miller can settle this out of court," and then ordered the Sheriff to take Mr. Raker out of the court room. Mr. Raker protested that he was not going to be shot down out side of the court, and Judge Spencer said to the Court: "Judge, you are advising Miller to shoot this man down when he goes out of court."

Court: "I did not make any such remarks. (angrily) Go on with this case. Then to the jury: "If I ever see any such a demonstration in this court room again on the part of the jury, I will—"

Juror (interrupting): "Can't we protect ourselves?"

The Court then proceeded to reprimand the jury for their conduct, upon which two or three of the jurors addressed the Court, and stated that they wished to be protected while acting as jurors, and that they were in direct range if any shooting was done, and objected strenuously to sitting still and being shot at.

The Court then demanded that Mr. Raker apologize for his conduct, or he would send him to jail. Mr. Raker replied that he would not apologize if he went to jail and rotted for it; that he said what he did in good faith, for Miller

had sat there day after day and sneered and made faces at him. Mr. Spencer then asked that they proceed with the case, and not delay further.

The Court: "I have a right to exert my prerogative and put any one out of this room I like; I am sick of such conduct. The Governor of this State telegraphed me asking if I needed troops to carry out the law, and I replied that I did not. I'll revoke it if this case can't be carried on under civil authorities, and I'll resort to other expedients."

Mr. Spencer: "I don't think it will take troops to control Raker."

The Court: "It will take a whole regiment to control him."

The Court then said that Mr. Raker must apologize the next morning at 10 o'clock or go to jail, after which the case proceeded.

When the court convened next morning a written apology to the court, attorneys and spectators, from Danny Miller, was read.

Raker: "If I have said any thing to displease the court, I will apologize."

EXIT CAESAR.

FT. BIDWELL NEWS

By Our Special "Reporter."

Born—At Ft. Bidwell, Jan. 1, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed. McConaughy, a son.

Born—At Twelve Mile, Jan. 9, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Godfrey, a daughter.

Born—At Ft. Bidwell, Jan. 17, 1902, to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Morris, a son.

Mrs. M. E. Munroe is dangerously ill at her home near town.

H. N. Newland of this place is very ill, owing to his advanced age, there is small chance for his recovery.

Rev. Pepper was slightly indisposed a few days last week, but is now able to fill his appointments.

Will Vinyard of Warner was in town a day or two last week, on his way home from below.

Miss Dora Haines, recently from England, has returned to Cedarville after two weeks visit with Mrs. Irene Harris.

Died—At Taylorville, Plumas Co., Cal., Jan. 9, 1902, Mrs. Nancy Wilcox aged about 50 years. Deceased was a cousin of Mrs. F. W. Hickerson of this place.

REPORTER.

Ft. Bidwell, Cal., Jan. 22, 1902.

A Surprise Party.

Last Friday night a number of young people gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Fitzgerald for a night's fun and enjoyment, and gave Mrs. Fitzgerald a happy surprise. The party brought with them a good supply of fresh oysters and other good things to eat, and all hands had a fine supper. Games and other amusements kept the happy party interested until 1 a. m. Mrs. Fitzgerald proved herself a worthy hostess and all who attended had a joyful time.

School Benefit Ball.

A ball and supper will be given at the McCuley place, four miles north of Lakeview, on Friday evening, Feb. 7th, to which all are invited. The proceeds will be used for a worthy purpose—to create a fund for building a school house in District No. 10, the new district just established. The public generally should patronize this ball. Tickets for ball and supper are only \$1.25 each, which includes free hay for your horses. Remember the date. Buy a ticket whether you attend or not.

The Woodman Ball.

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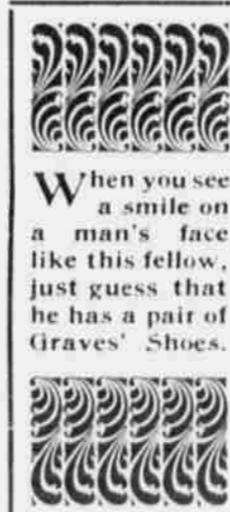
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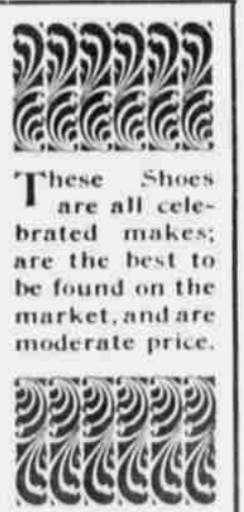
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