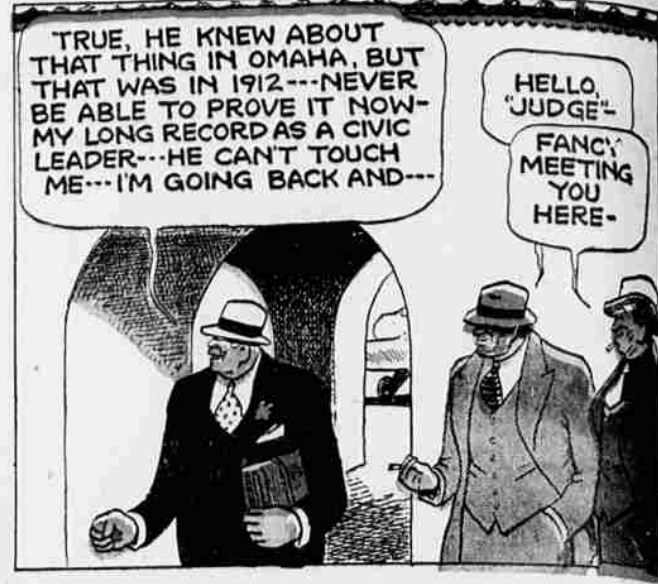




Little Orphan Annie

LAST STOP IN THIS COUNTRY- ME, "JUDGE" HARPE, RUNNING AWAY LIKE A COMMON CRIMINAL- IT WAS SHOCK- I WAS STAMPEDED- NICK GATT WAS BLUFFING-



TRUE, HE KNEW ABOUT THAT THING IN OMAHA, BUT THAT WAS IN 1912---NEVER BE ABLE TO PROVE IT NOW- MY LONG RECORD AS A CIVIC LEADER---HE CAN'T TOUCH ME---I'M GOING BACK AND---

HELLO, "JUDGE"- FANCY MEETING YOU HERE-



EH? SPIKE! AND CHOPPER! WHY, I THOUGHT YOU TWO WERE DOING 99 YEARS APIECE--

SURE- BUT WE WERE GOOD BOYS LED ASTRAY BY BAD COMPANIONS- YEP- SO NICK GOT 'EM TO LET US OUT- WE SURE ENVY YOU-



YOU---YOU ENVY ME? BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND-

WHY, WE GOTTA STAY HERE- PAROLE BOARD LIKES TO SEE US AROUND--COURSE IT'S NICE HERE---

BUT THINK O' YOU, "JUDGE"- TRAVEL---SEE TH' WORLD---FREE AS A LITTLE BOIDIE



AH, ME- THEY'RE GETTIN' READY TO TAKE OFF---SOUTH AMERICA, NEXT STOP! WE WOULDN'T WANT TO LET YOU MISS YOUR PLANE---

NICK'LL BE PLEASED TO KNOW YOU GOT TO GO ON SUCH A NICE TRIP- ADIOS, 'JUDGE! LOOK OUT FER THEM SEENY-RITAS AND SEND US A POST CARD-



YOU SURE SET OFF A TORPEDO UNDER OLD "JUDGE" HARPE- BUT WHO'D EVER SUSPECT THAT POMPUS OLD STUFFED SHIRT OF THE "PAST" HE HAD?

I WOULD, JACK- OLD NICK WOULD SUSPECT ANYBODY- AND YOU MIGHT BE SURPRISED AT HOW MANY TIMES I AM RIGHT-



WELL, HE SURE STARTED OUT FAST- ARE YOU SURE HE'LL KEEP GOING?

YES- HE THOUGHT OF TURNING BACK AT THE LAST MOMENT-- BUT HE THOUGHT BETTER OF IT---THE BOYS JUST TOLD ME OVER THE PHONE-



YOU NEVER MISS A TRICK- YOU'VE SURE SAVED JOHN TECUM FROM AN AWFUL JAM--- WITH THE RECORD HE'S MAKING IN THE ANSON JOG CASE, IT LOOKS AS IF I'M ABOUT WASHED UP-

YOU MEAN JOHN WOULD MAYBE GET YOUR JOB? COULD BE, JACK- BUT THERE ARE BETTER JOBS THAN D. A. FOR RIGHT BOYS-



OH, JOHNNY- HERE'S YOUR PICTURE IN THE PAPER AGAIN, AND ALL ABOUT THE ANSON JOG TRIAL- YOU WILL GET HIM CONVICTED, WON'T YOU?

SURE- HE HASN'T A CHANCE WITH THE DECK STACKED AGAINST HIM- IF HE WEREN'T SO GUILTY, I'D FEEL SORRY FOR HIM-



THAT MURDERER! BUT, JOHNNY- THEY'RE MENTIONING YOU FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY ON THE REFORM TICKET- WOULDN'T IT BE FINE IF YOU COULD BEAT THAT AWFUL JACK BLACK?

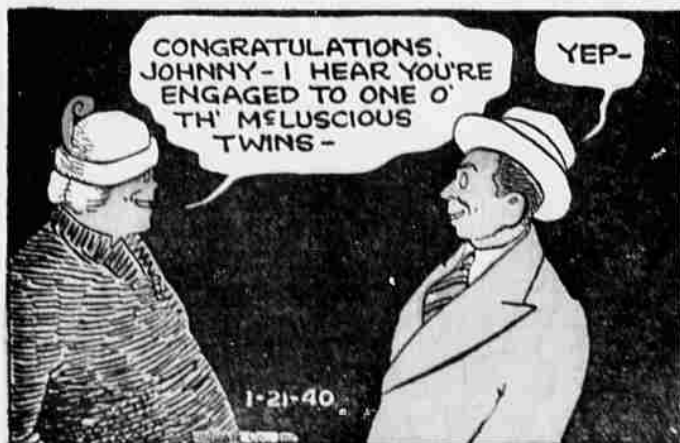
WHAT IN PARTICULAR IS SO AWFUL ABOUT JACK BLACK?



WHY, HE'S HAND IN GLOVE WITH THE UNDERWORLD--- EVERYBODY KNOWS HE'S BACKED BY NICK GATT!

HM-M--AND WHO DO YOU SUPPOSE I'D REALLY BE BACKED BY---OR WOULDN'T "EVERYBODY" KNOW THAT, EH?

Maw Green



CONGRATULATIONS, JOHNNY- I HEAR YOU'RE ENGAGED TO ONE O' TH' MELUSCIOUS TWINS-

YEP-



THIM'S TH' MOST GORGEOUS GIRLS IN TOWN--- BUT THEY LOOK EXACTLY ALOIKE- TELL ME, JOHNNY- HOW D'YE TELL THIM APART?

TELL THEM APART, MRS. GREEN?



HA! WHY TRY?

HAROLD GRAY