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WIT TELLS OFF ON THEM TO DELIGHT OF CROWD

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Just to relieve the unemployment among ex-governors—

Dan and Jim ought to

open a law firm together,

"so they could get a case and argue it out together with Amon G. Carter as referee."

But Neff, another of the ex-governors, seems to be "doing pretty well for himself—he got himself a job."

This was the comment of Will Rogers, America's best known wisecracker, who announced he had "dropped in on Austin to settle a

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—(INS)—Capt. Frank M. Hawks was believed to hold another airplane speed record today. He flew here from Fort Worth, 1400 miles, in eight hours and 30 minutes. While his time was slower on the average than he made on his record transcontinental flight, it was reported as a new record for the distance.

Capt. Hawks will fill two speaking engagements here, starting for Texas by plane early tomorrow. He plans to reach Fort Worth tomorrow afternoon in time to join Will Rogers with whom he is making a tour to aid the Red Cross drouth relief campaign.

few matters and get the legislature to going" before continuing his Southwest tour in the interests of an unemployment fund.

Razzes Solons

Gentle razzing of the legislature and pointed quips on everything from the Hoover administration to the University of Texas student dances brought continued applause and laughter from the audience which gathered in the Paramount theater at noon today to hear Rogers.

It was the Texas legislature, however, which caught the full force of the Rogers wit, as all the foibles of the legislators came up for discussion.

"It's a funny thing, but I felt awful bad last night. I couldn't sleep well, 'cause I knew I didn't have any kind of an act to offer you people. I couldn't think of a single joke—and then this morning somebody took me up to the state house. Well, sir, I stayed 30 minutes—and I came out with enough material to last me a hundred years," Rogers chuckled.

Not Used to Salary

He declared the legislature, now entering its third week, was like a "party just getting started."

"They're all polite to each other now and just gettin' acquainted. But wait until they've served the cocktails and got down to knowing each other!"

Voters of Texas were congratulated on raising the legislators' pay. "It's at least an encouragement to honesty," he said.

"The only trouble with your legislature is that it ain't got started yet. And of course a lot of those boys aren't used to the salary they are getting. Maybe they've never been overpaid before"

He declared the time was a good one to "take a vote on the race horse bill.

"It's all right, boys," he advised the legislators present. "Vote how you think and the constituents back home won't find out." As applause broke out, he commented:

"Don't be afraid to applaud for the horses. It won't be heard back home."

Can't Blame G.O.P.

All "our present downfall" needn't be laid on the republican administration, he pointed out, because "no

single republican was ever smart enough to think up all our present troubles."

"And they tell me you've had a fine football season this year and now you're all excited over playing Harvard. To tell you the truth, I don't see how anybody can get excited over playing those Harvard boys. Why, every year Harvard and Yale play to see which is the worst team in America

"Which reminds me that a fine young football player asked me if he ought to turn professional. 'Son,' I said, 'don't turn professional until you've made all you can as an amateur.'"

Austin was congratulated on the new Gregory gymnasium, Rogers declaring he still remembered the "old warehouse" he talked in four years ago.

Praised Red Cross

Even the recent slot machine seizures in the university neighborhood came in for their share of attention. "I understand the man who owned those machines took 'em out because the children were robbing them" Rogers said.

Although Rogers' talk was mainly nonsensical jokes and keen wisecracking, which the audience took with good-natured humor, he also made a strong appeal for support of the Red Cross, in the interests of which he is making his present tour, paying all his own expenses.

"We haven't gone to the dogs, but we're in a condition where the two extremes are too far apart. There's more than a million people in the country with more money than ever before, but there's 10 million people who are poorer than ever. It's up to us to do something about it."

Rogers' serious appeal to aid the Red Cross brought hearty applause from the house.

Assisting Rogers on the bill was Jimmie Rodgers, Texas singer and Victor recording artist, who entertained with several numbers.