

EDITORIAL PAGE

Reno Evening Gazette

Newlands and the Barker at the End of the String

A CONTEMPORARY has pulled the statutes on the editor of the Gazette because this paper made kindly reference to the great love which the senior senator from this state manifests for Reno by allowing himself to be caught within the city limits once or twice every few years. The newspaper referred to seems to be very much aggrieved as if it had been personally affronted—which, when all things are taken into consideration, is not much of a surprise. After the fashion of lawyers, whom he affects much to despise, the defendant editor quotes with show of much learning what is required to obtain a legal residence within the state.

Really it was unnecessary for the lawyer-like editor to pull his statutes with such a threatening air. The people of Reno have lately become acquainted with the ease with which a legal residence may be acquired in the state. Dr. Bruguiere and Mrs. Corey have brought the matter to the public's attention much more emphatically than could the lawyer editor. Residence in Nevada is not a difficult thing to obtain under the statutes. It is as easy for a man or a woman seeking a divorce as it is for a man seeking political honors.

The Gazette made no attack upon Senator Newlands. It pointed out that Reno is much honored when the senator comes to town. It sees him so seldom, and he being, according to his editorial defender, the greatest man in the world, is naturally extremely gracious to honor with an occasional visit the state which he deigns to permit to send him to the United States senate. We also called attention to the large-hearted manner in which Senator Newlands advises the city to get parks, and the generosity he showed the city in selling to a real estate dealer the piece of ground which he owned and which would make a handsome park. Certainly he made the sale for no other reason than that the city might be given the blessed privilege of buying that piece of ground

from the real estate man. With much frankness, and an entire abandonment of political bias, we called attention to these gracious doings on the part of the senior senator from Nevada.

The editorial defender seems to think that Senator Newlands has been attacked. He flies into a great rage and informs his readers that the Gazette editor is in no immediate danger of dying of old age—which is true. With the cheerful complacency that is the heritage of all idiots he assumes that by devoting himself to the editor of the Gazette he can most valiantly defend the great man whom he believes has been sorely attacked. Whether or not the senatorial string was pulled, and the puppy at the other end of it simply had to bark or lose favor is a question which can furnish theme for stirring debates throughout the state. The affirmative will probably have the strongest side.

One reference in the article of our contemporary calls, maybe, for a direct reply, and here it is. It states that the editor of the Gazette caused to be announced that he had been considered for a legislative position in this state. That statement is a direct lie. The man who wrote it can answer according to his temper or his sense.

No one has attacked your master, Barely Beloved. Don't worry and get excited for fear you will lose favor unless you bark at somebody whom you thought—"thought" is hardly a good word, coming after "bark"—was trespassing across the barb wire fence which your master has built around his sacred person. Senator Newlands may be the greatest man in the world, as the editor at the end of the string would have us believe, but his days of political honor are numbered in Nevada. That much is certain, nor all the barkings of the tribe at the end of the senatorial string can make it otherwise. It will not be necessary for anybody to attack the sacred presence. The people of the state have already made up their minds. All they await is the opportunity.