

James E. Ferguson Really Serious About Rogers for President Move

'Takes Real Brains to Tell Us Our Troubles,' He Says

Special to The Star-Telegram.

AUSTIN, Feb. 6.—A serious effort to boom Will Rogers, the cowboy humorist, for the United States presidency was launched here Friday by former Governor James E. Ferguson.

"The proposition," Ferguson declared, "is no more unreasonable than was the election of the horse-racing Andrew Jackson or the rail-splitting Abraham Lincoln, two of the greatest, if not the greatest, Presidents we ever had."

The Rogers-for-President campaign was projected with an editorial in the Ferguson Forum, the ex-Governor's newspaper, captioned, "Let's Start Something."

"Some smart Alec saphead," Ferguson stated, "will say that the people will never elect a humorist President. In reply, let me say that if there ever was a time when the American people needed the tonic of humor to pep them up and bear the troubles that now afflict them, it is right now.

"It takes real brains to know how to tell us about our troubles and make us at least feel pleasant about it.

"The famous comedian is qualified for President because, he is the best informed, not only on national questions but on world affairs, of any man in the world today. He is the Ben Franklin of this age. He has the courage of Andrew Jackson and the wit of Lincoln.

"Yes, sir; I'm serious about it. His election would bring more good feeling between our country and other nations than any other man could ever bring."

"We are all messed up here in Texas already about who we will support for president next year," Ferguson said. "We don't know where we are. Let Will Rogers announce and Amon Carter will call a meeting of Will Rogers' friends and I will bet a dollar bill that you will see me, Dan and Ross right there pushing the Rogers wagon along."

Will's Having High Time—Going Too Fast to Read

PONCA CITY, Okla., Feb. 6.—*Five thousand feet in the air and Hawks is starting a dive for the field to land at Ponca City. Played Thursday morning at the best agricultural school in America—Oklahoma A. & M. Their cattle win all the shows and their boys win all the judging contests. It's not a raccoon coat college. Say, what's the news? I don't get to read, we are moving too fast. Have the admirals got dressed for Butler's trial yet? How does Mr. Hoover stand on prohibition this week? I was down in West Texas last week and they are feeding goats the Wickersham report.*
Yours, WILL.



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Humorist Continues to Swell Fund for Aid of the Drouth Victims

ADA, Okla., Feb. 6.—Will Rogers kidded Ada out of \$3,000 Friday afternoon and boosted drouth relief receipts from his home State to \$47,477.

Earlier in the day he had collected \$3,002 at Shawnee. Of the Ada receipts \$800 represented fines assessed by the humorist.

Will spited a miniature presidential boom started by Rev. C. C. Morris with the retort he was "not so smart, but too smart to run for anything."

He said he wanted to raise money for Oklahoma's "independent oil men and ex-governors."

Coolidge, he said, "did not choose to run because the choosing was not good then, but he is always ready."

He characterized Governor Sterling of Texas as "fat but firm."

Ada's admissions totaled \$1,750.

Will Rogerts Collects \$2,550 at McAlester.

MALESTER, Okla., Feb. 6.—Will Rogers today paid his first visit to McAlester since he took his Masonic work here 23 years ago and collected \$2,550 for charity.

He spoke to a crowd of about 700 persons in the newly completed Indian Consistory Temple, which he said was a little better than the "average hay barn" he had been appearing in.

Will fined eight local business men to hike the receipts from \$1,800 to \$2,550.

After his appearance here, Rogers and Capt. Frank Hawks zoomed northward to Muskogee, where a "sell out" was reported.

His day's work added \$8,552 to his drouth relief fund, with Shawnee starting the ball rolling with \$3,002. Ada contributed \$3,000. McAlester added \$2,550 and Muskogee was ex-

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