

Will Rogers Today Instructs in Mixing Business and Pleasure

PRESIDENCY SEEKS WILL ROGERS AGAIN

"Shucks" his Only Retort To Suggestion Hasn't Definitely Refused

Every four years a well organized boom to place Will Rogers, humorist and comedian in the White House is started. Rogers himself refuses to take the movement seriously, but so far as is known, he has never definitely registered disapproval of the idea. His only comment, when asked point-blank if he would be a candidate, was a characteristic "Shucks!"

Rogers was first-nominated for president four years ago by a nationally known humorous magazine. He entered into the spirit of the affair, and wrote the platform and contributed numerous wisecracks to the campaign.

But in the last four years many persons have begun to consider such a plan seriously. Rogers' keen perception, his faculty for going right to the heart of a problem and solving it almost offhand, has made thousands wonder whether he wouldn't be an ideal national executive.

The Hollywood Citizen recently discussed the Rogers' presidential boom editorially, wondering if we could spare the great comedian for so mundane a job as president. The editorial reads, in part:

"We don't know how this campaign for Will Rogers for president strikes the humorist, but it strikes us as very interesting.

"The first question we would raise, though, is whether or not the country could afford to lose its leading humorist. Will Rogers, as president, wouldn't need to give up his sense of humor but he would have to give up his job of entertaining the public with his humor. And it's a question whether he isn't worth more to the country in his present capacity than as president, even though he should make a good president."

VIC MEYERS WILL APPEAR AT GRAND

The Trion band, headed by Seattle's Mayor of Personality, Vic Meyers, is rated among the ten best bands in America today. Music is not the only achievement of this merry troupe. Comedy, dancing and singing play an equally important part. Two of the boys have had considerable vaudeville experience as a tap dancing team. Others have appeared with well known stock companies on the Pacific coast. More than ten years have been devoted by Meyers in assembling this gang of merry-makers. They



They say Will Rogers goes slightly native in the feature "Business and Pleasure" now at the Elsinore, and from this it appears true.



Here is a scene from "Murders in Rue Morgue" feature now showing at Warner Bros. Capitol.

"Murders in Rue Morgue" At Capitol; Sidney Fox And Bela Lugosi in Leads

A half-demented doctor, intent on crossing the blood of a gigantic ape with that of a living girl, animates the terrifying story of "Murders in Rue Morgue." Universal's strange drama which comes to the Capitol today, with Sidney Fox and Bela Lugosi in the leading roles. It is the famous Edgar Allan Poe story renovated for the screen. Rumor from Hol-

lywood says "it is a Dracula" and "Frankenstein" rolled into one and churned together in an ice cream freezer.

The story is laid in Paris in the year 1840, and the sinister Dr. Mirakle, impersonated by Lugosi, causes the death of three young women in his mad experiments, until the dumb affection of the gorilla is attracted by Miss Fox, in the character of Camille L'Esperance.

Mirakle, feeling that Camille will form an ideal subject for further experiments, captures the girl with the assistance of the ape, and the ensuing events, it is said, make of "Murders in Rue Morgue" the most gruesome and thrilling picture in the history of the talking screen. The climax of the story takes place on the rooftops of Paris, in scenes which are said to be filled with suspense and fast-moving drama.

According to advance reports, Lugosi makes Dr. Mirakle an even more menacing figure than "Dracula" the role in which he created a sensation last season, and Miss Fox brings to the screen the high ability and girlish beauty which have already marked her as one of the coming stars of the motion picture. "Murders in Rue Morgue" was directed by



Who is which in this picture? Don't get them mixed for Hoot Gibson is one of them. Scene from "The Gay Buckaroo" showing Friday at the Hollywood.

'POLICE COURT' AT HOLLYWOOD TODAY

Henry Walthall Featured in Drama of Film City; Support is Good

Behind the glamorous veil that is Hollywood is many a heart-rending tale of men and women swept from that perilous peak of public fame and popularity and cast broken and old into the very gutters of a great city. And each of them cherishes within his heart the hope of the eventual "comeback," that chimera of human faith that lies always "just around the corner."

Such is the tale of Nathaniel Barry, once acclaimed by thousands, his name on the tongues of countless admirers in every city and village of the very world, now a drunken, sodden bit of flotsam on the channel of wreckage that is the early morning parade in Judge Robert Webster's sunrise police court.

But unlike others of a fickle public's discarded favorites, the love and faith of two people have followed Nathaniel Barry to the gutter. They are—Diana McCormick who played her first part in one of Barry's early pictures and has loved him ever since although she has risen to be a great star, and Junior, Barry's 12-year-old son, who remembers the days of his father's greatness and has absolute faith in his eventual regeneration and his return to his former glory.

This is the theme of "Police Court," now at the Hollywood, intimate story of the lives of the great and near-great of Hollywood. Making a triumphant return at the head of a sensational cast is Henry B. Walthall, that honored veteran of the silent days, whose talking picture debut in the role of Nathaniel Barry has swept him to the heights of his former popularity. Supporting Walthall are such stars as Leon Janney, sen-

Robert Florey, and other prominent roles in the picture are played by Leon Waycott, Brandon Hurst, Bert Roach, Betty Ross Clarke, Noble Johnson and D'Arcy Corrigan.

The Call Board

By OLIVE M. DOAK

Warner Bros. Capitol Today — Bela Lugosi in "Murders of the Rue Morgue."

Wednesday — Thomas Meighan in "Cheaters at Play."

Friday — Walter Huston in "The Beast of the City."

Warner Bros. Elsinore Today — Will Rogers in "Business and Pleasure."

Wednesday — William Haines in "Are You Listening?"

Friday — Buster Keaton and Polly Moran in "The Passionate Plumber."

The Hollywood Today — Henry B. Walthall in "Police Court."

Wednesday — Ruth Chatterton in "Once a Lady."

Friday — Hoot Gibson in "The Gay Buckaroo."

The Grand Today — Janet Gaynor in "Delicious."

Tuesday — Vic Meyers and Dorothy Mackall in "Safe in Hell."

Wednesday — Charles Starrett in "The Viking."

Friday — Buck Jones in "The Deadline."

NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY COMPANY

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE NEW AMSTERDAM CASUALTY COMPANY OF NEW YORK, IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1931, MADE TO THE INSURANCE COMMISSIONER OF THE STATE OF OREGON, PURSUANT TO LAW.

Amount of capital stock paid up	4,500,000.00
Reserves	1,000,000.00
Net premiums received during the year	13,918,976.86
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