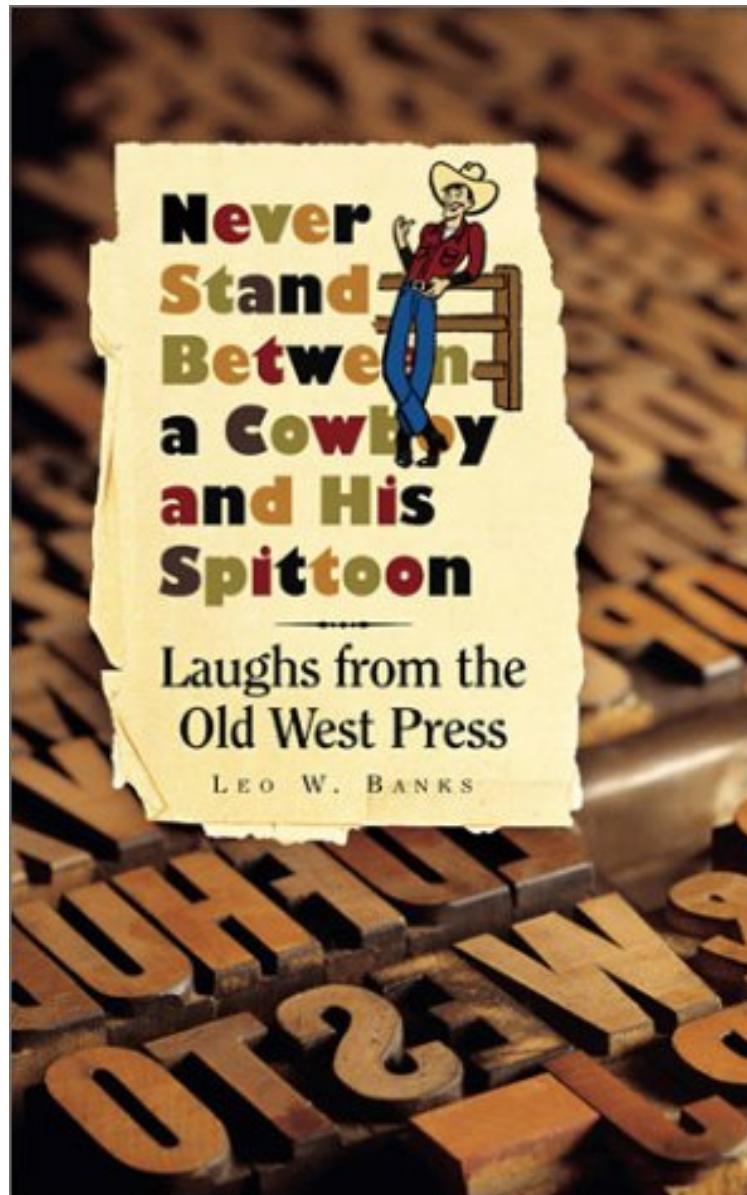


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From the Publisher Leo Banks loves a good joke. As a writer, he specializes in writing about history - specifically that of the Southwest - but in researching old newspaper archives for material, he often found himself laughing out loud at some of the quirky fillers editors added to spice up the news of the day. Here in handy pocketbook form, are the jests and jabs he found that made it into the pages of such publications as the Coconino Sun, the Arizona Silver Belt, the Arizona Daily Star and the Holbrook Argus during Arizona's wild, politically incorrect territorial times. Modern readers may not have the same reactions as did folks on the frontier, but everyone will appreciate these gems as a historical reflection of what was funny at the time. From the Inside Flap Did folks living in the Wild West laugh? You bet they did . . . at jokes like this: Traveler: "Who's the close-mouthed individual in the corner? He hasn't spoken for ten minutes." Storekeeper: "He's jus' waitin' fer Pete t' come back with th' spittoon." And this . . . "Although I am a septuagenarian, remember I'm a millionaire. Could you learn to love me? Am I too old for you?" "On the contrary. You are too young." ##### "And now, little girls," said the Sunday school teacher, "you may tell me about the epistles." A little girl raised her hand. "Well," said the teacher. "The epistles," said the little girl, "are the wives of the apostles." ##### "Ah," exclaimed the cannibal chief, smacking his lips, "what kind of minister was that we had for dinner?" "Your excellency," replied his companion, "I should say he was a prime minister." Here's a gross of jokes taken from newspapers published before Arizona became a state in 1912. Some are classy. Others are crass. They reflect the prejudices and assumptions of the time. Not to mention humor. Men usually are depicted as dumb, drunken goldbricking fools, and darn happy to be that way until they marry. As for women, the only thing they want more than a man and marriage is to trash their female rivals with cold, slicing remarks. Oh, yes. They also have a need - apparently genetic - to conceal their true age. We make no apologies for presenting these stereotypes, which, in today's world are hardly politically correct. They are a part of our history. They tell us how much things have changed, and how little. About the Author As a school boy in Boston, Leo's hobby was writing stories of the Civil War and its generals. His father, a mathematics professor, encouraged him and wrote glowing introductions to each typed, bound-at-home volume. No one was surprised, therefore, when Leo grew up to be a writer. His first degree, in history, came from Boston College in 1975. From there, he ventured west for a master's degree in journalism from the University of Arizona. And in the past 23 years he's worked as a reporter for the Arizona Daily Star in Tucson, as a correspondent for the Los Angeles Times and Boston Globe and as a contributor to Arizona Highways, Sports Illustrated and National Geographic Traveler magazines. He's also had several books published: Travel Arizona II (with Tom Dollar, Rose Houk, Sam Negri and Joe Stocker); Grand Canyon Stories: Then Now (with Craig Childs); and Stalwart Women. Leo loves a good story. The funnier, the better. For two decades he's nurtured a passion for the history of Arizona Territory, pouring over old newspapers and making note of the things people found humorous then. His latest book, Never Stand Between a cowboy and His Spittoon, proves that a good joke can stand the test of time.